

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE PROPOSED CHANGES
TO COMMERCIAL GROUND FISH REGULATIONS FOR 2017-2018**

Non-Trawl RCAs

CDFW supports the following changes to non-trawl RCA boundaries:

- 40° 10' N lat. to 34° 27' N lat. - modify seaward RCA boundary from 150 fm to 125 fm
- South of 34° 27' N lat. - modify shoreward RCA boundary from 60 fm to 75 fm

Trip Limits

Changes are proposed for the following commercial trip limits (**bold** denotes change):

Canary Rockfish Coastwide (Limited Entry and Open Access)

Limited Entry

	Trip Limits (pounds)					
	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6
Status Quo	prohibited					
Proposed Change	300 lb / 2 mo					

Open Access

	Trip Limits (pounds)					
	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6
Status Quo	prohibited					
Proposed Change	100 lb / 2 mo*					

**Council preferred trip limit is 150 lb / 2 mo*

Black Rockfish, 42° N lat. to 40° 10' N lat. (Limited Entry and Open Access)

	Trip Limits (pounds)					
	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6
Status Quo	8,500 lb / 2 mo			6,000 lb / 2 mo		
Proposed Change	7,000 lb / 2 mo					

Yellowtail Rockfish, north of 40° 10' N lat. (Limited Entry and Open Access)

Limited Entry

Option	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6
Status Quo	200 lb / month					
Proposed Change	1,000 lb / month					

Open Access

Option	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6
Status Quo	200 lb / month					
Proposed Change	500 lb / month					

Blackgill Rockfish, south of 40°10' N lat. (Limited Entry and Open Access) -

Blackgill rockfish is currently managed within the slope rockfish complex south of 40°10' N lat. Starting in 2018, blackgill rockfish will be removed from the complex and managed with individual trip limits.

Limited Entry and Open Access - 2017 only

	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6
Limited Entry	1,375 lb / 2 mo			1,600 lb / 2 mo		
Open Access	475 lb / 2 mo			550 lb / 2 mo		

Limited Entry - 2018 only

	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6
Status Quo	1,375 lb / 2 mo			1,600 lb / 2 mo		
Proposed Change	2,000 lb / 2 mo					

Open Access - 2018 only

	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6
Status Quo	475 lb / 2 mo			550 lb / 2 mo		
Proposed Change	800 lb / 2 mo					

Bocaccio, south of 40°10' N lat. (Limited Entry and Open Access)

Limited Entry

40°10' – 34°27'	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6
Status Quo	500 lb / 2 mo					
Proposed Change	1,000 lb / 2 mo					
South of 34°27'						
Status Quo	750 lb	CLOSED	750 lb / 2 mo			
Proposed Change	1,500 lb	CLOSED	1,500 lb / 2 mo			

Open Access

40°10' – 34°27'	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6
Status Quo	200 lb	CLOSED	100 lb / 2 mo		200 lb/2 mo	
Proposed Change	500 lb	CLOSED	500 lb / 2 mo			
South of 34°27'						
Status Quo	250 lb	CLOSED	250 lb / 2 mo			
Proposed Change	500 lb	CLOSED	500 lb / 2 mo			

CDFW also supports removing bocaccio from the aggregate trip limit between 40°10' N lat. and 34°27' N lat. to reduce discarding as the stock continues to rebuild and encounters increase.

Shelf Rockfish between 40°10' N lat. and 34°27' N lat.(Open Access)

	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6
Status Quo	300 lb	CLOSED	200 lb / 2 mo		300 lb / 2 mo	
Proposed Change	400 lb	CLOSED	400 lb / 2 mo			

California scorpionfish south of 34°27' N lat. (Limited Entry and Open Access)

Limited Entry and Open Access

	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6
Status Quo	1,200 lb	Closed	1,200 lb / 2 mo			
Proposed Change	1,500 lb	Closed	1,500 lb / 2 mo			