**Note:** One third of thornyheads and Dover sole (the DTS complex excluding sablefish) is equivalent to 25 percent of the DTS complex (including sablefish). As stated in paragraph IV.A.(4), percentages are based on round weights, and, unless otherwise specified, apply only to legal fish on board.

(D) For operating in areas with different trip limits for the same species, see paragraph IV. A.(12) above.

- (c) Nontrawl trip and size limits. These daily trip limits, which apply to sablefish of any size, apply until the closed period before the start of the regular season, as specified at 50 CFR 663.23(b)(2).
- (i) North of 36°00′00″ N. lat. The daily trip limit for sablefish taken and retained with nontrawl gear north of 36°00′00″ N. lat. is 300 lb (136 kg).
- (ii) South of 36°00'00" N. lat. The daily trip limit for sablefish taken and retained with nontrawl gear south of 36°00'00" N. lat. is 350 lb (159 kg).

**Note:** The Council recommended that the regular season be delayed until August 6, with a closure to all nontrawl gear 72 hours before it begins. This change must be approved by NMFS and then implemented by a regulation published in the **Federal Register**. The Council's recommendation is more fully discussed earlier in this document.

- (iii) During the "regular" season, the only trip limit in effect applies to sablefish smaller than 22 inches (56 cm) total length, which may comprise no more than 1,500 lb (680 kg) or 3 percent of all legal sablefish on board, whichever is greater. (See paragraph IV.A.(6) regarding length measurement.)
- (iv) Following the regular season, on a date to be announced in the **Federal Register**, the daily trip limits will be reimposed for sablefish (of any size) caught with nontrawl gear.

(d) For processed ("headed") sablefish:

- (i) The minimum size limit, which corresponds to 22 inches (56 cm) total length for whole fish, is 15.5 inches (39 cm) measured from the origin of the first dorsal fin (where the front dorsal fin meets the dorsal surface of the body closest to the head) to the tip of the upper lobe of the tail; the dorsal fin and tail must be left intact; and
- (ii) The product recovery ratio (PRR) established by the state where the fish is or will be landed will be used to convert the processed weight to round weight for purposes of applying the trip limit. (The PRR currently is 1.6 in Washington, Oregon, and California. However, the state PRRs may differ and fishermen should contact fishery enforcement officials in the state where the fish will be landed to determine that state's official PRR.)

(4) *Open-access fishery.* See paragraph IV.I. below.

## F. Whiting

- (1) *Limited-entry fishery*. Additional regulations that apply to the whiting fishery are found at 50 CFR 663.7 and 663.23(b) (3) and (4).
- (a) No more than 10,000 lb (4,536 kg) of whiting may be taken and retained, possessed, or landed, per vessel per fishing trip until the regular season for whiting begins, as specified at 50 CFR 663.23(b)(3). This includes any whiting caught shoreward of 100 fathoms (183 m) in the Eureka subarea (see paragraph IV.F.(1)(b)).
- (b) No more than 10,000 lb (4,536 kg) of whiting may be taken and retained, possessed, or landed by a vessel that, at any time during a fishing trip, fished in the fishery management area shoreward of the 100-fathom (183 m) contour (as shown on NOAA Charts 18580, 18600, and 18620) in the Eureka subarea (from 43°00′00″ N. lat. to 40°30′00″ N. lat.).
- (2) *Open-access fishery.* See paragraph IV.I. below.

## G. Lingcod

- (1) Limited-entry fishery. The cumulative trip limit for lingcod is 20,000 lb (907 kg) per vessel per month. All lingcod must be greater than 22 inches (56 cm) total length. Length measurement is explained at paragraph IV.A.(6).
- (2) *Open-access fishery.* See paragraph IV.I. below.

## H. Black Rockfish

The regulations at 50 CFR 663.23(b)(1)(iii) state: "The trip limit for black rockfish (Sebastes melanops) for commercial fishing vessels using hookand-line gear between the U.S.-Canada border and Cape Alava (48°09'30" N. lat.), and between Destruction Island (47°40'00" N. lat.) and Leadbetter Point (46°38′10" N. lat.), is 100 lb or 30 percent by weight of all fish on board, whichever is greater, per vessel per fishing trip. This trip limit does not apply to coastal treaty Indian fishermen operating under harvest guidelines established under paragraph (b)(1)(ii) of this section [§ 663.23]." The provisions at paragraphs IV.A.(12) and IV.C.(2)(c) do not apply.

## I. Trip Limits in the Open-Access Fishery

A vessel operating in the open-access fishery must not exceed any trip limit, frequency limit, and/or size limit for the open-access fishery (announced in this paragraph IV.I.), or for the same gear and/or subarea in the limited-entry fishery (as announced in this **Federal** 

**Register** document in paragraphs titled "limited-entry"). The cross-over provisions at paragraph IV.A.(12) that apply to the limited-entry fishery apply to the open-access fishery as well.

(1) Hook-and-line and pot gear:
(a) Rockfish. Rockfish means all rockfish as defined at 50 CFR 663.2, which includes the Sebastes complex (including yellowtail rockfish, bocaccio, and canary rockfish), shortbelly rockfish, widow rockfish, POP, and thornyheads.

(i) *North of Cape Lookout.* The cumulative monthly trip limit for rockfish taken and retained north of Cape Lookout is 35,000 lb (15,876 kg)

per vessel per month.

(ii) South of Cape Lookout. The cumulative monthly trip limit for rockfish taken and retained south of Cape Lookout is 40,000 lb (18,144 kg) per vessel per month.

(iii) *Coastwide.* Within the cumulative trip limits, there is a 10,000-lb (4,536-kg) trip limit for rockfish that applies

per vessel per fishing trip.

(iv) For operating in areas with different trip limits for the same species, see paragraph IV.A.(12) above.

(b) Sablefish.

- (i) North of 36°00′00″ N. lat. The daily trip limit for sablefish taken and retained north of 36°00′00″ N. lat. is 300 lb (136 kg).
- (ii) South of 36°00′00″ N. lat. The daily trip limit for sablefish taken and retained south of 36°00′00″ N. lat. is 350 lb (159 kg).

**Note:** Under current regulations, the "regular" season and 72-hour closures specified at 50 CFR 663.23(b)(2) do not apply to the open-access fishery. This may change, however, if the Council recommendations are approved and the regulations revised for 1995.

(2) Set net and trammel net: The trip limits are the same as for hook-and-line and pot gear (paragraph IV.I.(1)), except that the 10,000-lb (4,536-kg) "per trip" limit for rockfish does not apply (at paragraph IV.I.(1)(a)(iii)).

(3) Shrimp trawl or pot (trap) (used to catch pink shrimp or spot or ridgeback

prawns):

- (a) *Pink shrimp*. The trip limit for a vessel engaged in fishing for pink shrimp is 1,500 lb (680 kg) (multiplied by the number of days of the fishing trip) of groundfish species listed at 50 CFR 663.2.
- (b) Spot and ridgeback prawns. The trip limit for a vessel engaged in fishing for spot or ridgeback prawns is 1,000 lb (454 kg) of groundfish species per fishing trip.
- (c) No groundfish landing by shrimp or prawn trawl may be in excess of the limited-entry trip limit for groundfish