

Groundfish - what can I keep, and how many?

Beginning January 1, 2018. Regulations can change inseason, check https://myodfw.com/fishing/marine-zone before you go fishing

No Retention Allowed



Any vessel fishing for or possessing bottomfish, Pacific halibut, or flatfish in the ocean must have a <u>functional descending device</u> onboard; and are required to <u>use</u> it on any rockfish released outside of 30 fathoms.

5 Fish General Marine Species Daily Bag Limit



Black Rockfish (black bass / sea bass)



China Rockfish

in aggregate

(Restricted to inside of the 30 fathom line Apr 1 – Sept 30)



Vermilion Rockfish

Sablefish



Canary Rockfish

Rock Greenling



Deacon Rockfish



Blue Rockfish



Copper Rockfish



Quillback Rockfish

Sub-bag limit of 1 Cabezon

(As part of the General Marine Species Bag Limit)



*Allowed July 1 - Dec 31 (*Prohibited Jan 1 - Jun 30*)

*Min. size = 16 inches



Kelp Greenling



- Including rockfish species and other marine species not listed as prohibited, or having a sub-bag limit.
 - rockfish, sculpins, greenlings, skates, spiny dogfish, leopard shark, soupfin shark, sablefish, Pacific cod, and other marine species not listed on page 81 of the 2018 Sport Regulation Book.
- Does not include species with separate limits such as: lingcod, flatfish, tuna and other offshore pelagic species, salmon, Pacific halibut, herring, sardines, and anchovies.
- Anglers may keep <u>one</u> general marine fish daily bag limit of up to 5 fish on a bottomfish trip, and do a separate offshore midwater fishery trip on the same day, but may have no more than 10 fish in total per day.

2 Lingcod Daily Bag Limit

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Lingcod (Min. size = 22 inches)





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25 Fish Flatfish Daily Bag Limit No Depth Restrictions

<u>Does not include</u> Pacific Halibut





Arrowtooth Flounder





All other flatfish species (flounders, soles, sanddabs, and turbots, except Pacific halibut).

- Skates and rays are not part of the flatfish group.
- Pacific halibut are managed separately, please see halibut regulations before fishing for halibut.

Offshore Midwater Fishery - 10 Fish Daily Bag Limit





- Only open outside of 40 fathom line
- Longleader gear must be used

Bocaccio Rockfish

Canary Rockfish

- Only species allowed: yellowtail, widow, canary, bocaccio, chilipepper, redstripe, greenstriped, and silvergray rockfish.
- For a 10 fish bag limit to apply, fishing must occur outside of the 40 fathom line & with longleader gear.
- No other rockfish, or any flatfish, lingcod, or other groundfish may be kept. For more info on what can be combined on the same trip with offshore midwater trips, see https://myodfw.com/sport-groundfish-seasons
- Anglers may keep up to <u>one</u> general marine fish daily bag limit of 5 fish on a separate bottomfish trip, but may have no more than **10 fish in total** per day.

^{*}See the 2018 Sport Regulation Book, or the Sport Ocean Regulation Pamphlet, regarding bag limits for Salmon, Pacific Halibut, Offshore Pelagic Species, Surfperch, and Baitfish.