



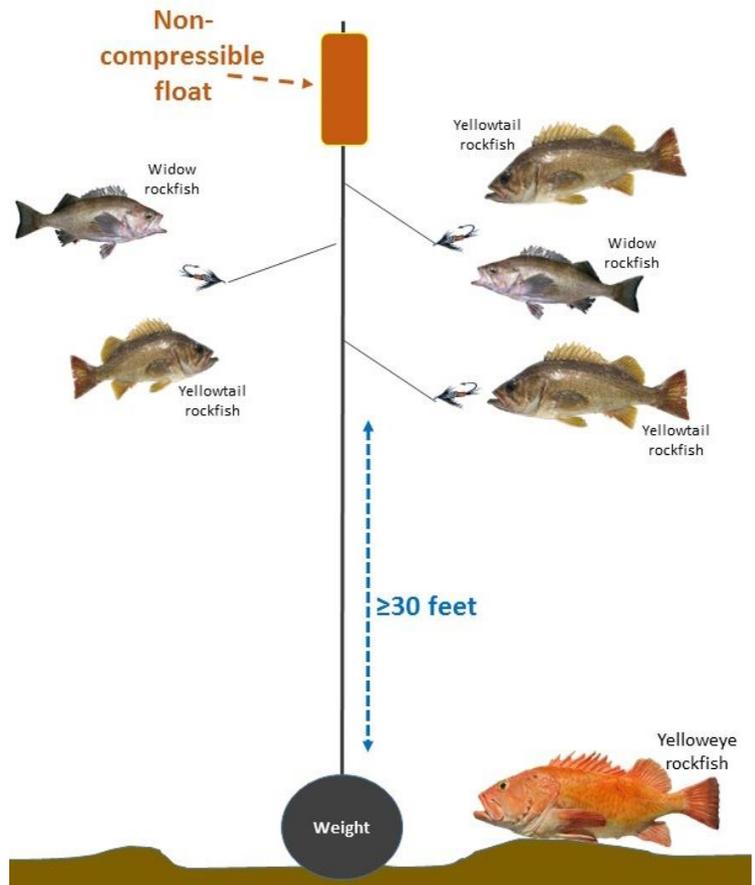
# 2020 Offshore Longleader Fishery

The **Offshore Longleader Fishery** is a fishing opportunity to target midwater rockfish species (while avoiding benthic species such as yelloweye rockfish), outside of the [40-fathom regulatory line](#), using longleader gear only.

The gear required consists of a fishing line and tackle configuration with a minimum of 30 feet of line between the terminal weight (sinker) and the lowest hook, and a non-compressible float affixed above the top hook. Lures must be less than 5 inches in length, and natural bait is prohibited.

## Supplies to make a longleader gear rig:

- Two swivels (one above the float and one below the bottom hook)
- One non-compressible float (example: rigid plastic or cork; not Styrofoam) above the top hook that has sufficient buoyancy to support all of the hanging gear and line above the leader
- Up to three shrimp flies or artificial worms (below the non-compressible float and above the lower swivel)
- Natural bait is not allowed
- A weight (sinker), size dependent on the drift, current, and ocean conditions
- A minimum of 30 feet of line between the lower swivel and weight



## Photo of longleader gear

- Yellow circle shows the non-compressible float above the lures
- Red circles show the three shrimp flies
- The white bucket in this photo was used to contain the weight and 30 feet of leader below the lures; this is not required. Anglers may use different methods for containing the gear



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## Frequently Asked Questions

### When and where is the Offshore Longleader Fishery allowed?

- It is allowed outside of the [40-fathom regulatory line](#) only
- Available year-round

### What is the bag limit when participating in the Offshore Longleader Fishery?

- The 2020 bag limit when participating in the Offshore Longleader Fishery (using longleader gear and outside of 40 fathoms) is 10 fish in total per angler
- The only species allowed are: [yellowtail](#), [widow](#), [canary](#), [greenstriped](#), [redstripe](#), [bocaccio](#), [chilipepper](#), [blue](#), [deacon](#), and [silvergray](#) rockfishes
- For more fish ID, see <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP/FishID/index.asp>

### Can I fish for lingcod/flatfish/other bottomfish on the same trip as Offshore Longleader rockfish?

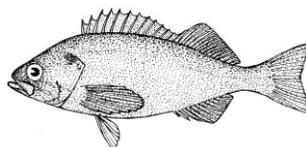
- **No.** Lingcod, flatfish, and other bottomfish are not allowed onboard at the same time
- Anglers may return to shore, offload all rockfish and fish for lingcod or flatfish on a separate trip
- Bottomfish listed under the general marine species daily bag limit (black rockfish, nearshore rockfish, kelp greenling, etc.) may be kept on a separate trip on the same day only if fewer than 10 fish were kept on the offshore longleader trip. In that case, anglers may keep up to the general marine bag limit of 5 on a separate trip, but may total no more than 10 general marine species per day

### What about Pacific halibut on the same trip?

- **No.** An offshore longleader trip may not be combined with Pacific halibut
- Anglers may return to shore, offload all rockfish, and then go fish for Pacific halibut on a separate trip, in areas and time that Pacific halibut is open

### Can I combine any other non-bottomfish fishing with Offshore Longleader Fishing on the same trip?

- **Yes.** Tuna, crab, and salmon may be combined with offshore longleader trips, as long as all gear/ species/ area rules are followed—for example, once salmon are onboard, barbless hooks must be used; and you may not fish in an area closed for any species you have onboard



Regulations can change – check: <https://myodfw.com/sport-bottomfish-seasons> before fishing