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Meeting will begin at 6:30 PM

Virtual attendees are muted until start

Industry and Public Meeting for the 2026 Fishing Year

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State Fishery Management Team**

September 2025



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Tonight's meeting

- **Federal management and stock assessment update**
- **Review of 2025 fishery**
- **Harvest Guidelines for 2026**
- **Process and options for setting 2026 state regulations**
 - Bi-monthly vessel catch limits
- **Industry proposal to change permit lottery threshold**
- **Black Rockfish Management Areas**
- **Input from industry and other interested parties**



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LE Fixed Gear and OA Trip Limits

Stock	2025-2026, with in-season adjustments
Widow rockfish	LE: 4,000 lb/ 2 months OA: 2,000 lb/ 2 months
Shelf rockfish	LE: 1,600 lb/ 2 months OA: 1,600 lb/ 2 months
Canary rockfish	LE: 3,000 lb/ 2 months OA: 1,000 lb/ 2 months
Yellowtail rockfish	LE: 6,000 lb/ 2 months OA: 3,000 lb/ 2 months
Lingcod (OR/WA)	LE: 11,000 lb/ 2 months OA: 9,000 lb/ 2 months
*In-season changes may be adopted at future Council meetings	
Non-trawl Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 30 -75 fathoms, in EEZ• No fishing for groundfish with non-trawl gear• Fishing with stationary vertical jig gear or groundfish troll gear is allowed	



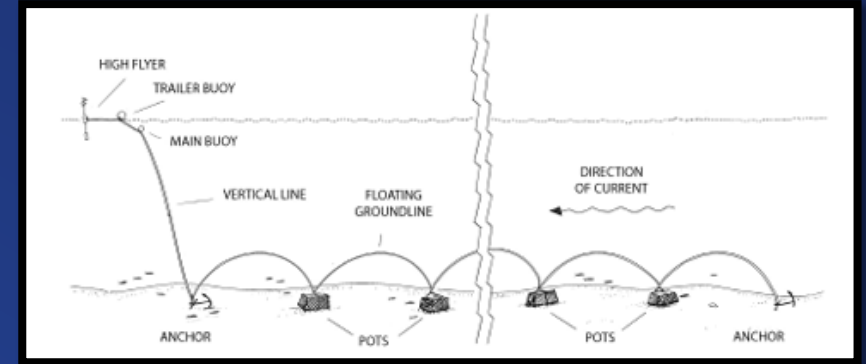
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Fixed Gear Marking; Entanglement Risk Reduction

Final Preferred Alternative

- Applies to groundfish pot and longline gear in federal waters
- Allow use of surface gear on only one end of groundline
- No more than 10 fm surface line
- Require buoy tag with gear-specific shape/color and vessel ID
- Top 20 fm vertical line must be specified multi-colored manufactured line (colors TBD)
 - Continuous solid marks allowed for three-year transition period
- Biodegradable escape panel must not be on bottom of pot (except slinky pots), increase max thread count from No. 21 to No. 30 or smaller



Timeline

- PFMC Final Preferred Alternative June 2024
- NMFS rulemaking timeline unknown



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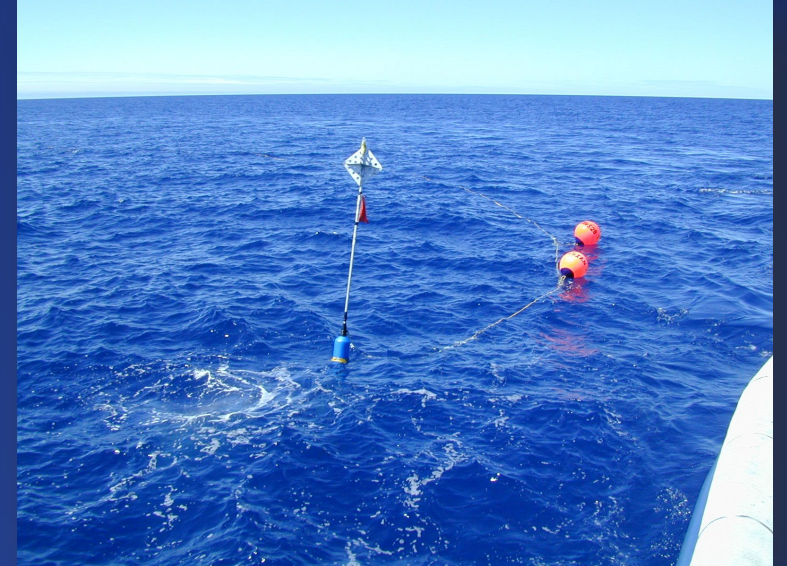
Limited Entry Fixed Gear (LEFG) follow on actions

Final Preferred Alternative

- Remove gear endorsements from limited entry non-trawl groundfish permits – may use any legal non-trawl groundfish gear except entangling nets
- Remove “base permit” designation
- Remove noon season start and end time, default to 12 am
- Develop cost recovery program

Timeline

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Stock definitions

Define stocks for all Groundfish Fishery Management Plan species

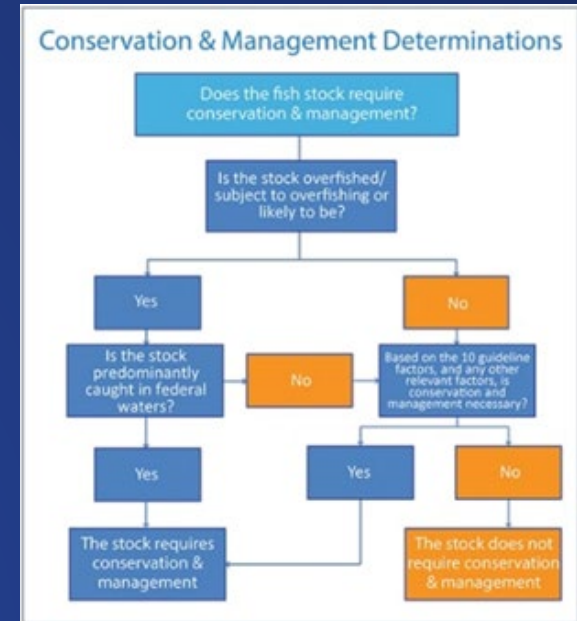
Step 1 – Identify stocks in need of federal conservation and management

- Overfished or undergoing overfishing
- Predominately caught in federal waters
- Consider “10 factors” described in federal regulations (600.305 (a))

Step 2 – Stock complex and geographic boundary revisions

Step 3 – Consider Delegating specific management responsibilities to states

Timeline – Final Preferred Alternative for nearshore stocks in September





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Stock Definitions

Preliminary Preferred Alternative for nearshore species

Majors			
Species	WA	OR	CA
Black rockfish			
Blue/Deacon rockfish			
Cabezon			
China rockfish			
Copper rockfish			
Kelp greenling			
Quillback rockfish			
Vermilion rockfish			

Minors			
Species	WA	OR	CA
Black and Yellow rockfish			
Brown rockfish			
Calico rockfish			
Gopher rockfish			
Grass rockfish			
Kelp rockfish			
Olive rockfish			
Tiger rockfish			
Treefish			

Remain in FMP

Remove from FMP

Move to Ecosystem Component



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Select Preliminary Assessment Results

Stock	Area	Fraction unfished (2025)	Presumed Status	ABC 2027	ABC 2028	Catches 2015-2024 Min	Catches 2015-2024 Max	Catches 2015-2024 Ave
Full assessment								
Quillback	CA	44%	Healthy	12.0	12.4	1.2	19.2	11.6
Yellowtail	Coastwide	63%	Healthy	4,723	4,540	1,517	3,692	2,965
Update assessment								
Widow	Coastwide	55%	Healthy	4,238	4,349	880	12,130	8,032
Yelloweye	Coastwide	40%	?	112.9	113.1	9.1	39.2	22.4
Catch-only projection								
Black	OR	43%	Healthy	372	378	376	594	470
Canary	Coastwide	35%	Precautionary	644	667	76	724	484



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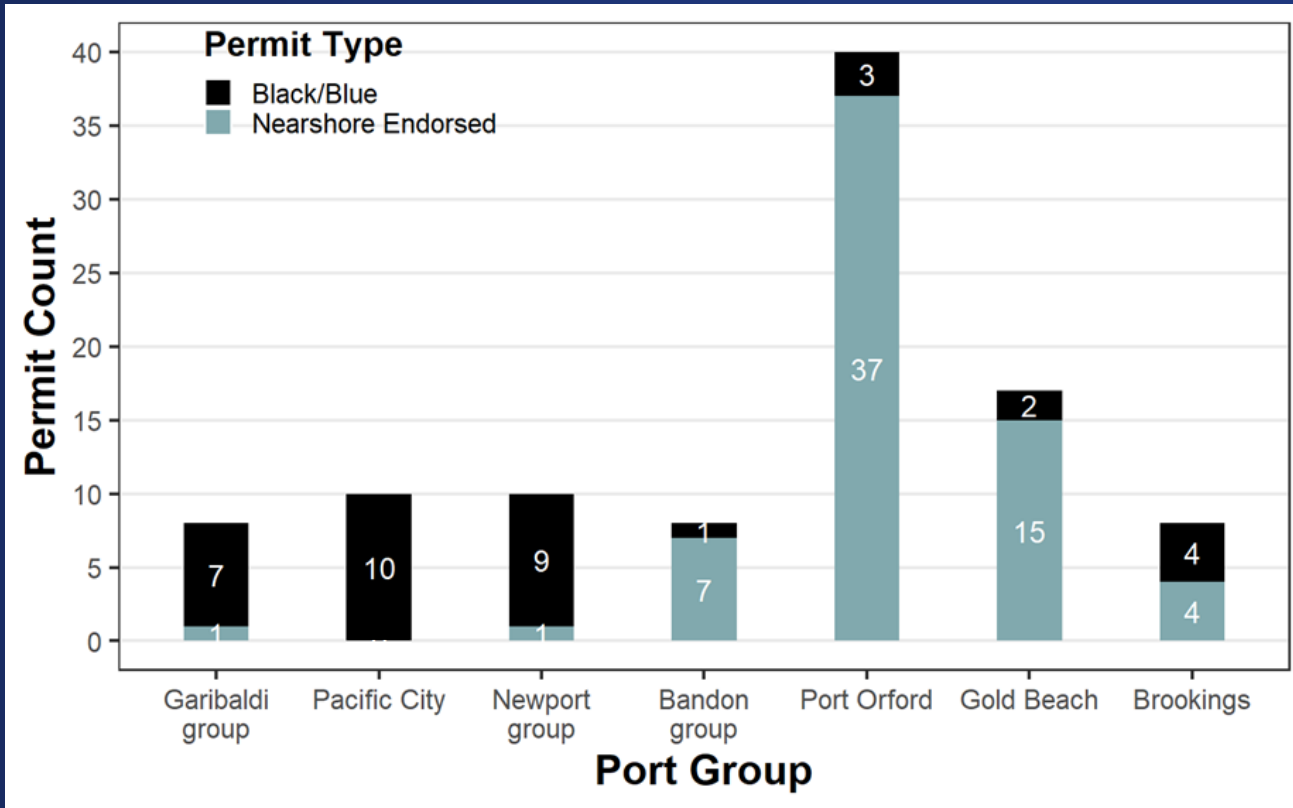
Review of the 2025 Season (Landings through Aug 24 or 64% of season)





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2024 Nearshore Fishery Permits

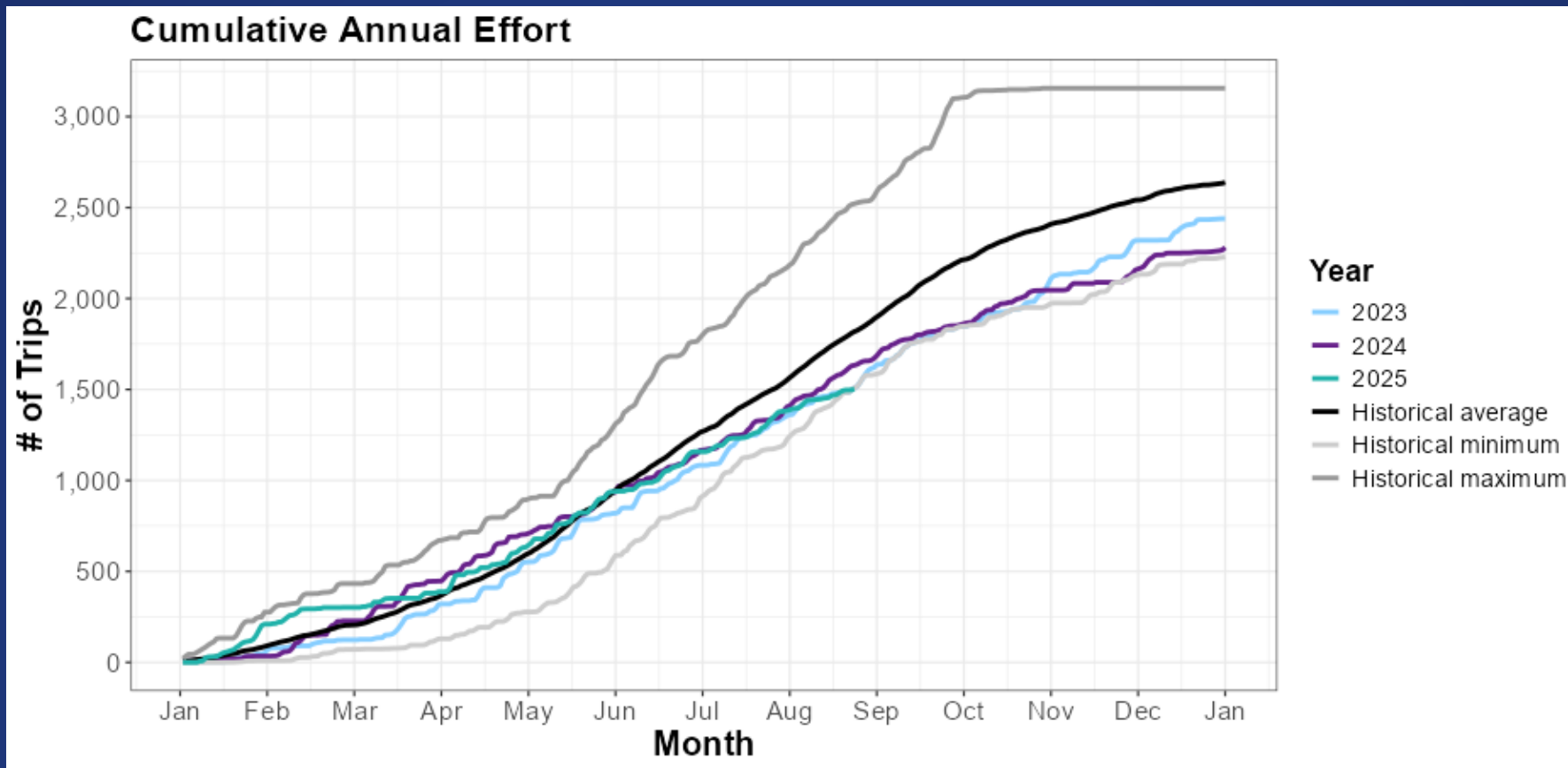


- 42 permits for Black & Blue (B/B) Rockfish without a Nearshore Endorsement
 - 39 B/B permitted vessels landed B/B Rockfish
 - 36/42 permits (86%) active
- 68 B/B Nearshore-Endorsed permits
 - 65 NS vessels landed B/B or nearshore fish
 - 65/68 permits (96%) active



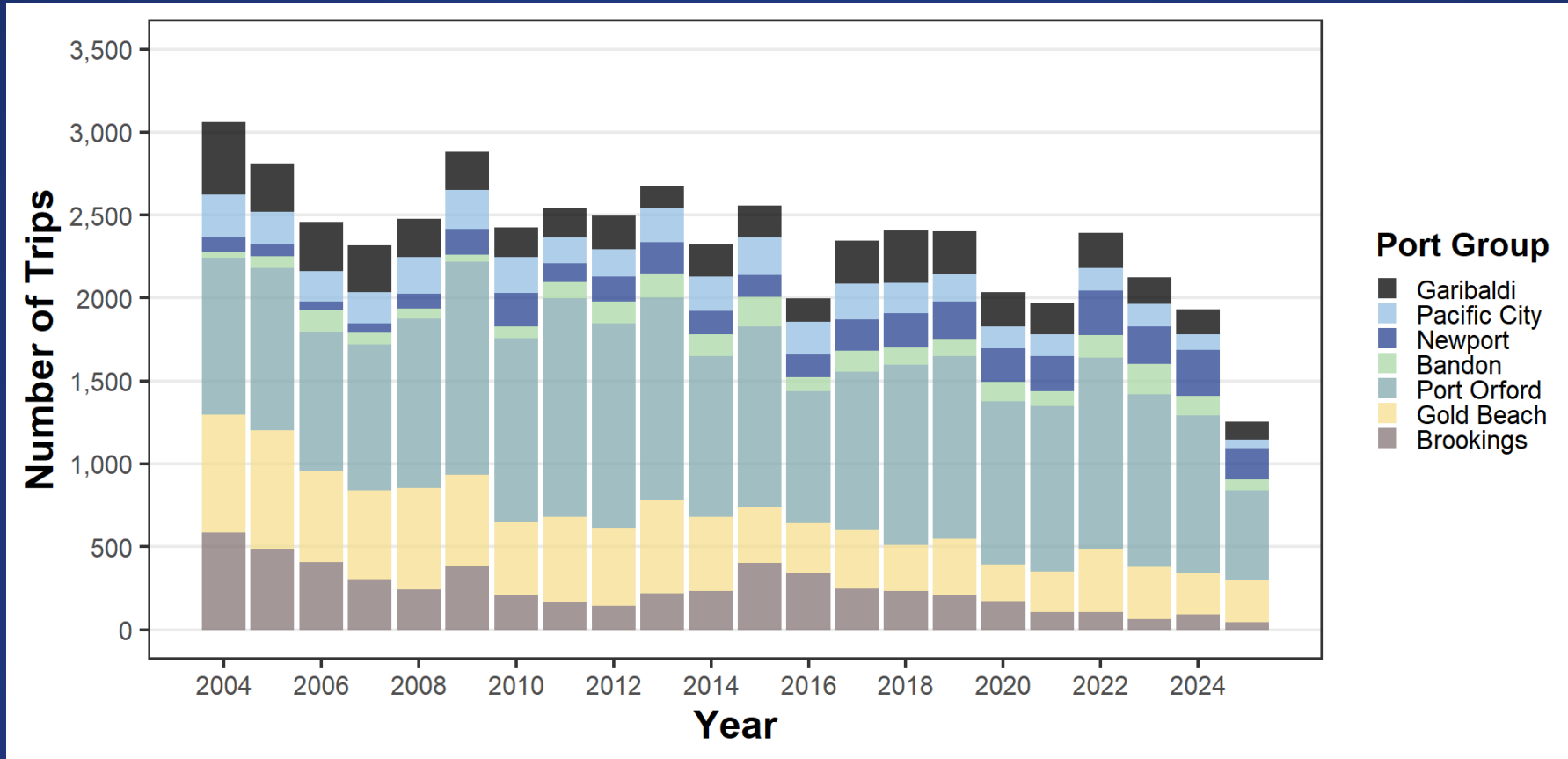
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2025 Effort (through August 24, 64% of the season)





Nearshore Trips by Port

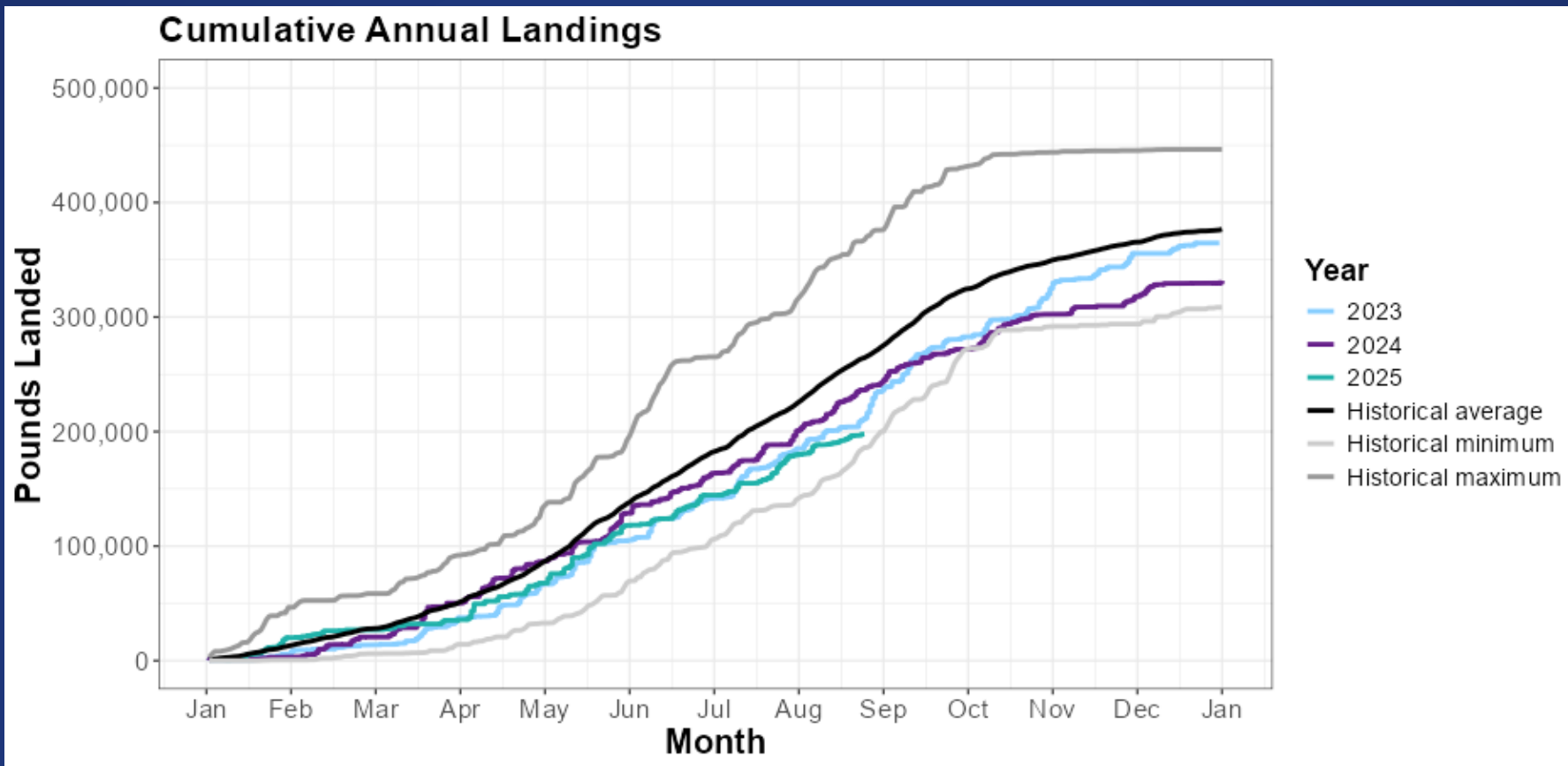


* 2025 trips thru Aug 24, trips from other years from entire year



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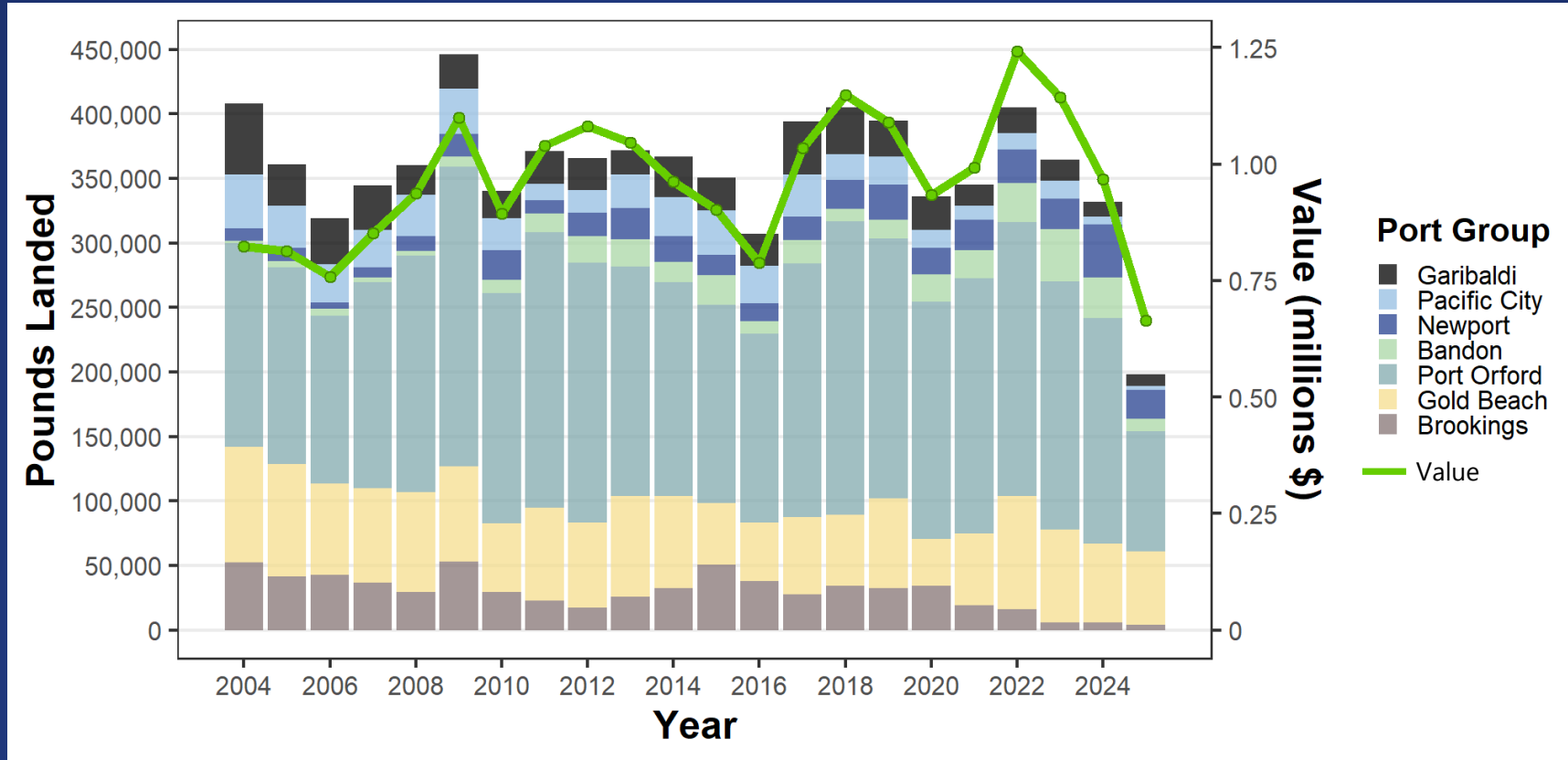
2025 Total Landings (through August 24, 64% of the season)





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Total Landings and Value by Port*

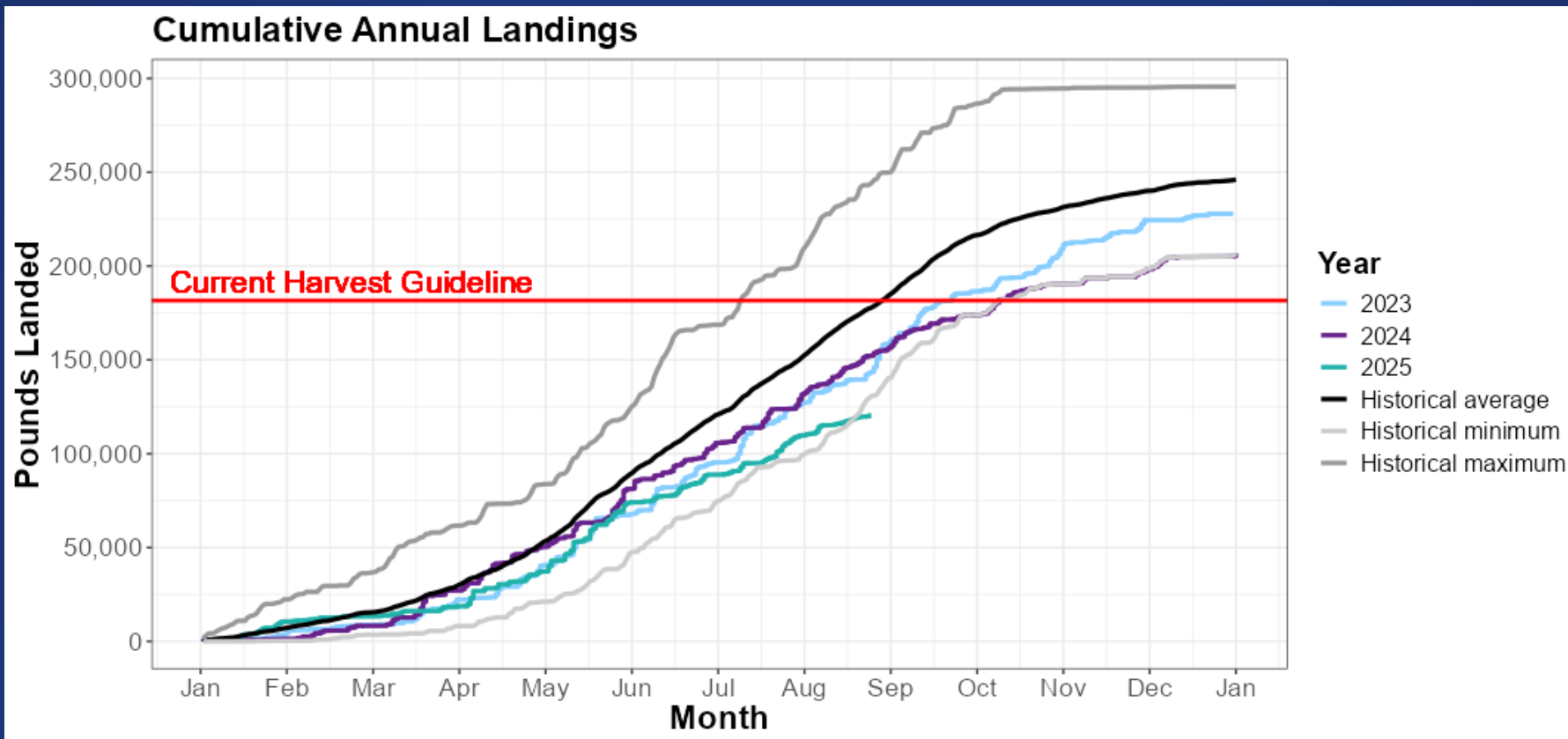


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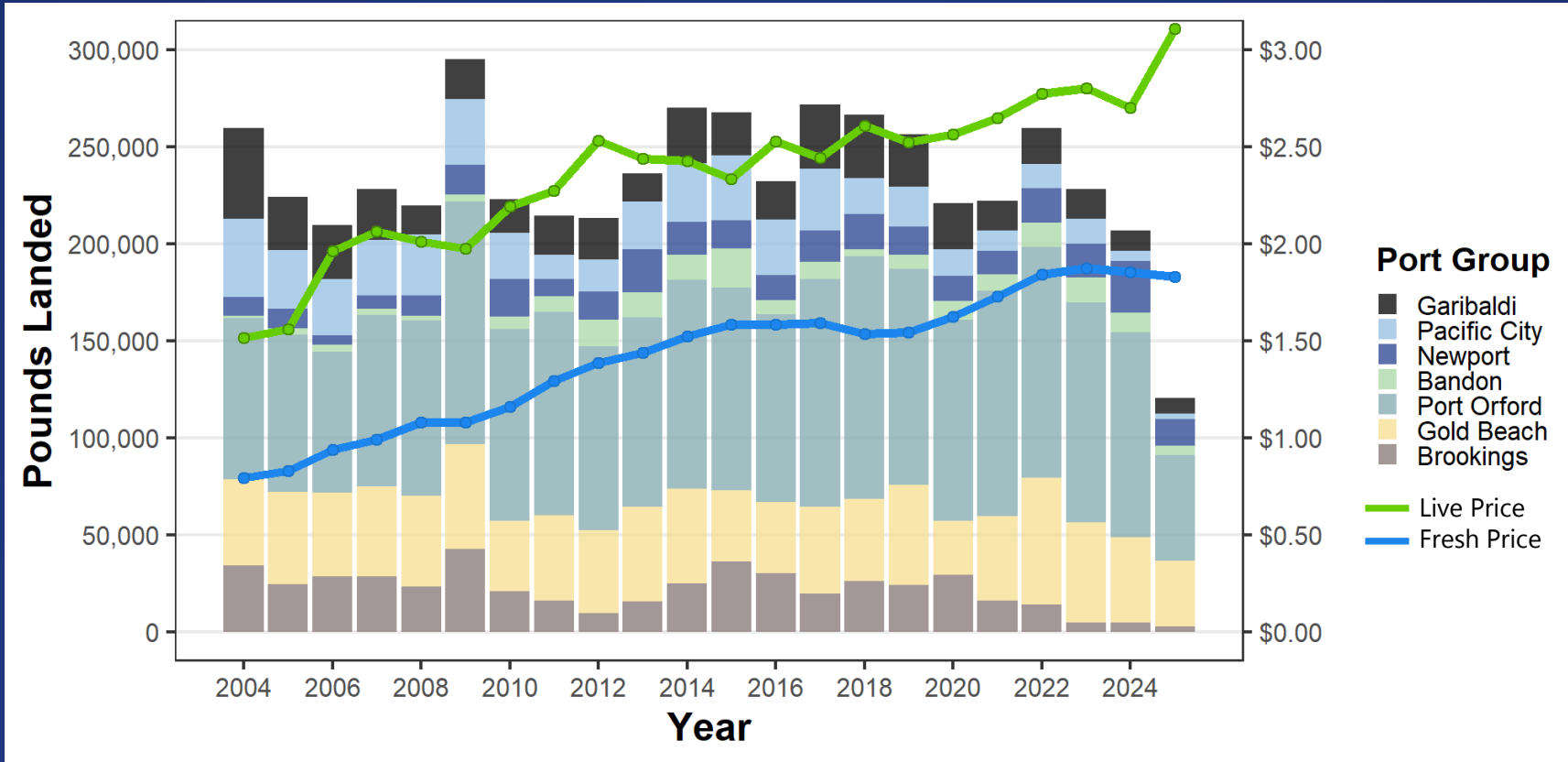
Black Rockfish Landings (66% of cap - 64% of season)





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Black Rockfish Landings by Port*

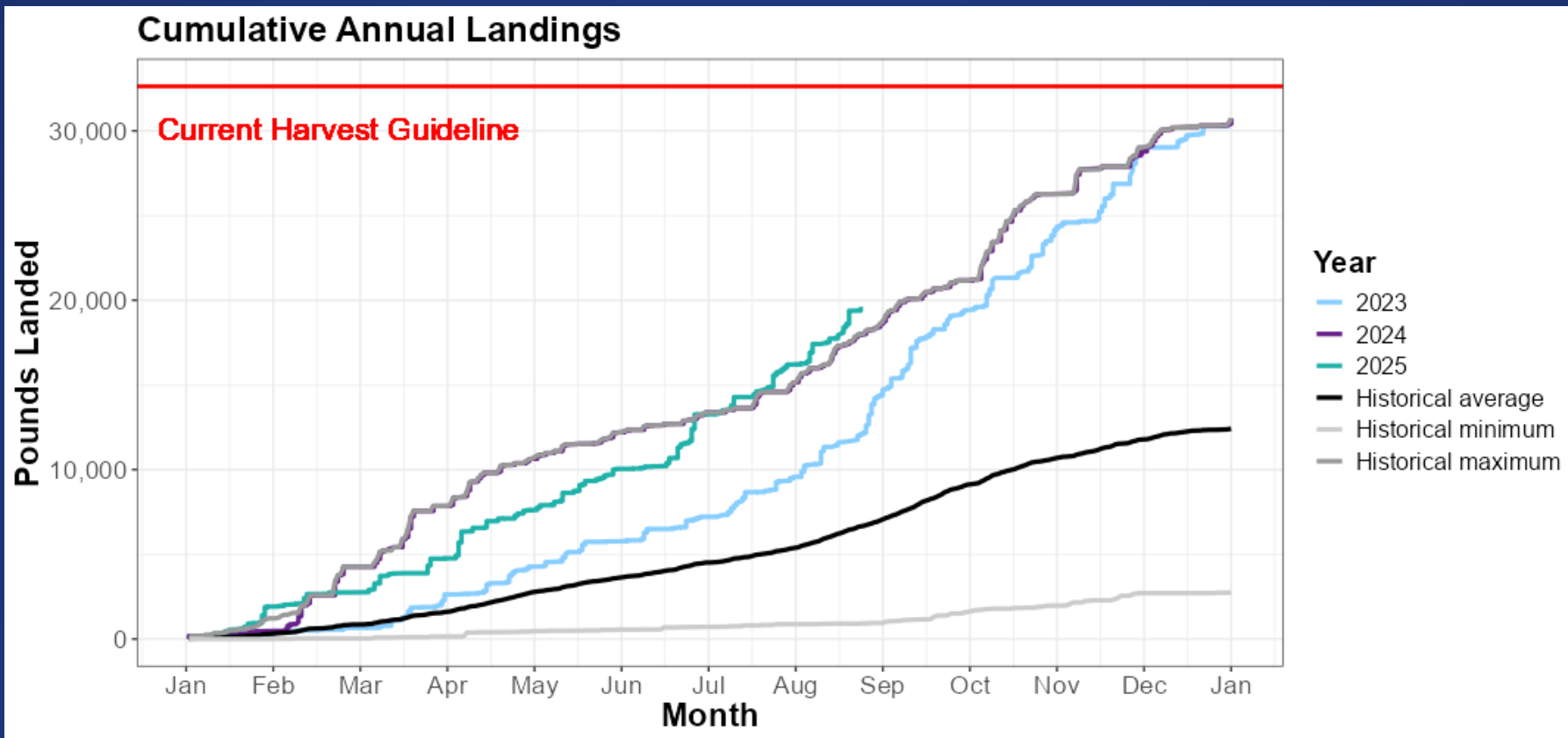


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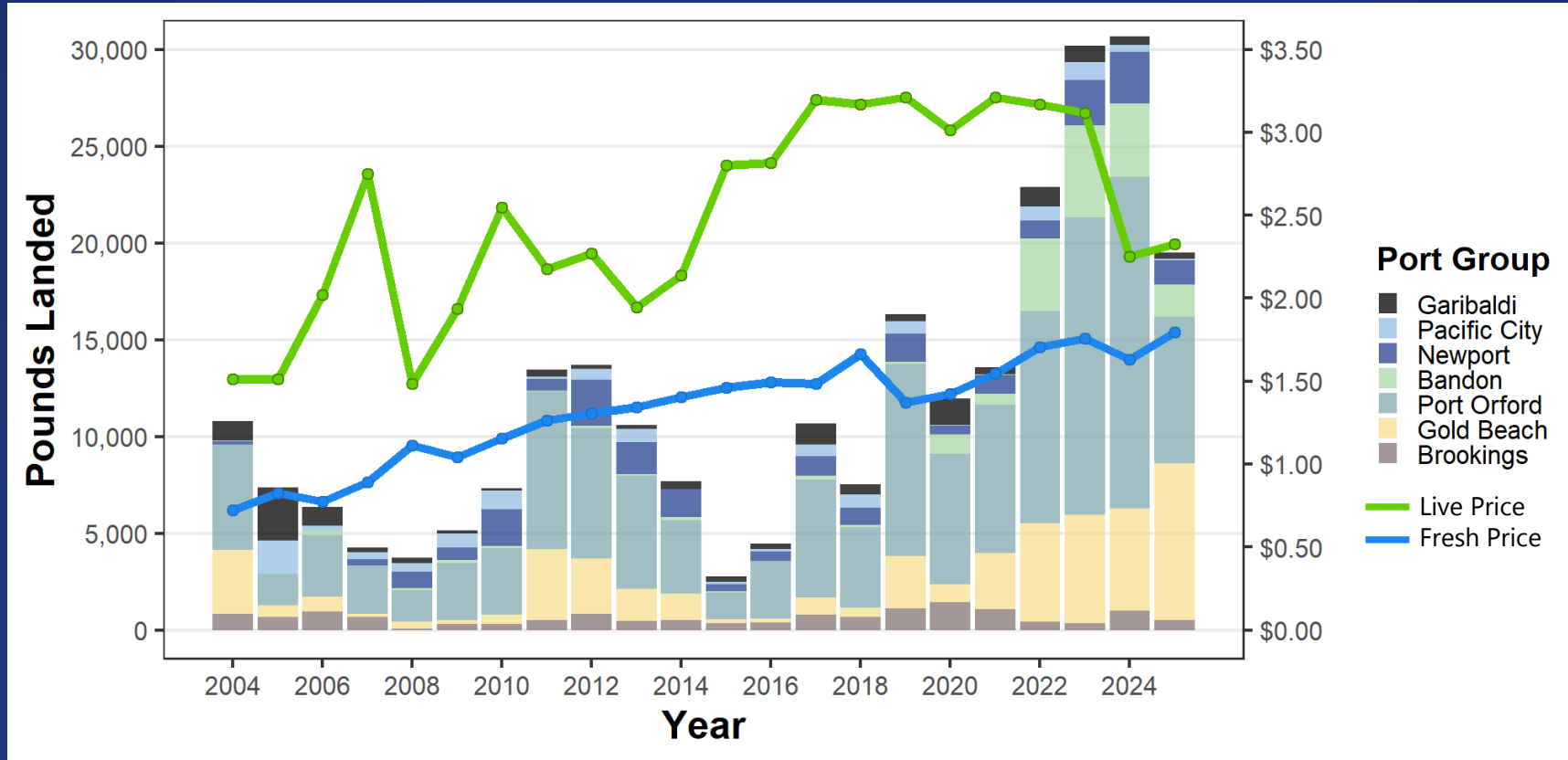
Blue and Deacon Rockfish Landings (60% of cap - 64% of season)





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Blue and Deacon Rockfish Landings by Port*

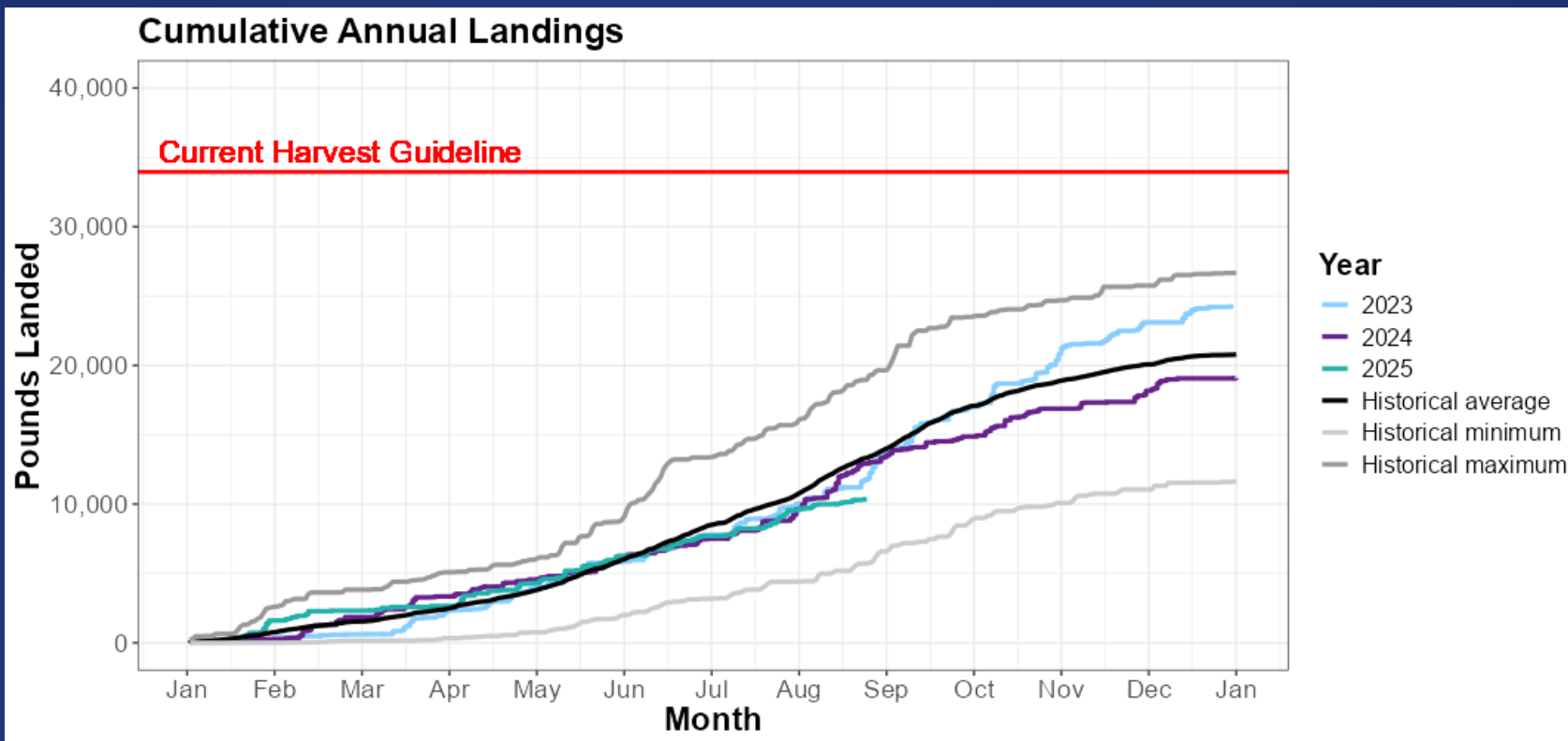


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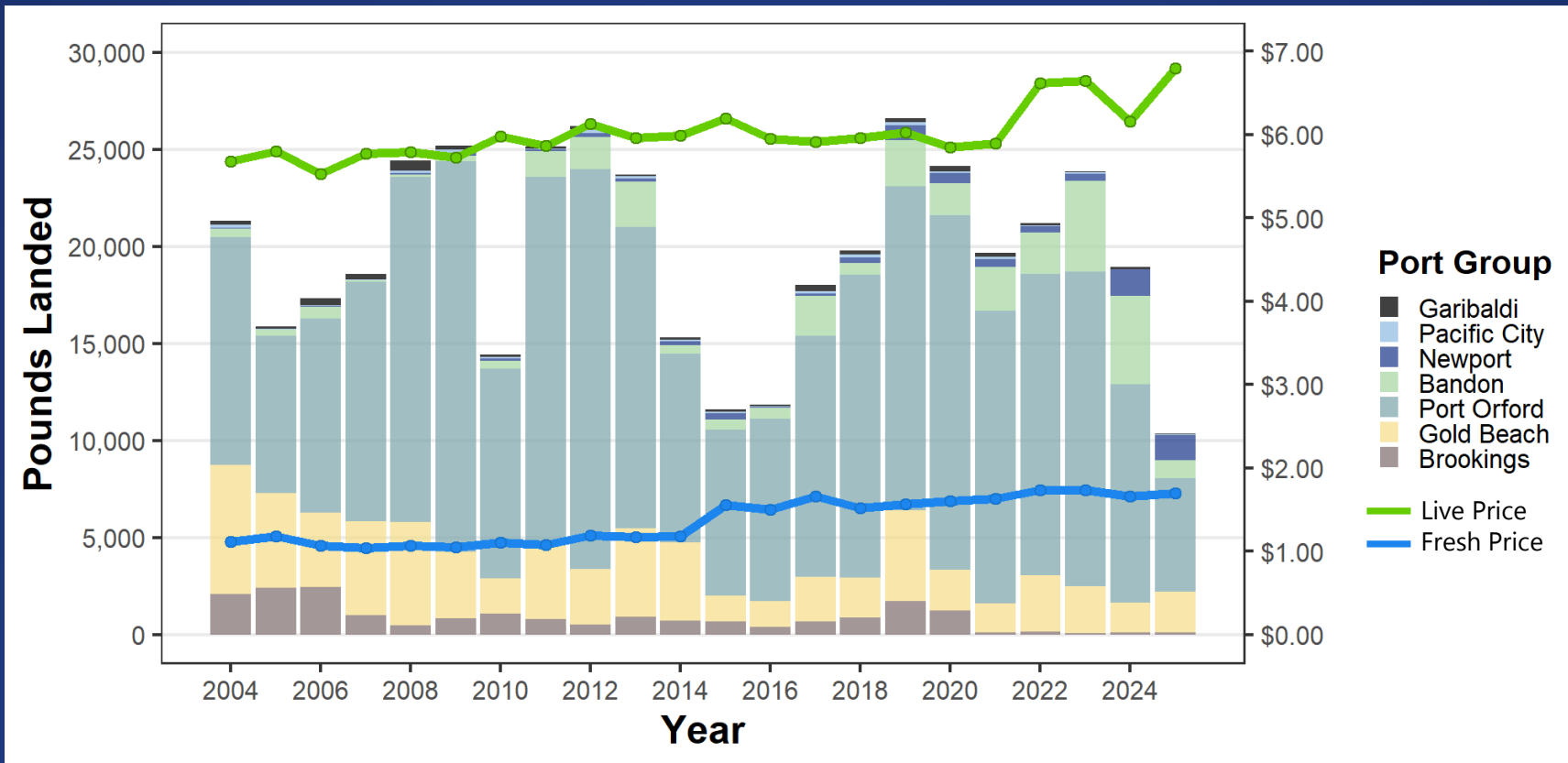
Other Nearshore Rockfish Landings (31% of cap - 64% of season)





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Other Nearshore Rockfish Landings by Port*

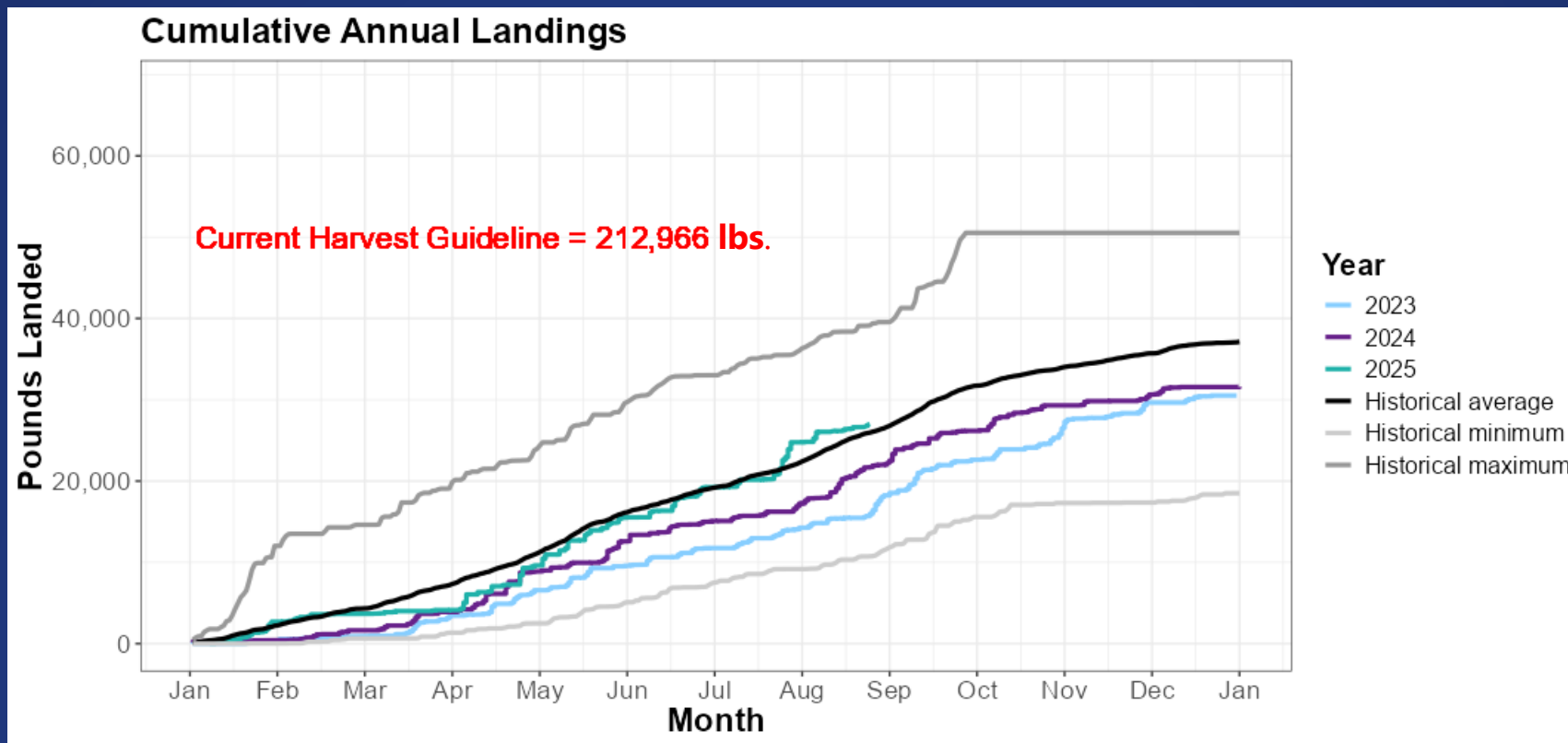


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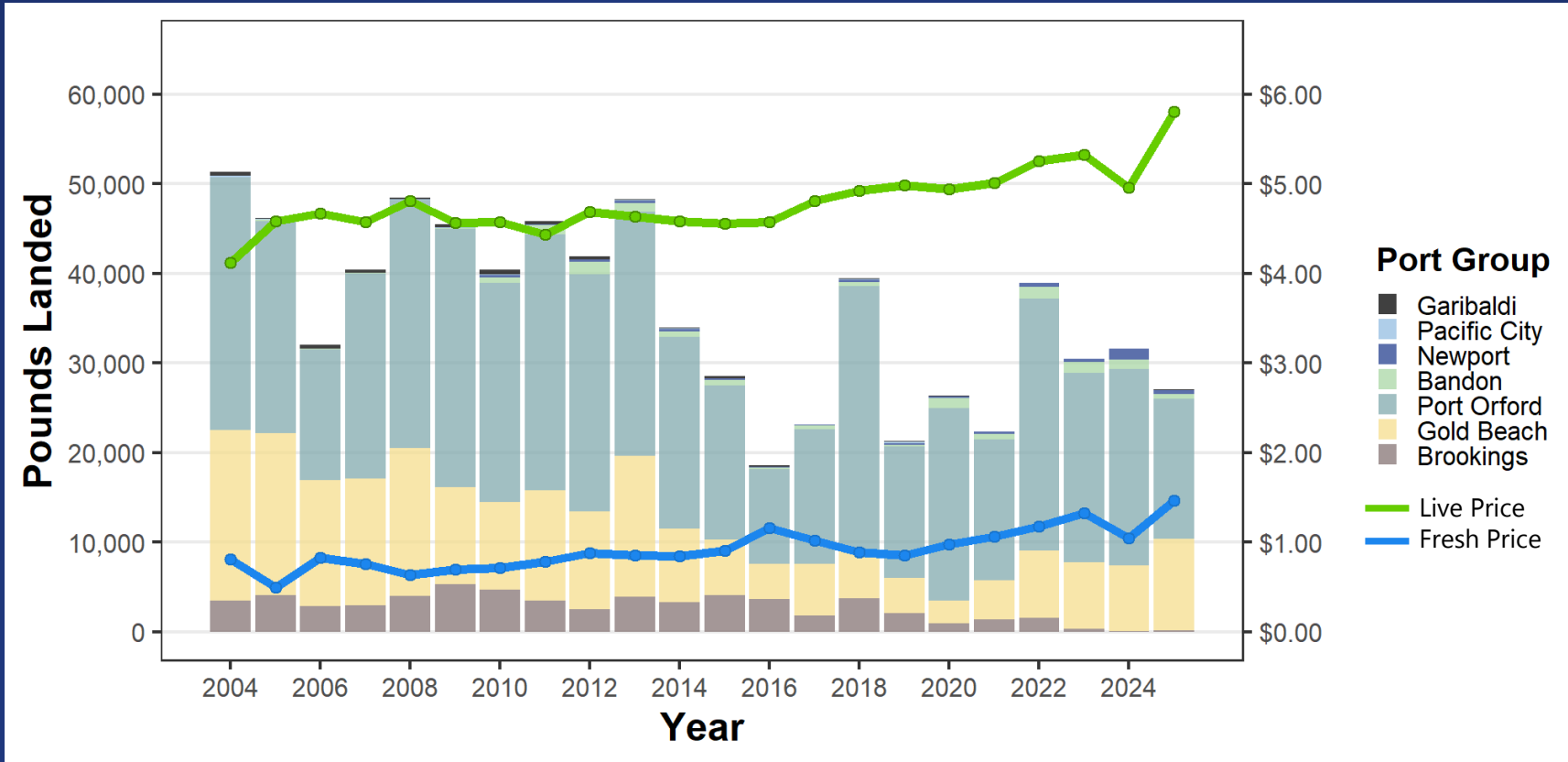
Greenling Landings (13% of cap - 64% of season)





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Greenling Landings by Port*

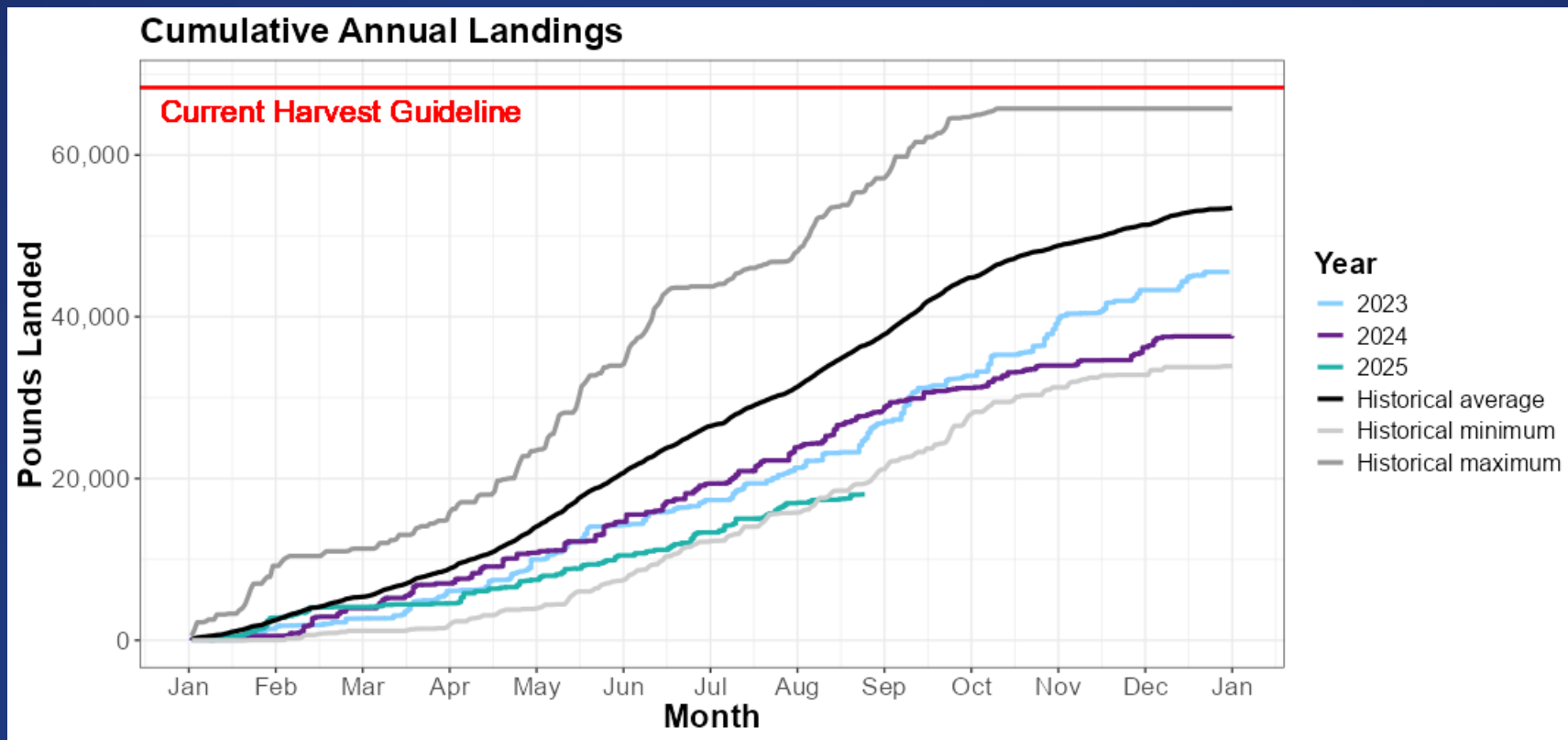


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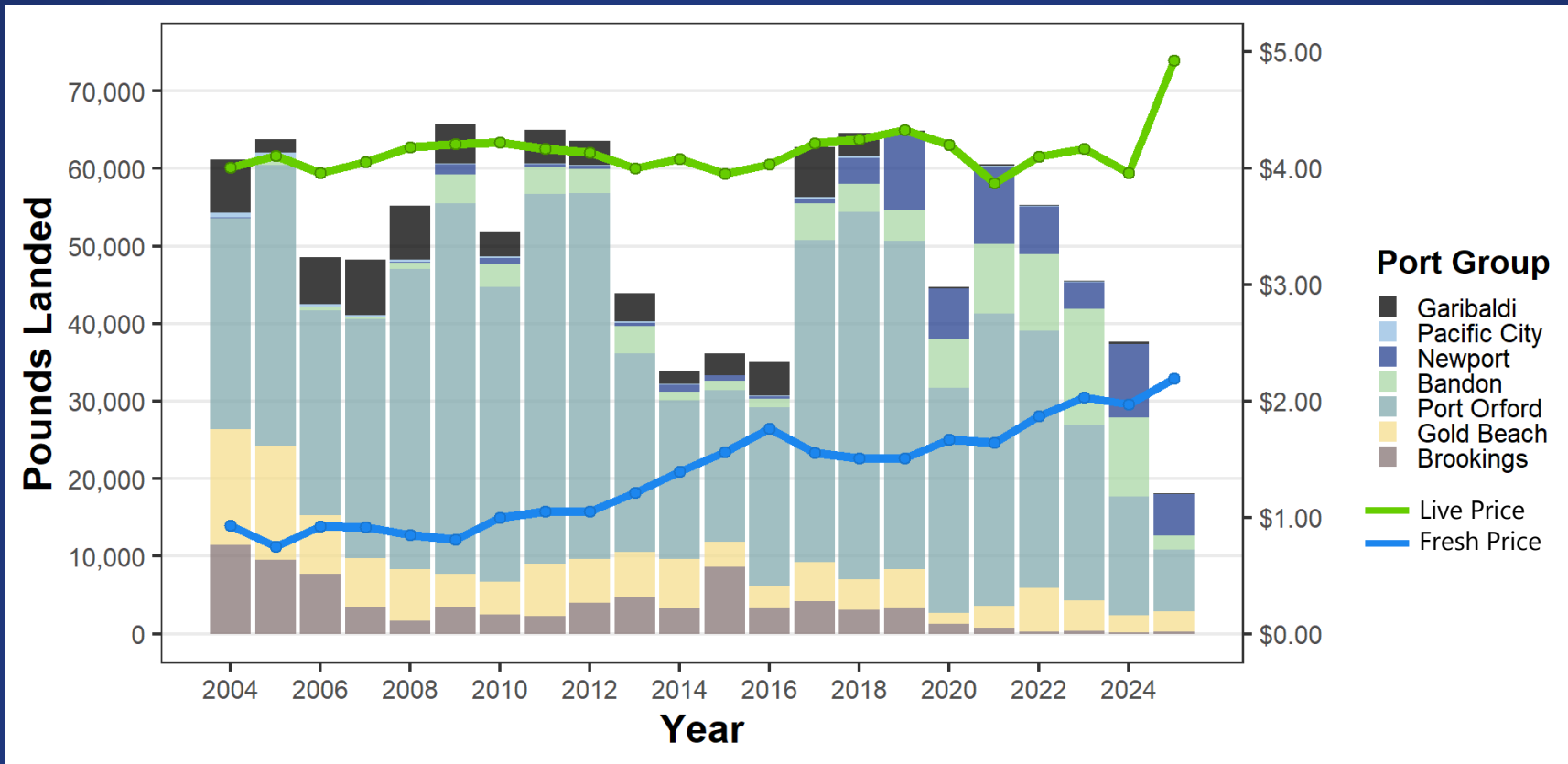
Cabezon Landings (26% of cap - 64% of season)





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Cabezon Landings by Port*

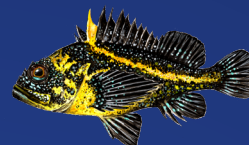


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2025 Landings Summary (through August 24, 64% of season)



	Black RF	Blue & Deacon RF	ONS RF	Greenling	Cabezon
Harvest Guideline (lbs)	181,661	32,628	33,591	212,966	68,343
Totals – 8/24	120,478	19,478	10,368	26,999	18,049
% of HG Landed	66%	60%	31%	13%	26%
Remainder	61,183	13,150	23,583	185,967	50,294

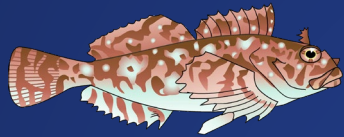


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Management Strategy



Provide sustainable fishing opportunity without exceeding federal and state harvest limits or yelloweye or quillback rockfish impacts.



Predictability

- Bi-monthly "trip" limits set at season start
- Year-round season
- Market supply
- Few or no in-season changes





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Management Process

NOAA Fisheries + Pacific Fishery Management Council

- Stock assessments
- Harvest limits by stock and area

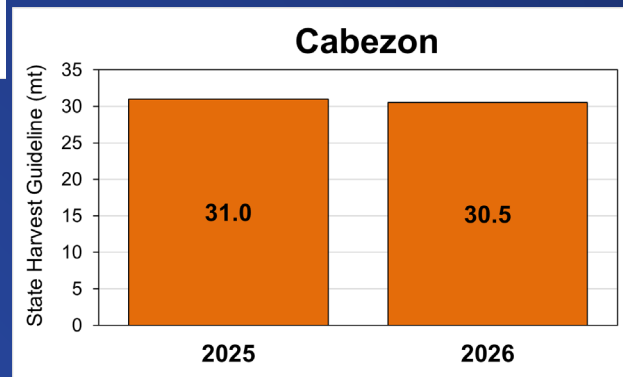
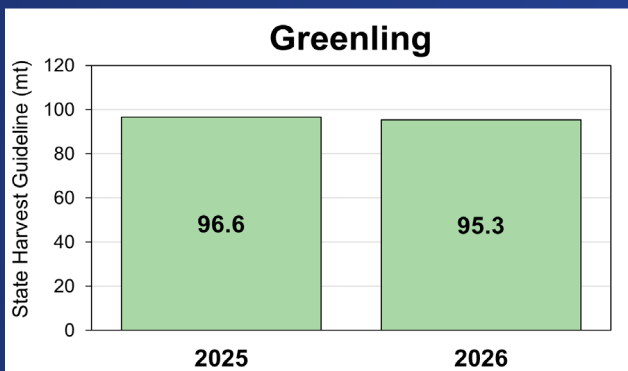
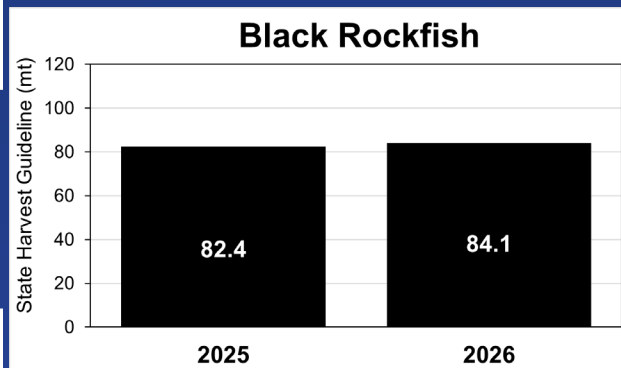
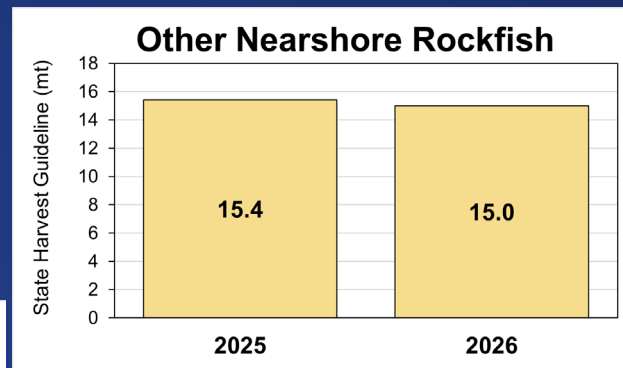
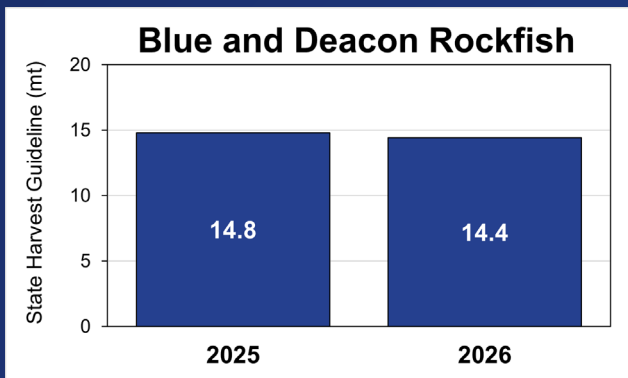
ODFW + Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission

- Harvest Guidelines for sport and commercial fisheries
- Bi-monthly vessel limits and other state regulations
- Commission meeting on December 12, 2025
 - Salem with virtual option (48-hour advance sign-up)



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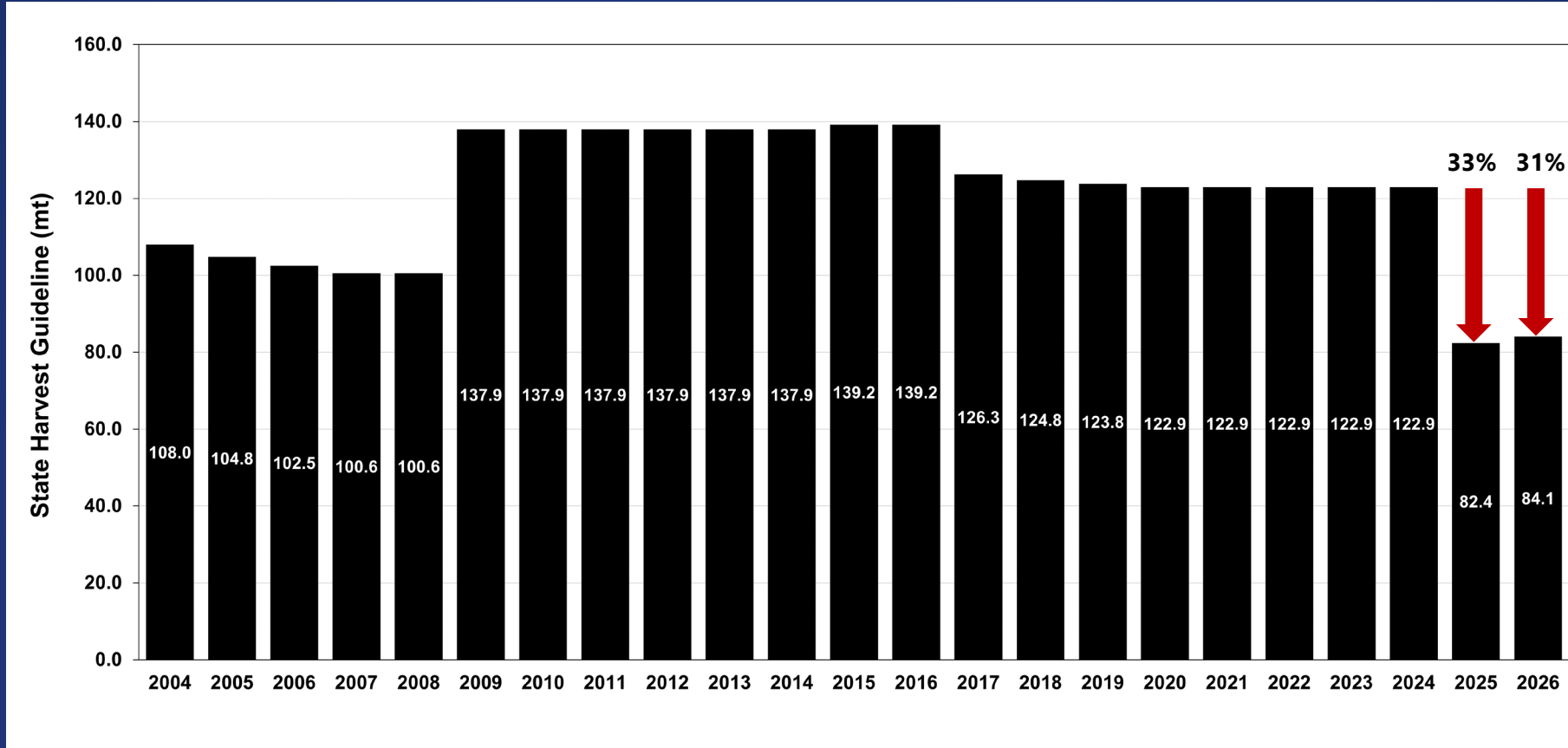
Commercial Harvest Guidelines





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2004 – 2026 Black Rockfish Harvest Specifications





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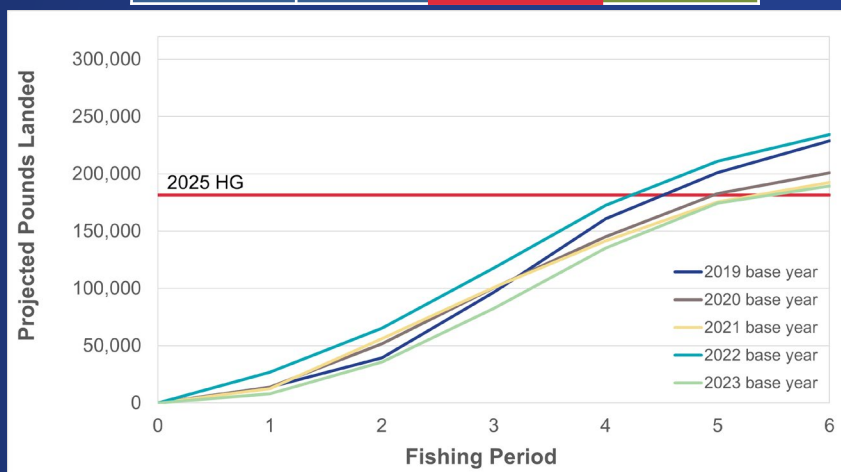
CNAP's Preferred Option: Lower Reduction in Trip Limits for 2025



Bi-monthly Vessel Limits

Period	2023 Outset	2025 33% ↓	2025 45% ↓
P1	1,800	1,200	1,000
P2	1,800	1,200	1,000
P3	2,400	1,600	1,300
P4	2,400	1,600	1,300
P5	1,800	1,200	1,000
P6	1,800	1,200	1,000

- Reductions should be applied fairly and equitably across the fleet
- 33% reduction from 2023 limits
- Willing to risk early closure with a lower reduction
 - Good market in winter months
 - Opportunities when other fisheries are delayed
 - Weather concerns/leaving fish on the table

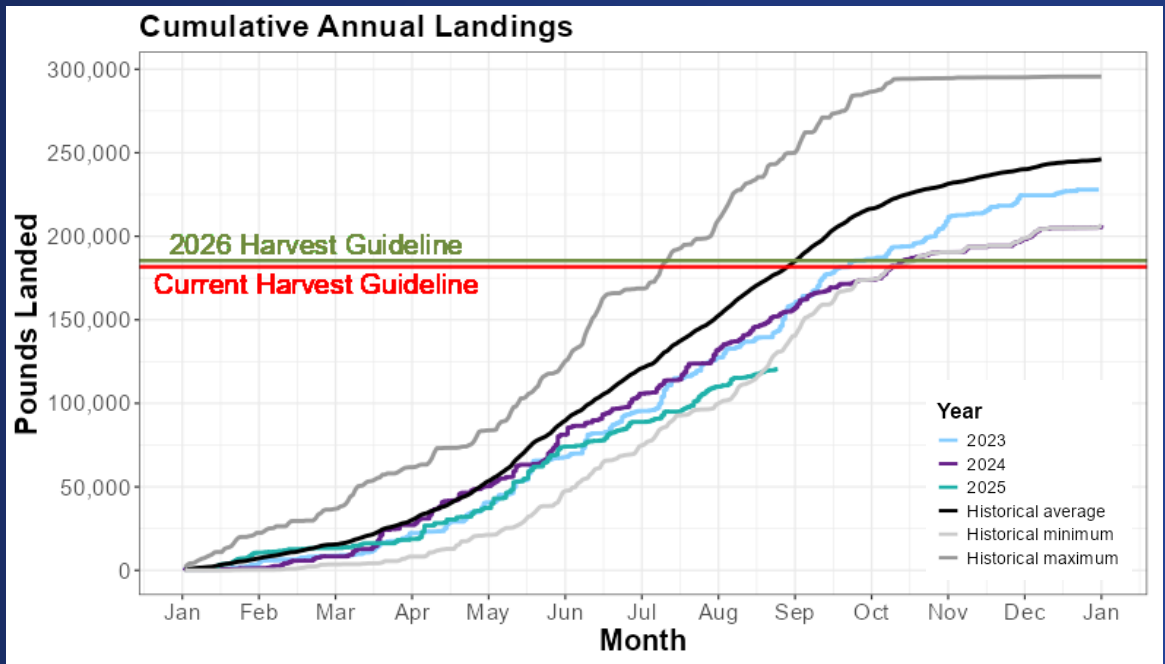




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Commercial Black Rockfish Landings

(76% of HG attained in 2024)



Black RF	2024 Outset	2024 with In-season changes	2025 Outset	2025 with In-season changes
P1	1,800	1,800	1,200	1,200
P2	2,100	2,100	1,200	1,200
P3	2,400	2,400	1,600	1,600
P4	2,400	2,700	1,600	1,600
P5	2,100	2,700	1,200	1,200
P6	1,800	2,700	1,200	1,200

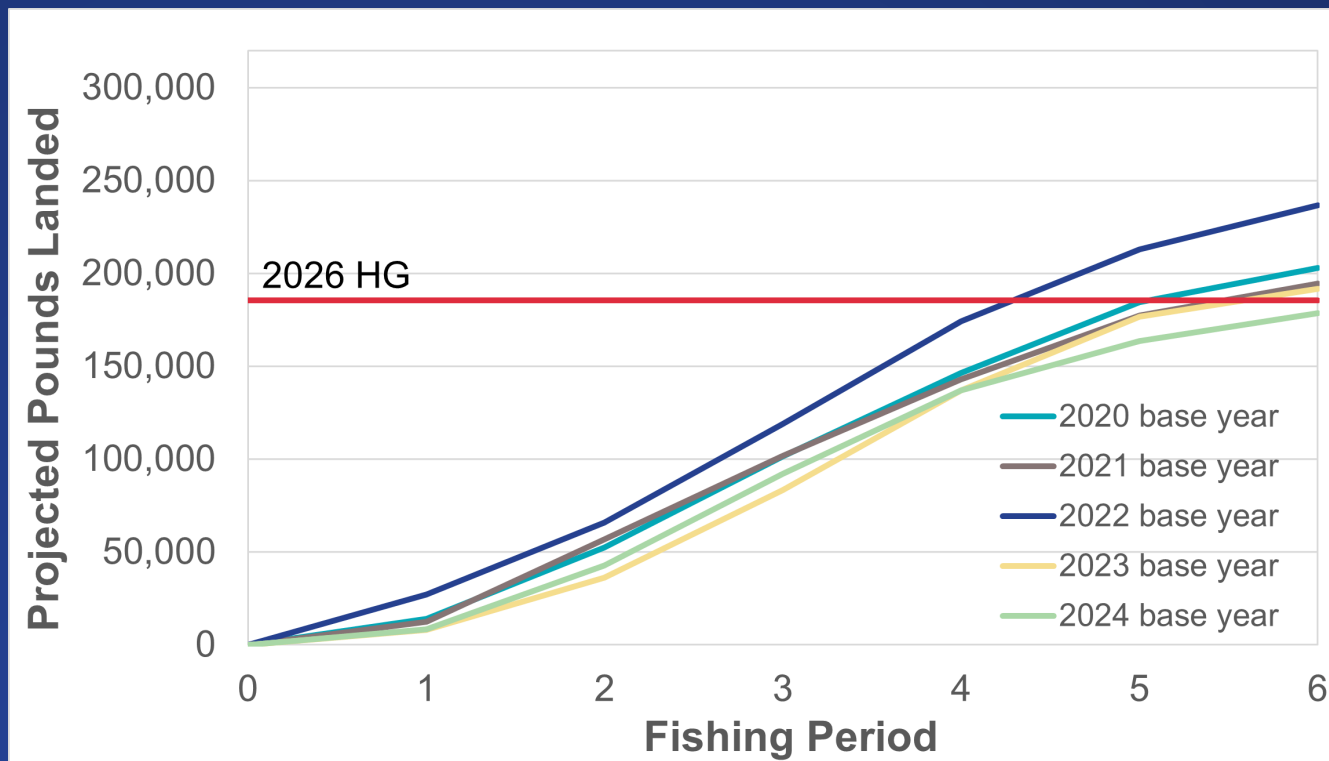


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2026 Black Rockfish Trip Limit Projections



Status Quo Limits	
Period	Limit
1	1,200
2	1,200
3	1,600
4	1,600
5	1,200
6	1,200





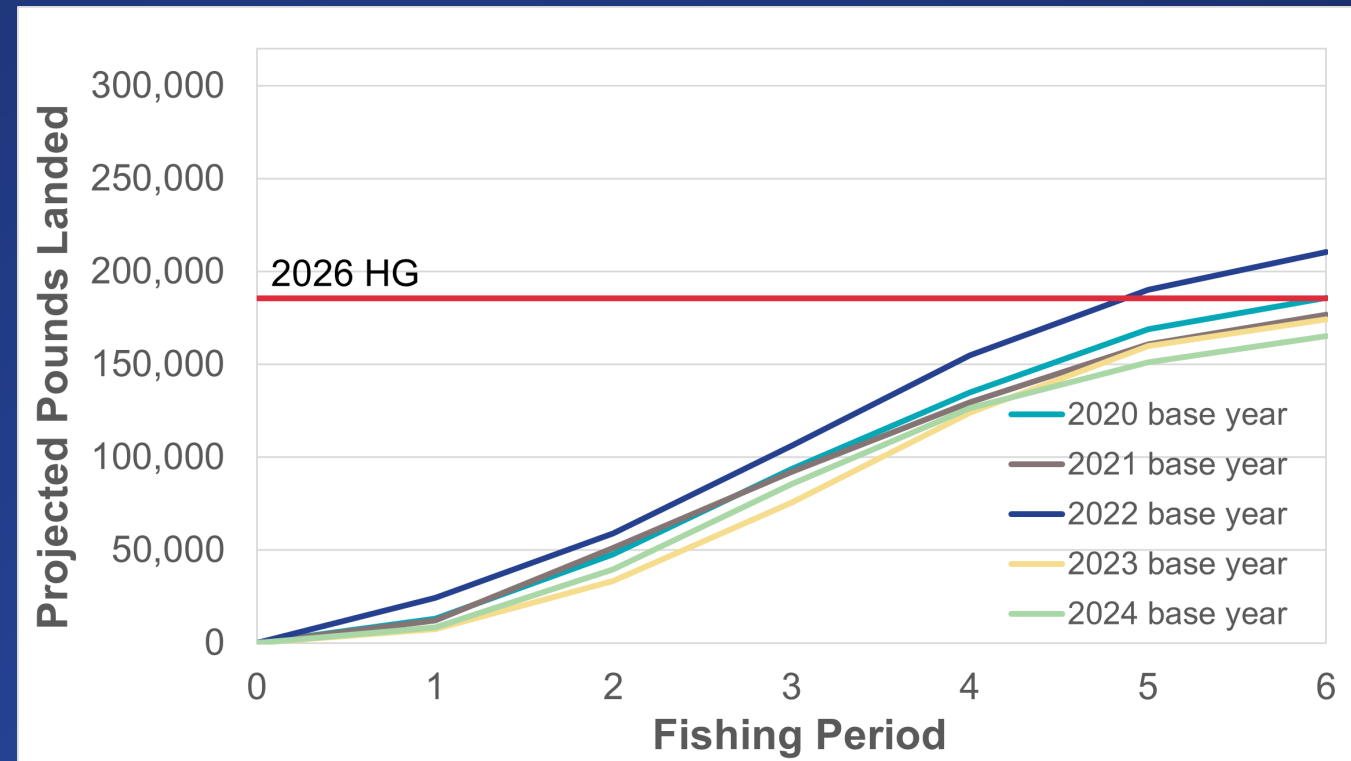
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45% Reduction from 2023 Trip Limits

<u>Lower Limits</u>	
Period	Limit
1	1,000
2	1,000
3	1,300
4	1,300
5	1,000
6	1,000





Black Rockfish Bimonthly Trip Limits



- * Goal: 2-month cumulative trip limits to achieve a 12-month season in 2026; in-season adjustments or early closure expected

Black RF	2024 Outset	2024 with In-season changes	2025 Outset	2025 with In-season changes	2026
P1	1,800	1,800	1,200	1,200	1,200?
P2	2,100	1,800	1,200	1,200	1,200?
P3	2,400	2,400	1,600	1,600	1,600?
P4	2,400	2,700	1,600	1,600	1,600?
P5	2,100	2,700	1,200	1,200	1,200?
P6	1,800	2,700	1,200	1,200	1,200?



Other Bimonthly Trip Limits

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Species group	2024 Outset	2024 with In-season changes	2025 Outset	2025 with In-season changes
Blue RF	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Other NS RF	450	650 (P 4-6)	450	650 (P 4-6)
Cabezon	1,500	2,000 (P 4-6)	1,500	2,500 (P 4-6)
Greenling	1,200	1,200 (P 4-6)	1,200	2,000 (P 4-6)

Prohibition on landing or retaining quillback rockfish in recreational and commercial fisheries



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Blue & Deacon Rockfish in-season adjustments



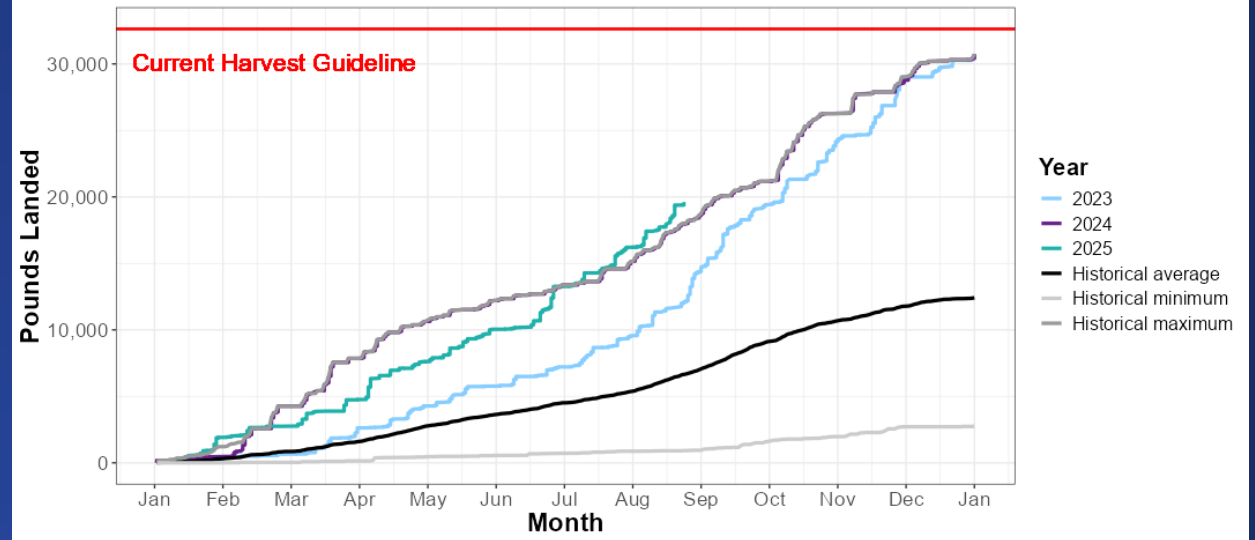
Commercial catch projected to exceed 14.8 mt HG by 2.0 mt

2025 Oregon Commercial Nearshore Fishery Reported Landings through 8 / 24 (64 % of the calendar year)

Totals (lbs) and Harvest Guideline Attainment (%)

Totals & Attainment	Black Rockfish	Blue and Deacon Rockfish	Other Nearshore Rockfish	Cabezon	Greenling
1 Harvest Guidelines	181,661	32,628	33,951	68,343	212,966
2 Current Totals	120,478	19,478	10,368	18,049	26,999
3 Remainder	61,183	13,150	23,583	50,294	185,967
4 % Attainment	66	60	31	26	13
5 % Above or Below Average	-30	239	-19	-49	9

Cumulative Annual Landings





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Blue & Deacon Rockfish in-season adjustments



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<u>Status Quo</u>	
Period	Limit
1	1,500
2	1,500
3	1,500
4	1,500
5	1,500
6	1,500

Period 4 – 6 Alternatives	Trip Limit	Projected Catch (mt)
Status Quo	1,500	16.8
ALT 1	750	16.5
ALT 2	350	15.2
ALT 3	300	15.0
ALT 4	275	14.9
ALT 5	250	14.8

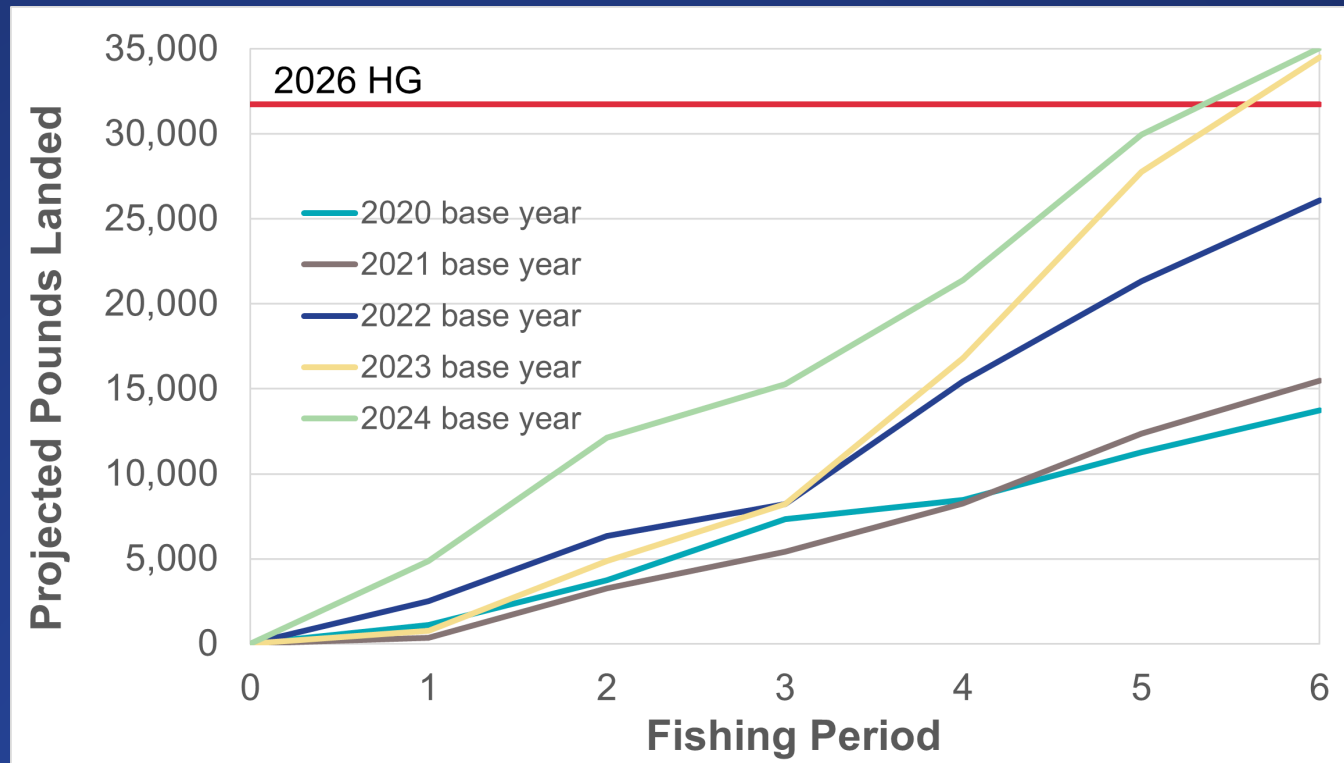


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2026 Blue & Deacon RF Trip Limit Projections



Status Quo Limits	
Period	Limit
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3	1,500
4	1,500
5	1,500
6	1,500



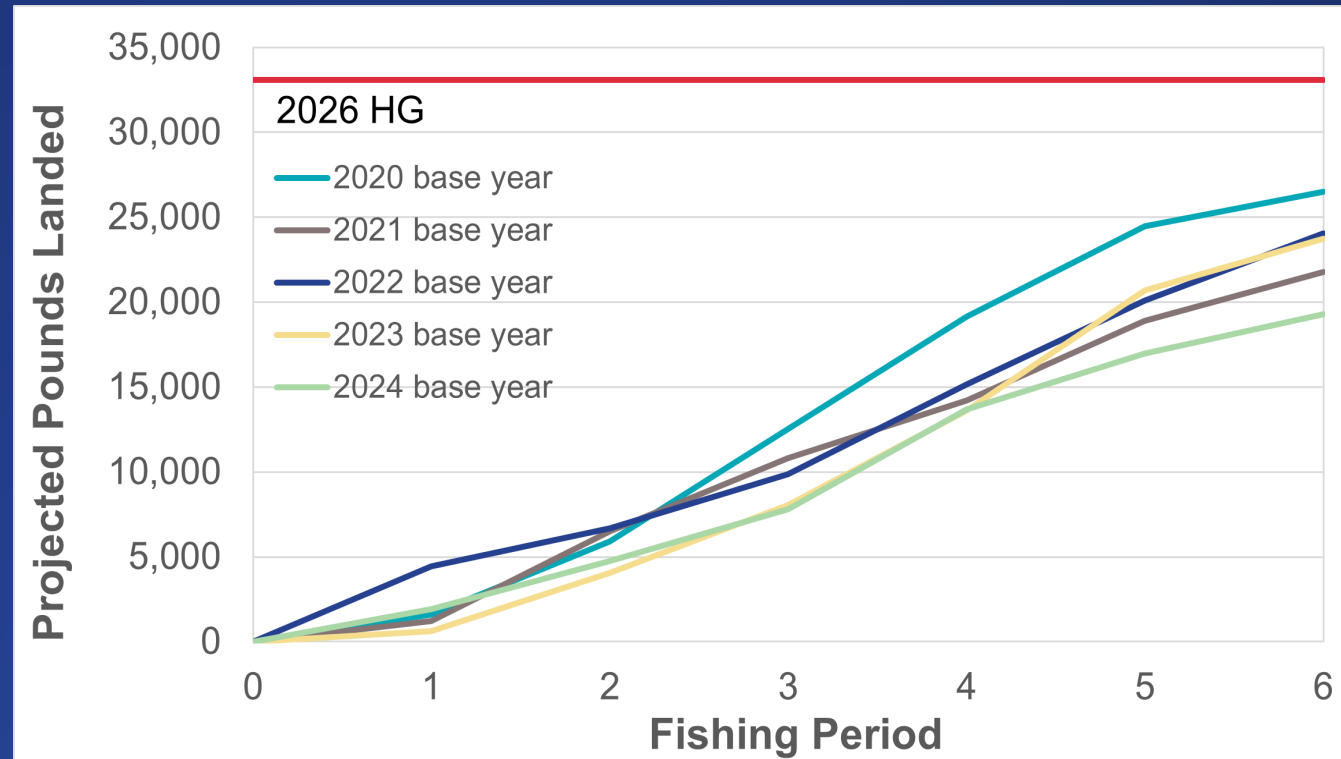


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2026 Other Nearshore RF Trip Limit Projections



Status Quo Limits	
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5	450
6	450



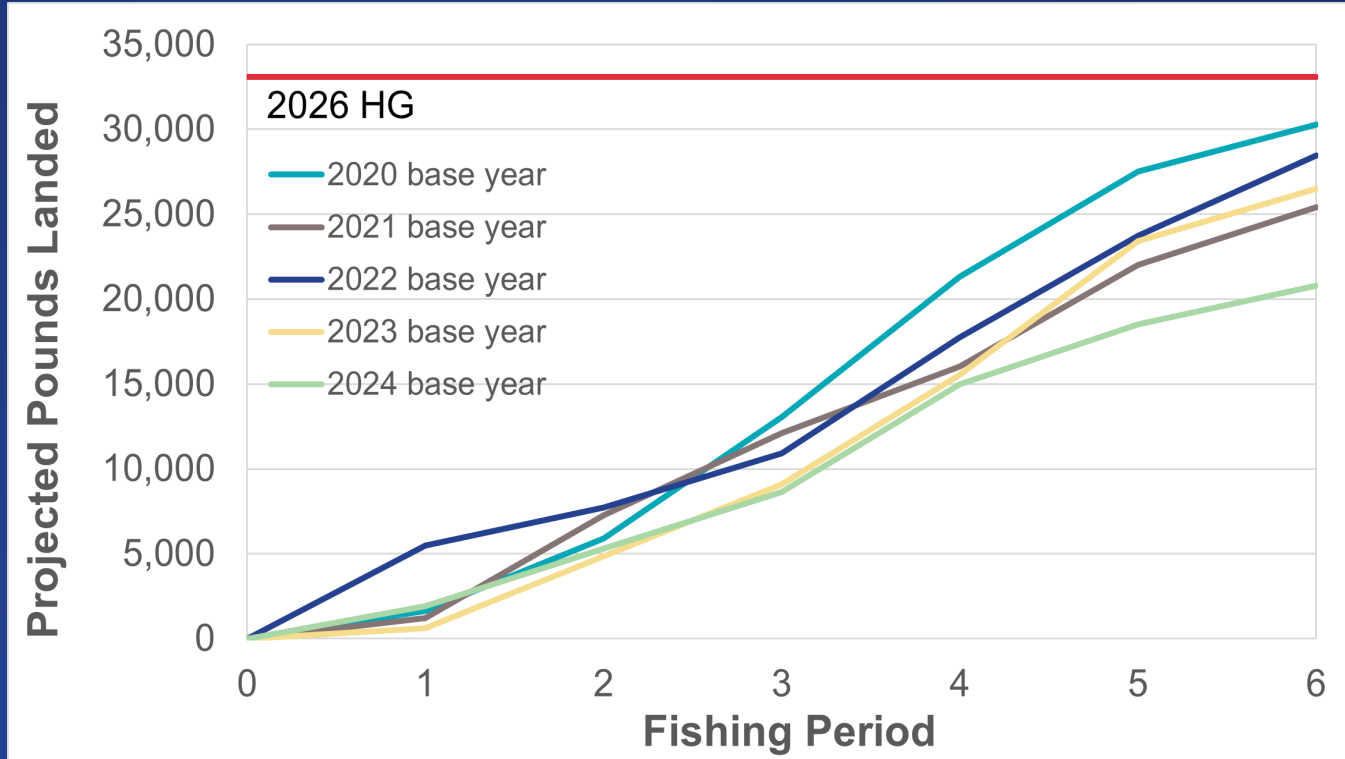


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High Limits	
Period	Limit
1	700
2	700
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4	700
5	700
6	700





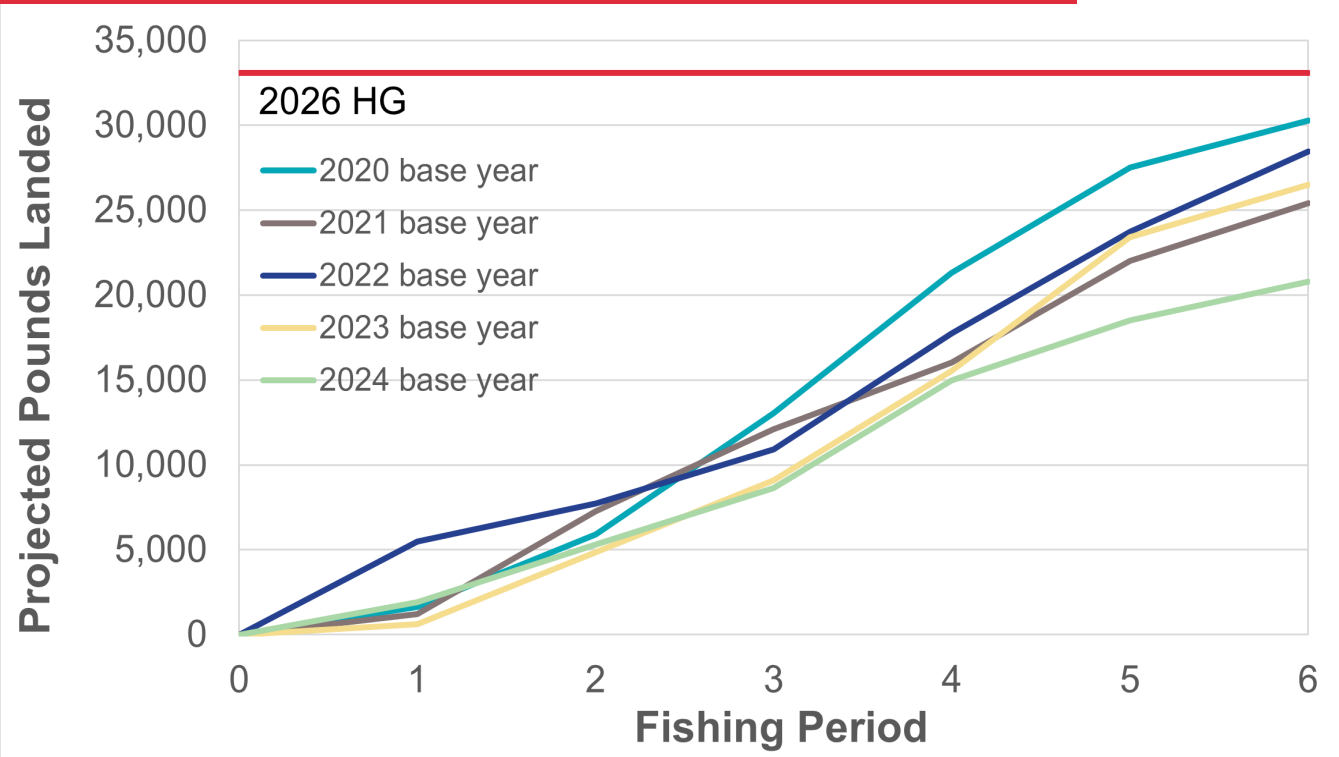
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2026 Other Nearshore RF Trip Limit Projections



PLEASE AVOID catching quillback rockfish

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5	700
6	700



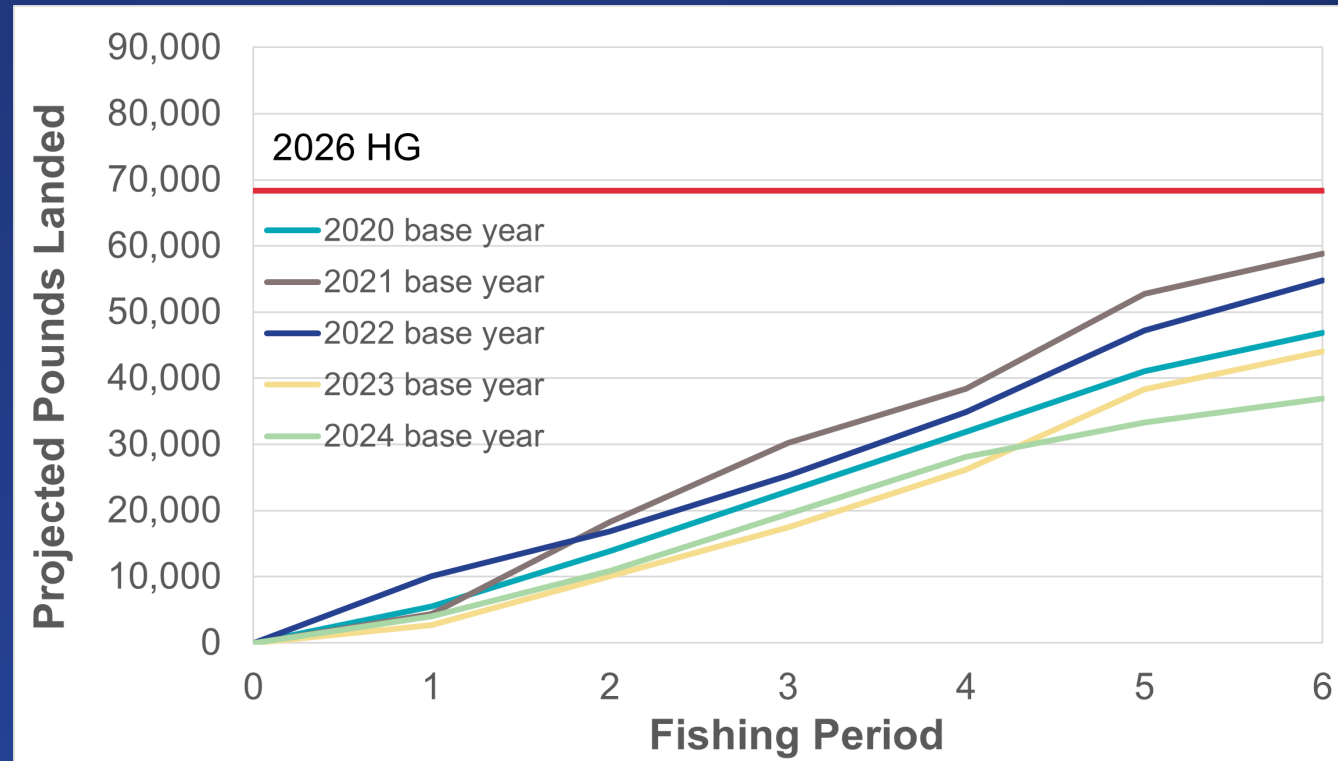


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2026 Cabezon Trip Limit Projections



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Period	Limit
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4	1,500
5	1,500
6	1,500



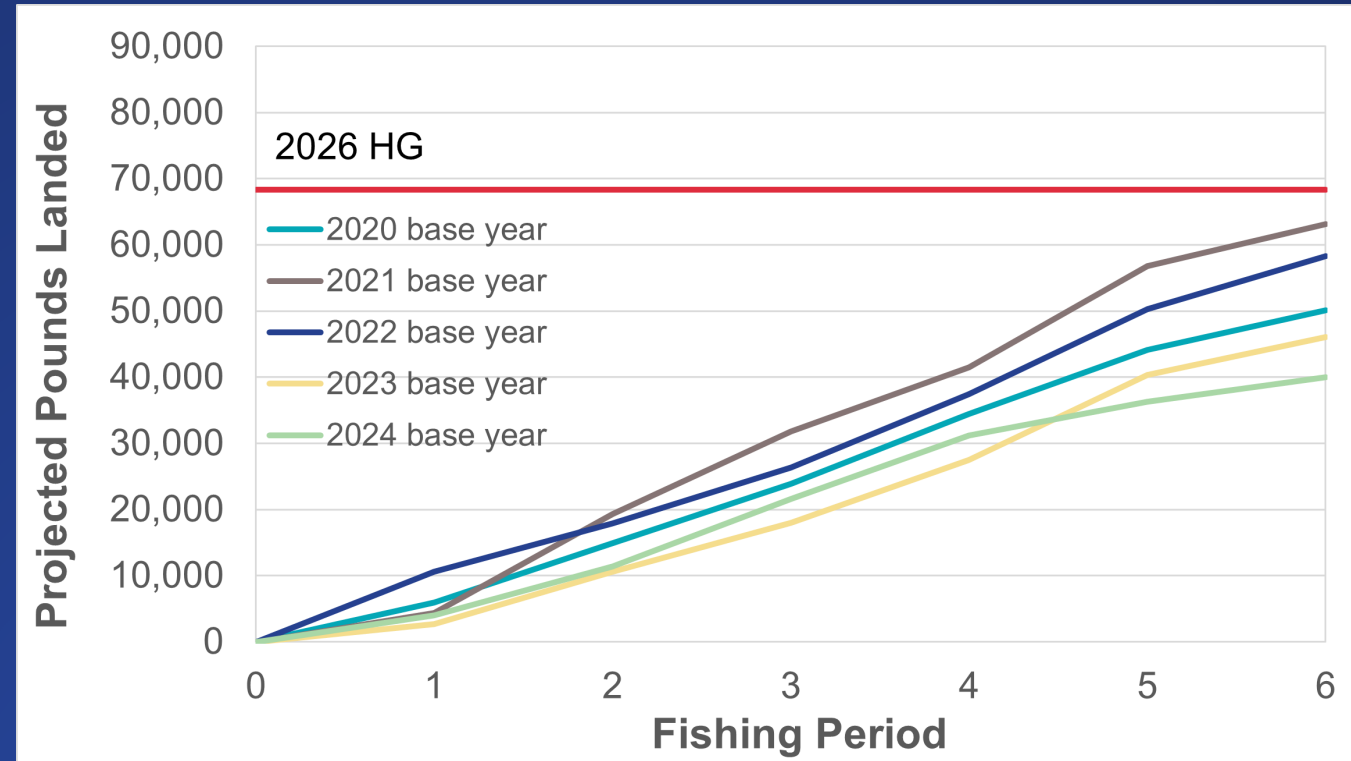


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2026 Cabezon Trip Limit Projections



High Limits	
Period	Limit
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6	2,000





Other Bimonthly Trip Limits

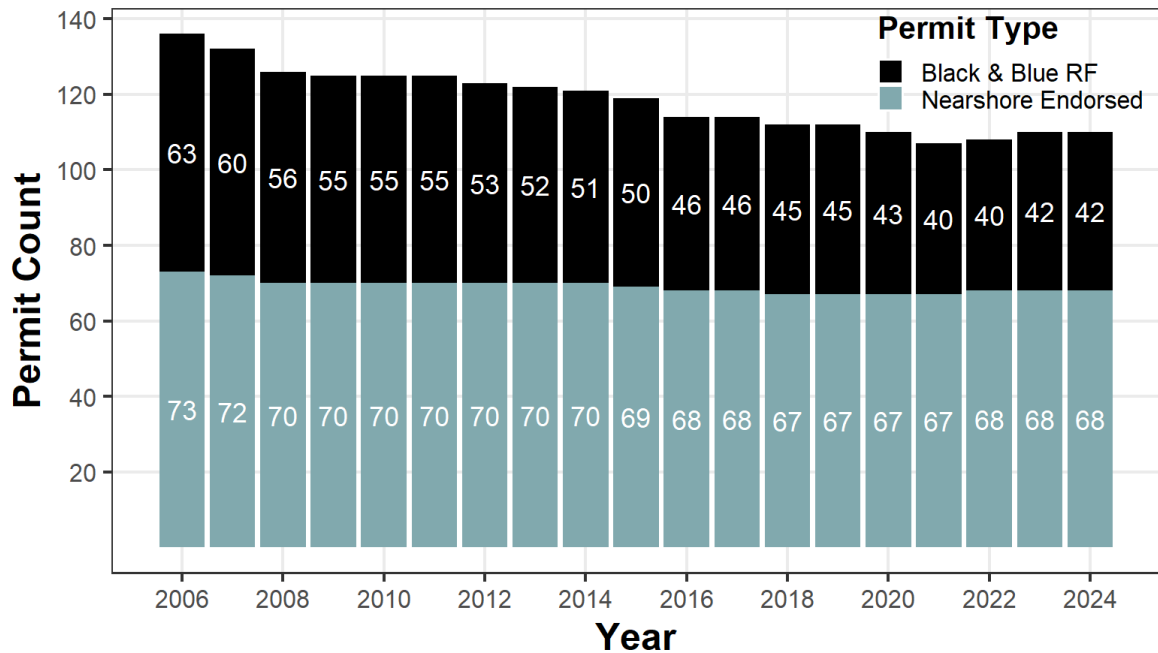
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Commercial Nearshore Fishery Permit Lottery Survey

Commercial Nearshore Permits by Year



- Request from CNAP to consider a new threshold limit for non-endorsed permits
- Consensus among panel members to ensure permit numbers do not fall below current levels
- Ensure commercial fishers have a voice at the table
- Language change from 'may' to 'shall' hold a lottery in OAR
- Survey sent to all commercial license holders and dealers to gauge industry interest
- **No new permits**; lottery held only when one is lost due to non-renewal



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Commercial Nearshore Fishery Permit Lottery Survey

- 3,254 mailings; physical and email
- Survey open for 4 weeks (Aug 12 – Sep 7)
- 6.79% response rate
- ~27% permit holders, ~73% with no permit
- Fishery participants included:
 - Salmon, Dungeness crab, bay crab, halibut, sea urchin, razor clam, tuna, shrimp, lingcod, pollock, hake, market squid, sablefish, charter/recreational, buyer
- ~72% in favor of lottery, ~28% not in favor

1. What type of permit do you hold for the Commercial Nearshore Fishery?

Choices	Percentage	Count
None	72.85%	161
Black and Blue Rockfish with a Nearshore Endorsement	15.84%	35
Black and Blue Rockfish	11.76%	26
Total Entries		221
<i>Unanswered</i>		<i>3</i>

4. What fisheries have you participated in during the last 10 years?

Choices	Percentage	Count
Salmon	69.68%	154
Other fisheries	53.85%	119
Dungeness crab	48.42%	107
Halibut	31.67%	70
Non-nearshore groundfish	30.77%	68
Total Entries		221
<i>Unanswered</i>		<i>13</i>



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Commercial Nearshore Fishery Permit Lottery Survey

9. What restrictions or requirements should be considered for the permit lottery?

Choices	Percentage	Count
Any permit obtained through a lottery would be subject to a stand-down period prior to transfer to another vessel (cannot be sold for a set # years)	53.39%	118
Any permit issued through a lottery would have the same vessel size restrictions as the non-renewed permit	41.18%	91
Other	22.62%	50
Total Entries		221
<i>Unanswered</i>		25

Other restrictions:

- None
- Cannot already hold B/B or NSE permit
- Lottery winner ineligible for future drawings
- Poundage minimum to qualify
- OR residents only, active industry participation

Other considerations:

- B/B permit holders should have opportunity to upgrade to NSE permit
- Want active harvesters to keep markets supplied
- Concern over permits being devalued
- Not enough fish for current permits/market not strong enough
- Allow new entrants into fishery
- Regulations allow for a lottery to be held
- **No new permits!!!**



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Single trip limit for vessels fishing in BRMAs:

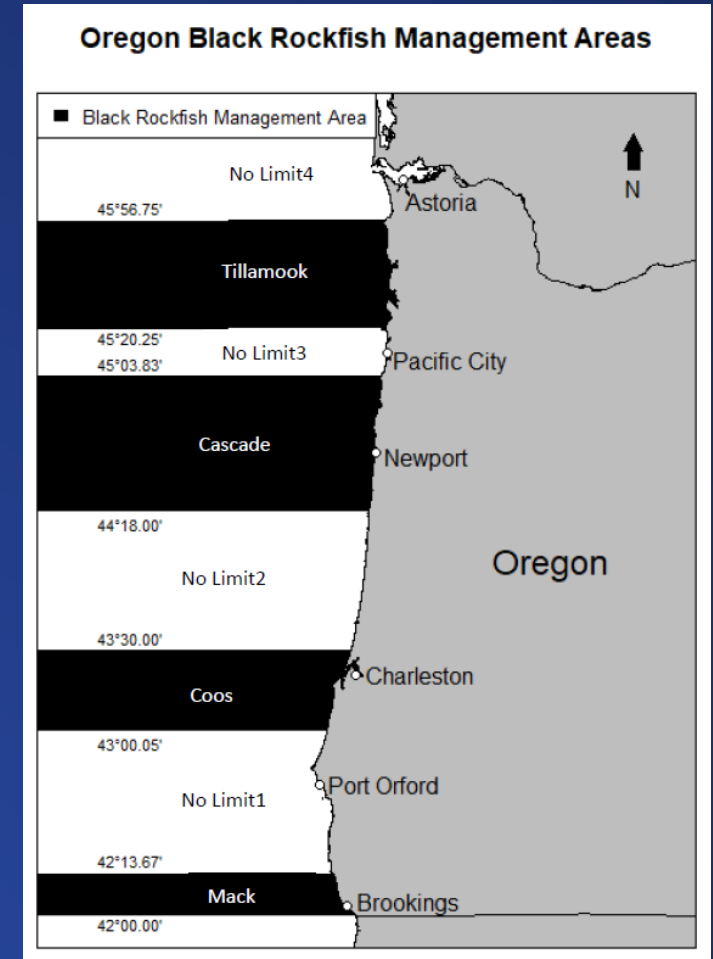
- (a) 500 pounds from Nov 1 of any year through Feb 28 of the following year; and
- (b) 300 pounds from Mar 1 through Oct 31

Daily limit suspended in 2022

Commission extended suspension for an additional 3 years (2023 – 2025)

Re-evaluation

- Fish ticket landings and effort using port as proxy
- Logbook data

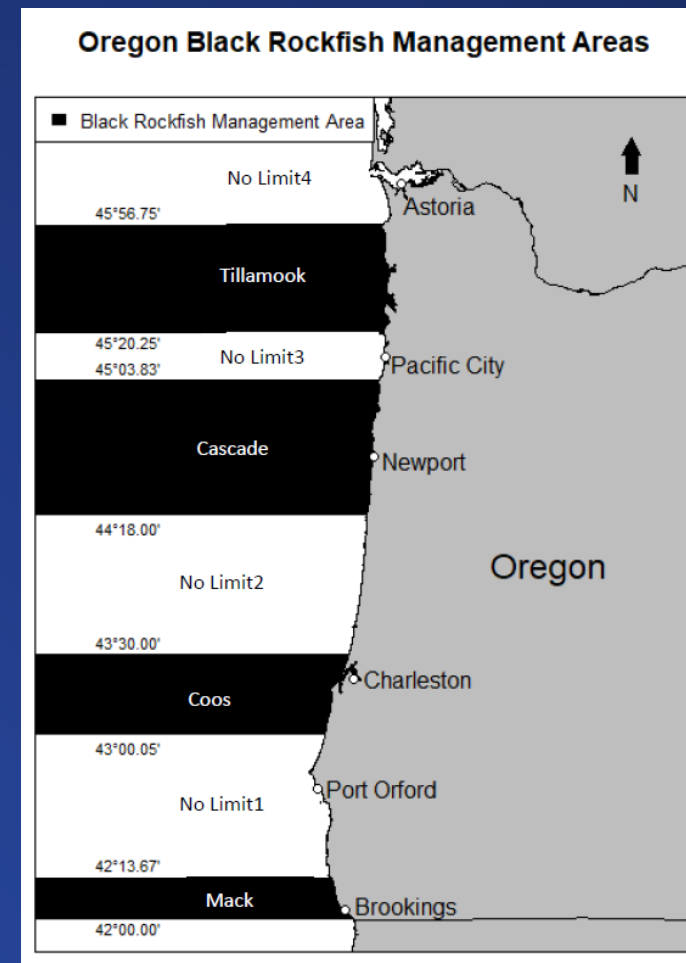
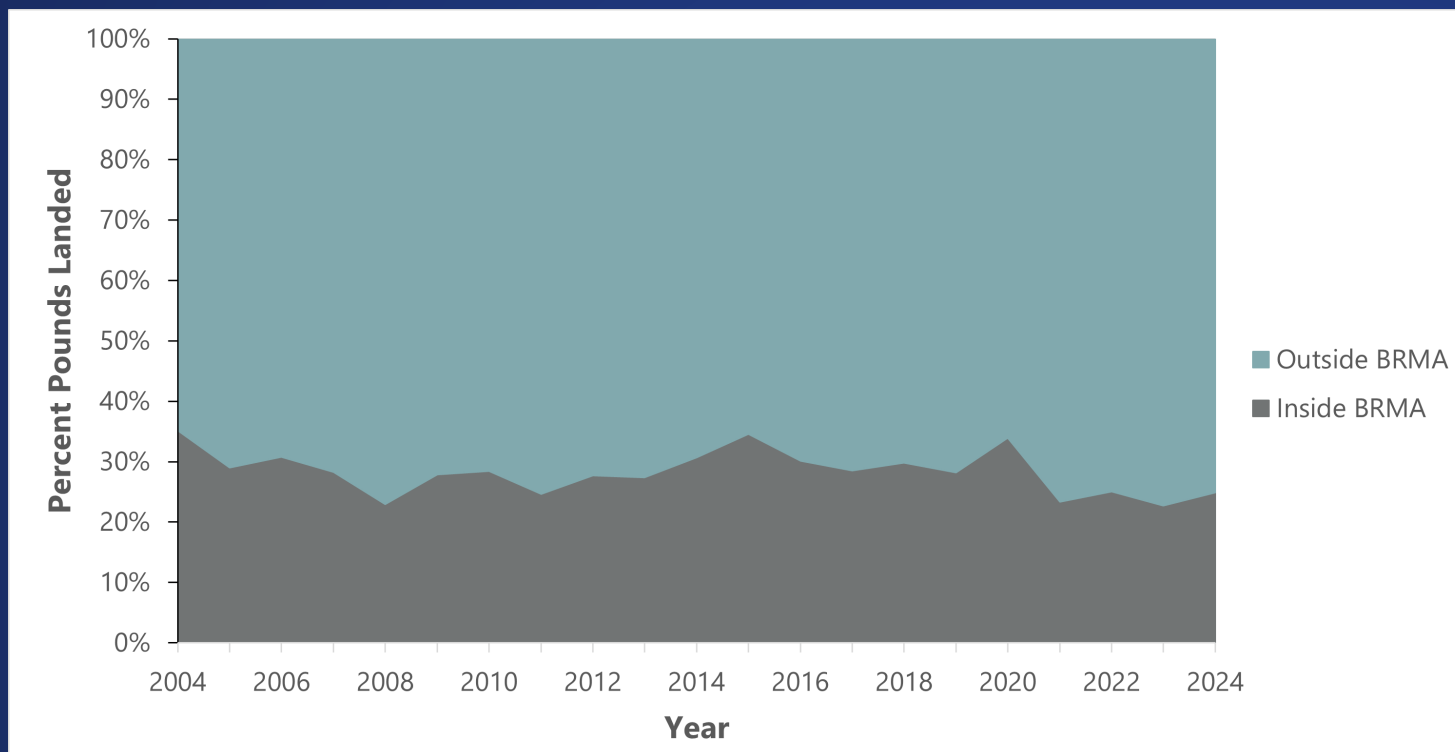




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Fish ticket analysis using port as a proxy for BRMA

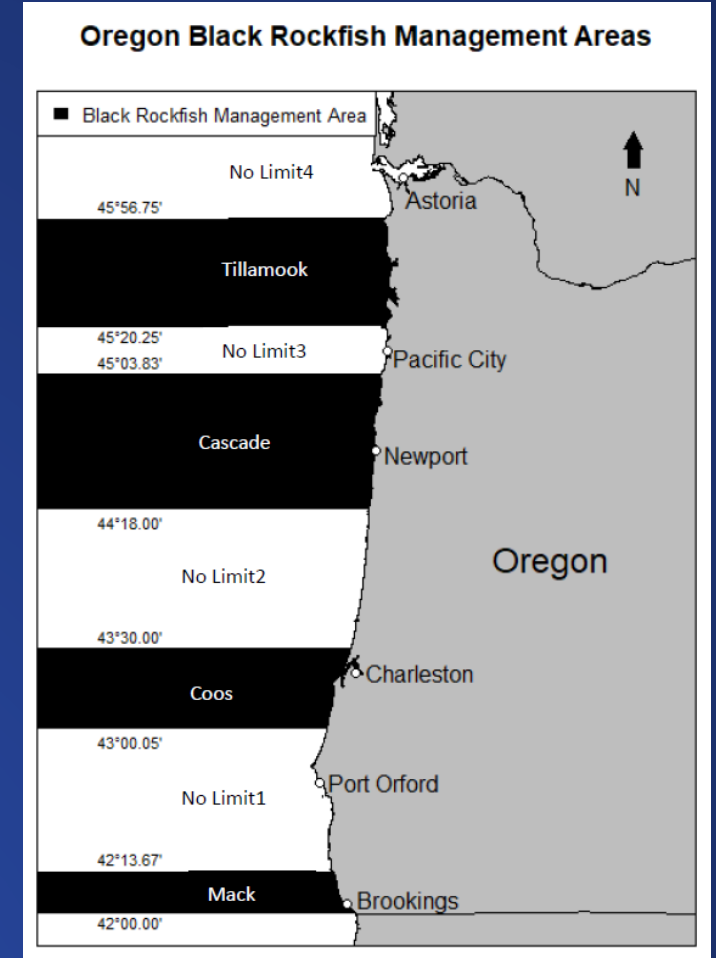
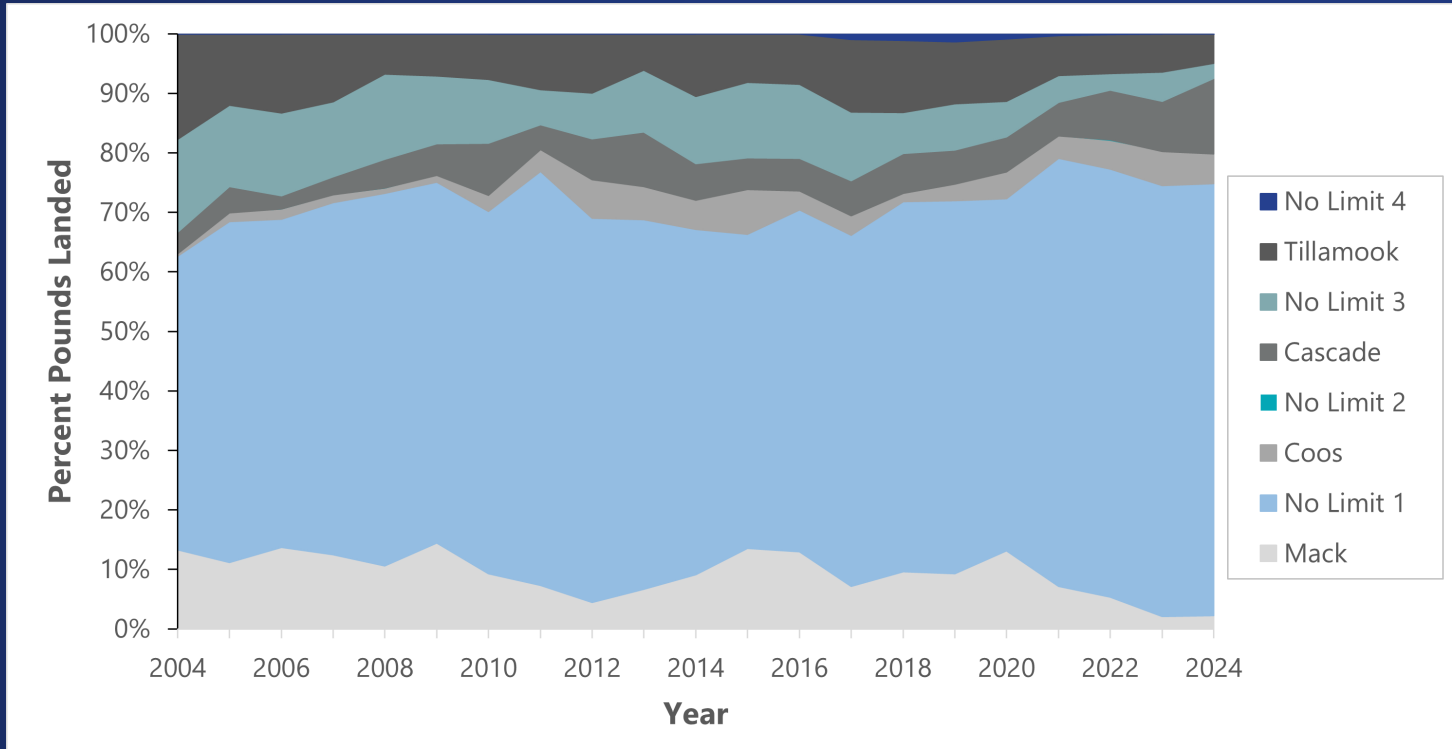




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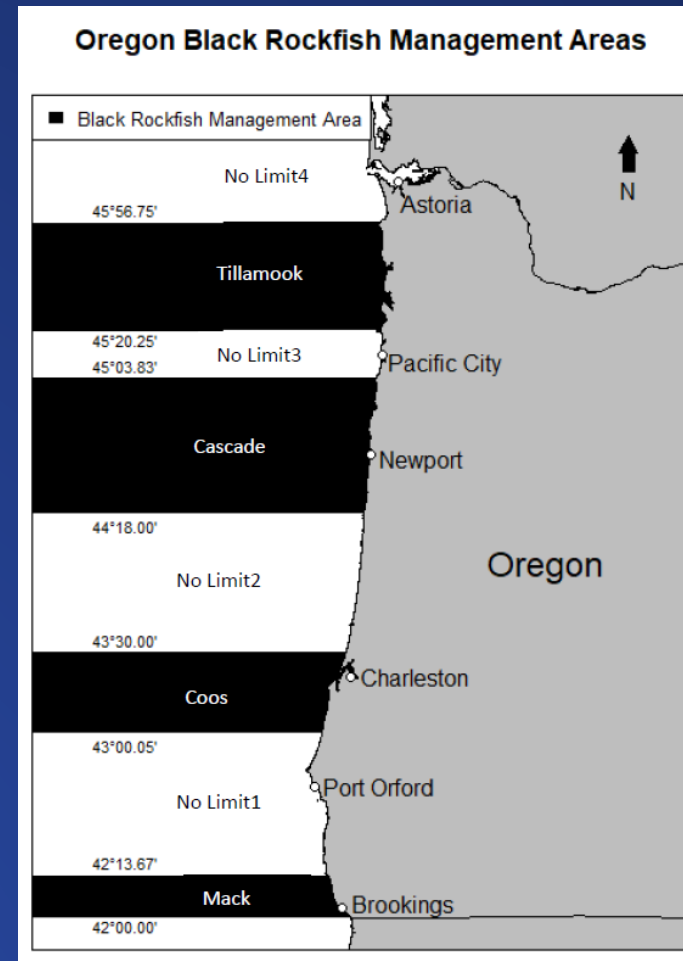
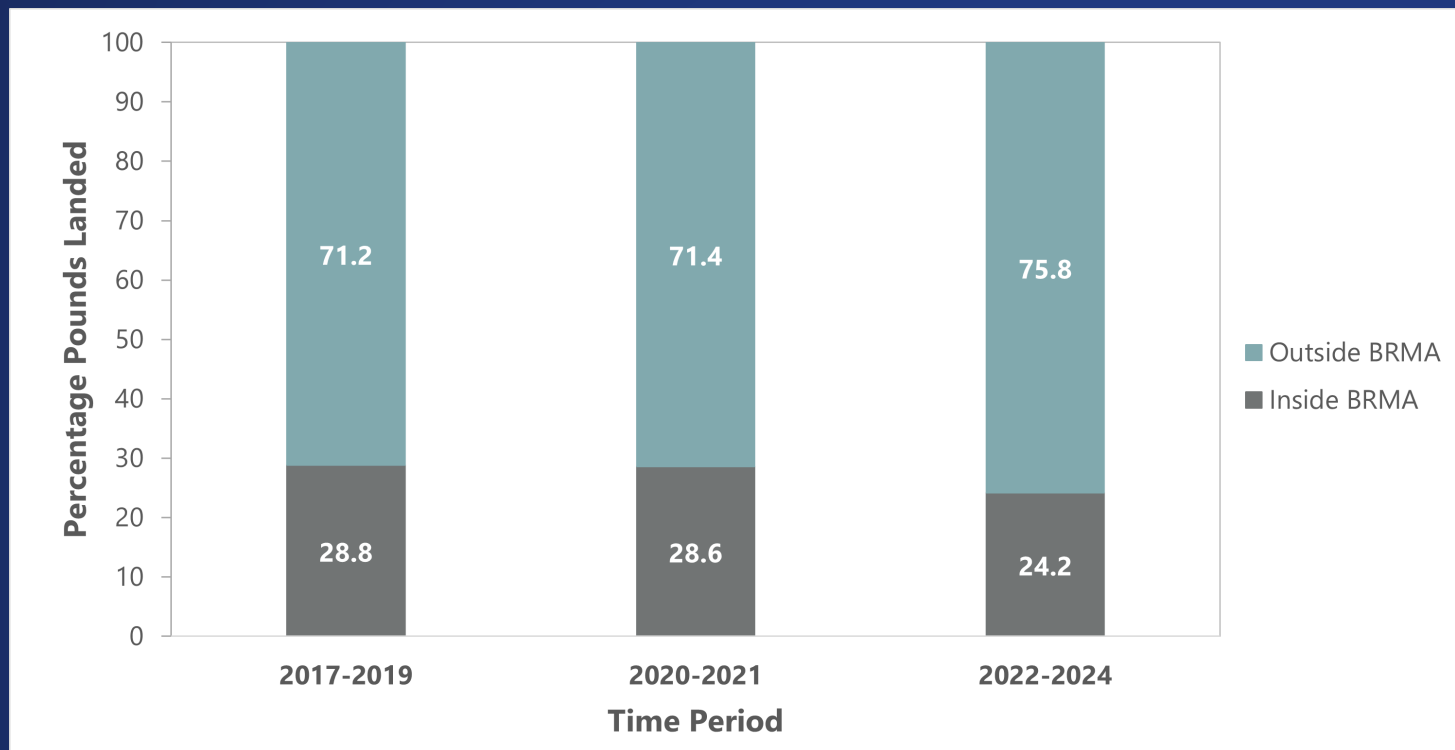




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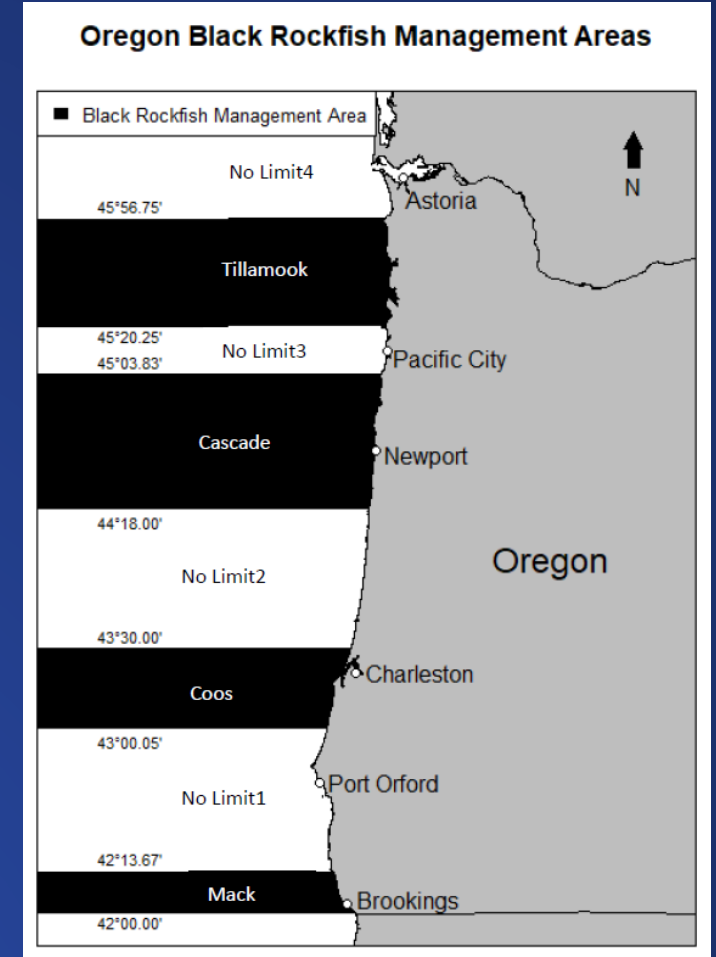
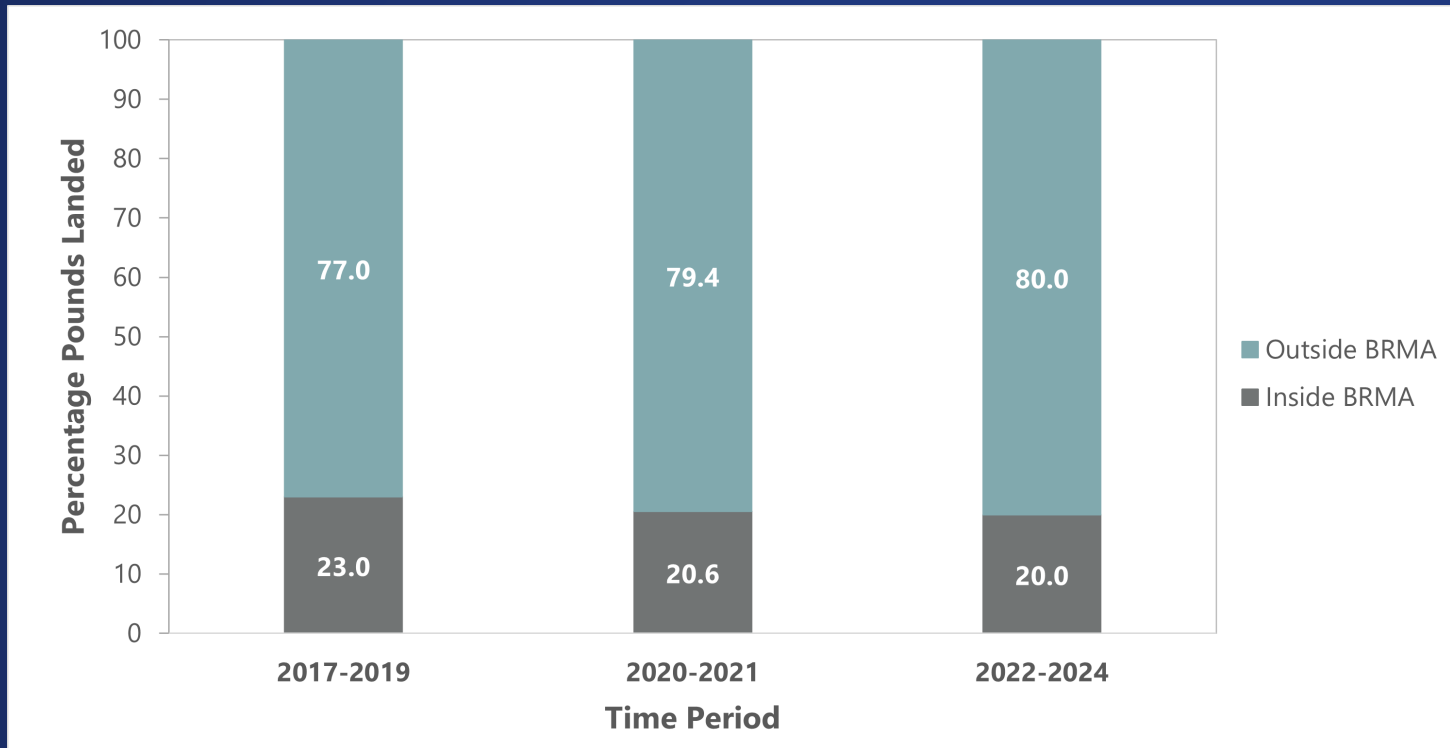




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Logbook analysis using Nearshore Blocks





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The CNAP was established in 2010 and consists of members that represent the diversity of industry participants (e.g., permit type, home port, fishery interest).

Purpose
The purpose of the CNAP is to provide ODFW with information and industry perspective on the effectiveness and impacts of existing and proposed fishery management measures, in-season changes, current fishery and market conditions, and emerging issues that may need to be addressed. We expect the need for an advisory panel to continue for the foreseeable future.


Meeting schedule

2025


Date	Location	Agenda & Materials (pdfs)	Meeting Summary (pdf)
June 30, 2025	Virtual	Agenda Permit Holder Lottery Survey Meeting Presentation	Meeting Summary

Previous Meetings

Date	Location	Agenda & Materials (pdfs)	Meeting Summary (pdf)
June 5, 2024	Virtual	Agenda Meeting Presentation	Meeting Summary
April 2, 2024	Virtual	Agenda Meeting Presentation Black Rockfish Stock Assessment Summary	Meeting Summary



Dory boat
-ODFW photo-



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- Agendas, presentations, and meeting summaries are posted on the CNAP webpage
- Reach out to CNAP members with your input/concerns
- Additional opportunity for public comment at the Commission meeting in Salem on December 12*

<https://www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP/CNAP/index.asp>



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Thank you!

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