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**Public Correspondence received as of  
November 29, 2019.**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019 11:52 AM  
**To:** [ODFW.Commission@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.Commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Black Rockfish management areas

Brian Trotter, commercial fisherman, Black and Blue Rockfish permit holder

Public written comment in regards to the Black Rockfish Management Areas

I am requesting that the Commission remove the entire section of OAR 635-004-0365. This section was very important to Black Rockfish management in the mid 90's to help reduce overfishing when there weren't any other management tools in effect. There wasn't a bimonthly quota system limiting the number of fish caught in each period. There wasn't even limit on the number of boats that could fish. Today, as a black rock fisher we have a limited number of boats, catching a limited amount of fish and only allowed one landing per day, that is well regulated by the department monitoring fishing effort and catch success.

As a small business owner in Oregon I'm always hoping for ways to reduce my daily operating costs and on the days that fishing is successful I believe that I should not be limited to a daily harvest. This limit increases the number of days on the water, increases fuel expense and wear and tear of equipment.

Some opponents to this requested change suggest that there will be a major conflict between commercial fishers and charter boat operators. Please consider that a charter boat operator who will speak on behalf of recreational fishers aren't necessarily representing recreational interests. They are representing their commercial business just as I am. I'd also like to remind the commission that the recreational harvest of Black Rockfish accounts for about 75% of the annual harvest cap. If there is a conflict between commercial and recreational harvest of an area than maybe the commission should be looking at the number of charter vessels, the number of trips, and the number of clients. Some charter boats run with 20+ people and sometimes run 2 trips per day. While there is a per person harvest limit, there is no vessel limit, no daily vessel limit, no restriction on how many trips per day.

Thank you for your consideration of my input of the matter.

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**To:** Jim Bittle <[jim@willieboats.com](mailto:jim@willieboats.com)>  
**Subject:** Oregon rockfish regulations  
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Jim,

As the ODFW Newport staff begins the process of developing the 2020 bottom fishing regulations for Oregon, I have been paying close attention to the 2019 harvest, and potential regulations for 2020.

As you may recall, I commented at the 2019 meeting in Salem requesting the commission consider a higher limit for rockfish with a sub bag limit to prevent over-harvest of black rockfish. The commission went along with the ODFW staff recommendations.

For the second year in a row, Oregon is on pace to be substantially below the black rockfish allowable catch. In 2018, anglers only harvested two-thirds of the allowable catch of black rockfish. This year, to date, anglers have only harvested 75-percent of the black rockfish allowable catch. The catch of blue rockfish and canary rockfish, meanwhile is less than 50-percent of the allocation by the PFMC.

Sub bag limits are an effective management tool to maximize fishing opportunity and still stay within the allocation. If Oregon had a total rockfish bag limit of six or seven, with a sub-bag limit of five black rockfish, we would still be within our allocation.

From a private angler perspective, driving to the coast to catch six or seven rockfish is more appealing than just five fish. For the charter industry, an important part of the coastal economy of Oregon, a higher limit makes trips more marketable, which will become more difficult in 2020 with another increase in fishing license fees, especially the daily license fee.

I urge you to ask ODFW in Newport why a sub-bag limit of black rockfish is not being presented to the commission as an effective means of maximizing angler opportunity and give sport anglers the maximum benefit of increase sport fishing license fees.

Here is an update on the YTD harvest. Black, blue and canary rockfish make up the biggest portion of the sport catch, and are what anglers seek when coming to the coast to fish. [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP/finfish/groundfish\\_sport/estimates/docs/quota\\_used.pdf](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP/finfish/groundfish_sport/estimates/docs/quota_used.pdf)

Thank you for your time,

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