

11. Appendix A: Summary of management actions influencing the sablefish fishery

Effective Date	Management action taken
10/13/82	Sablefish OY exceeded; 3,000 pounds trip limit imposed (coast-wide OY = 13,400 mt).
11/30/82	Extended sablefish trip limit of 3,000 pounds for remainder of 1982. Increased sablefish OY 30% to 17,400 mt for 1982 and recommended this for 1983 (ABC = 13,400 mt).
01/01/83	Established a 22-inch total length size limit on sablefish in all areas north of Point Conception (excluding Monterey Bay), with an incidental trip limit for fish smaller than 22 inches of 333 fish, 1,000 pounds or 10% of weight of all sablefish on board, to be adjust as necessary to stay within the 17,400 mt OY (ABC = 13,400 mt).
06/28/83	Retained the 22-inch size limit on sablefish, but set incidental allowance of small fish (<22 inches) at 5,000 pounds per trip.
01/01/84	Continued 22-inch size limit on sablefish as in 1983; retained 5,000 pounds incidental allowance of small fish (<22 inches); fishery closes when coast-wide OY of 17,400 mt is reached (ABC = 13,400 mt).
01/10/85	Continued 22-inch size limit on sablefish in all areas north of Point Conception (abolished Monterey Bay exclusion); retained 5,000 pounds incidental landing limit for sablefish less than 22 inches.
11/25/85	Established that 90% of sablefish quota had been reached and established a trip limit of 13% sablefish in all trawl landings containing sablefish.
12/06/85	Established that sablefish quota (OY) had been exceeded on November 22, 1985, and prohibited further landings of sablefish until January 1, 1986.
01/01/86	Continued the 22-inch size limit on sablefish in all areas north of Point Conception; retained 5,000-pound incidental landing limit for sablefish smaller than 22 inches; coast-wide OY = 13,600 mt; ABC = 10,300 mt.
08/22/86	Emergency Regulations: Allocated the estimated remaining sablefish OY between trawl and fixed gear at 55% and 45%, respectively. Established an 8,000-pound sablefish trip limit on trawl gear. Retained the current regulation of a 5,000-pound trip limit on sablefish smaller than 22 inches. Any further landings of sablefish by trawl gear to be prohibited after trawl quota is reached. Any further landings of sablefish by fixed gear to be prohibited after fixed gear quota is reached. Any further landings of sablefish to be prohibited after the coast-wide OY is reached.

10/23/86	Fixed gear sablefish quota reached; fixed gear fishery closed. Sablefish quotas revised (2,800 mt trawl; 2,300 mt fixed gear).
11/20/86	Extended sablefish emergency regulation until the end of the year.
01/01/87	Allocated the sablefish OY between trawl and fixed gear at 52% (6,200 mt) and 48% (5,800 mt), respectively; if the quota for either gear type is reached, sablefish becomes a prohibited species for that gear; coast-wide OY and ABC =12,000 mt. Established coast-wide 5,000-pound trawl and 100-pound fixed gear trip limits (round weights) for sablefish smaller than 22-inches total length (16-inches dorsal total length).
04/05/87	Changed the size limit for processed sablefish from 16.0 inches to 15.5 inches (dorsal total length).
04/27/87	Increased the trip limit for sablefish smaller than 22 inches (total length) caught by fixed gear from 100 pounds to 1,500 pounds coast-wide
10/02/87	Established trawl trip limit for sablefish at 6,000 pounds or 20% of the legal fish on board, whichever is greater, including no more than 5,000 pounds of sablefish under 22 inches.
10/14/87	Closed the nontrawl (fixed gear) sablefish fishery because the nontrawl allocation of 5,800 mt was reached.
10/22/87	Closed the sablefish trawl fishery because the trawl allocation of 6,200 mt was reached.
01/01/88	Allocated the sablefish OY between trawl and nontrawl (fixed gear) at 5,200 and 4,800 mt, respectively; if the quota for nontrawl gear is reached, sablefish becomes a prohibited species for that gear; manage the trawl fishery to achieve the trawl allocation, provided that up to an additional 800 mt may be added to the trawl allocation for unavoidable incidental catch; coast-wide OY = 9,200 to 10,800 mt; ABC = 10,000 mt. For trawl-caught sablefish, established a trip limit of 6,000 pounds or 20% of legal fish on board, whichever is greater, with only two landings above 1,000 pounds allowed per vessel per week; no restriction on landings less than 1,000 pounds Continued the 22-inch total length size limit (15.5-inch dorsal length) on sablefish in all areas; 5,000-pound trawl and 1,500-pound nontrawl incidental landing limits for sablefish smaller than the minimum size limit.
08/03/88	Increased the trawl sablefish allocation to 6,000 mt; reduced the trawl trip limit to one landing per week, not to exceed 2,000 pounds (including sablefish smaller than 22 inches). Changed the nontrawl trip limit for sablefish smaller than 22 inches to 1,500 pounds or 3% of all sablefish on board, whichever is greater.

08/26/88	Closed the nontrawl sablefish fishery because the nontrawl allocation of 4,800 mt was reached
10/05/88	Removed the restriction that no more than 1 landing of sablefish by trawlers may be made during any week; reduced the weekly trip limit for yellowtail rockfish north of Coos Bay from 10,000 to 7,500 pounds (biweekly and twice weekly options to remain in effect).
01/01/89	For coast-wide sablefish, management measures designed to achieve the low end of the OY range (10,400 to 11,000 mt). After 22 mt set aside from the 10,400 mt harvest guideline for the Makah Indian fishery, the remaining 10,378 mt allocated 5,397 mt (52%) for trawl gear and 4,981 mt (48%) for nontrawl (fixed) gear. Established a coast-wide trawl trip of 1,000 pounds or 45% of the deepwater complex (consisting of sablefish, Dover sole, arrowtooth flounder and thornyheads), whichever is greater. Within the 45% trawl limit, no more than 5,000 pounds of sablefish smaller than 22 inches (total length) may be taken per trip. If fishing under the 1,000-pound limit, all sablefish may be smaller than 22 inches. The coast-wide nontrawl trip limit for sablefish smaller than 22 inches set at the greater of 1,500 pounds or 3% of all sablefish on board. The harvest guideline may be increased by up to 600 mt to enable small fisheries to continue operating after a gear allocation is met and to allow for landings of sablefish caught incidentally while fishing for other species. If the upper end of the OY range (11,000 mt) is reached, all further landings will be prohibited (coast-wide ABC = 9,000 mt; OY = 10,400 to 11,000 mt).
04/26/89	Established coast-wide weekly trip limit on the deepwater complex (consisting of sablefish, Dover sole, arrowtooth flounder and thornyheads) of only 1 landing above 4,000 pounds per week, not to exceed 30,000 pounds. No limit on the number of landings of deepwater complex less than 4,000 pounds. For each landing of the deepwater complex, no more than 1,000 pounds or 25% of the deepwater complex, whichever is greater, may be sablefish. If fishing under the 25% limit, no more than 5,000 pounds may be sablefish under 22 inches (total length). If fishing under the 1,000-pound limit, all sablefish may be under 22 inches. Biweekly and twice weekly trip limit options for trawl-caught sablefish are available but require appropriate declaration to state in which fish are landed.
07/17/89	Established a coast-wide nontrawl sablefish trip limit of 100 pounds with no frequency limit for the remainder of the year, until the nontrawl allocation is reached, or until OY is reached, whichever occurs first. Because the trip limit is smaller than the limit on fish less than 22 inches, the 22-inch minimum size provision is rescinded.
10/04/89	Removed the overall trawl poundage and trip frequency limits for the deepwater complex, while retaining the separate trip limit for sablefish at 25% of the deepwater complex or 1,000 pounds, whichever is greater. Increased the nontrawl trip limit to 2,000 pounds or 20% of all groundfish on board, whichever is less, when more than 100 pounds of sablefish on board. Because the trip limit remains small, the entire landing may be made up of sablefish less than 22 inches.

01/01/90	The ABC and OY for sablefish set at 8,900 mt. [NMFS did not approve the Council's recommendations for sablefish management. The trawl and nontrawl restrictions in effect at the end of 1989 continued in effect on January 1, 1990. Specifically, the nontrawl trip limit remained at 2,000 pounds or 20% of all fish on board, whichever is greater, for all landings greater than 100 pounds. The trawl trip limit remained as the greater of 1,000 pounds or 25% of the deepwater complex.]
01/31/90	NMFS disapproved the Council's recommendations to modify the trawl/nontrawl sablefish allocations and management measures to achieve them. The nontrawl sablefish trip limit was rescinded as a result of NMFS' disapproval of the Council's recommendations. Thus, the nontrawl fishery was unlimited by any catch restrictions. The limit on sablefish less than 22 inches was not reinstated. A nontrawl trip limit of 500 pounds will go into effect when 300 mt of the nontrawl quota remains. The estimated tribal sablefish catch to the end of the year (300 mt) subtracted from the OY of 8,900 mt. The remaining 8,600 mt was allocated 58% (4,988 mt) to trawl gear and 42% (3,612 mt) to nontrawl gears. Continued in effect the coast-wide trawl trip of 1,000 pounds or 25% of the deepwater complex (consisting of sablefish, Dover sole, arrowtooth flounder and thornyheads), whichever is greater. Within the 25% trawl limit, no more than 5,000 pounds of sablefish smaller than 22 inches (total length) may be taken per trip. If fishing under the 1,000-pound limit, all sablefish may be smaller than 22 inches.
03/21/90	Reestablished the nontrawl trip limit for sablefish less than 22-inches total length at 1,500 pounds or 3% of all sablefish on board, whichever is greater.
06/24/90	Established a nontrawl sablefish trip limit of 500 pounds when 300 mt of the nontrawl quota remained. The 500-pound limit replaces the trip limit for sablefish smaller than 22 inches.
10/03/90	In order to reduce trawl sablefish landings so the trawl quota would not be exceeded, established a 15,000-pound trip limit on the deepwater complex (sablefish, Dover sole and thornyheads); allowed only one landing per week of the deepwater complex above 1,000 pounds; and maintained the current sablefish trip limit of 1,000 pounds or 25% of the deepwater complex, whichever is greater. Biweekly and twice weekly landing options are provided. The 5,000-pound trip limit for sablefish smaller than 22 inches remained in effect for landings made under the biweekly option.
01/01/91	Established a coast-wide weekly trawl trip for the deepwater complex (sablefish, Dover sole and thornyheads) of 27,500 pounds (including no more sablefish than 1,000 pounds or 25% of the deepwater complex, whichever is greater, and no more than 7,500 pounds of thornyheads). Only one landing above 4,000 pounds of deepwater complex per week. Biweekly and twice weekly options available. Of those sablefish taken under the weekly and biweekly trip limits, no more than 5,000 pounds of sablefish smaller than 22 inches (total length) may be taken per trip. All sablefish taken under the twice weekly limit may be smaller than 22 inches.

04/01/91	Revised nontrawl sablefish trip limit to a limit only on sablefish smaller than 22 inches (1,500 pounds or 3% of all sablefish on board, whichever is greater, effectively opening the nontrawl sablefish season.
05/24/91	Established a nontrawl trip limit of 500 pounds of sablefish.
07/07/91	Closed the nontrawl sablefish fishery because the nontrawl quota had been exceeded.
09/30/91	Established (by emergency regulation) a daily sablefish trip limit of 300 pounds for nontrawl gears.
01/01/92	For the deepwater complex (sablefish, Dover sole, and thornyheads), established a cumulative landing limit per specified 2-week period of 55,000 pounds of which no more than 25,000 pounds may be thornyheads. In any landing, no more than 25% of the deepwater complex may be sablefish, unless less than 1,000 pounds of sablefish are landed, in which case the percentage does not apply. In any landing, no more than 5,000 pounds of sablefish may be smaller than 22 inches (total length). For the nontrawl sablefish fishery, established a daily-trip-limit of 500 pounds from January 1 through February 29.
03/01/92	For the nontrawl sablefish fishery, establish a daily-trip-limit of 1,500 pounds from March 1 through March 31. However, if 440 mt is projected to be reached during this period, the daily-trip-limit may be reduced to 500 pounds through March 31.
04/01/92	Delay the opening of the nontrawl sablefish fishery until May 12 (Emergency Rule).
04/17/92	For the nontrawl sablefish fishery, reduced the daily-trip-limit to 250 pounds until the opening of the "regular" nontrawl sablefish season.
05/12/92	Established (by emergency regulation) the opening date of the "regular" nontrawl sablefish fishery.
05/27/92	Established a nontrawl daily-trip-limit of 250 pounds of sablefish.
01/01/93	For the deepwater complex (sablefish, Dover sole and thornyheads), established a cumulative landing limit per specified 2-week period of 45,000 pounds of which no more than 20,000 pounds may be thornyheads. In any landing, no more than 25% of the deepwater complex may be sablefish, unless less than 1,000 pounds of sablefish are landed, in which case the percentage does not apply. In any landing, no more than 5,000 pounds of sablefish may be smaller than 22 inches (TL). For the nontrawl sablefish fishery, established a daily-trip-limit of 250 pounds from January 1 through May 12.

04/01/93	Established a flexible starting date for the "regular" season for the fixed gear (nontrawl) sablefish fishery, including 72-hour closed periods both immediately before and immediately after the regular season. The flexible starting date will precede by 3 days the earliest sablefish fixed gear season in the Gulf of Alaska. For 1993, the season opened May 12.
04/21/93	Reduced the cumulative trip limit for the deepwater complex from 45,000 pounds per 2-week period to 60,000 pounds per 4-week period, while maintaining the trawl-caught sablefish limit at 25% of the deepwater complex per landing. Also reduced the thornyhead trip limit from 20,000 pounds cumulative per 2-week period to 35,000 pounds cumulative per 4-week period.
06/02/93	Closed the "regular season" for sablefish caught with nontrawl gear. On June 5, 1993, the 250-pound daily-trip-limit for sablefish caught with nontrawl gear was reimposed
09/08/93	Reduced the trip limit for trawl-caught sablefish to the greater of 1,000 pounds, or 25% of the deepwater complex not to exceed 3,000 pounds.
12/01/93	Reduced the cumulative trip limits for the Dover sole/thornyhead/trawl-caught sablefish (DTS) complex. The previous limit was 60,000 pounds per 4-week period, of which no more than 35,000 pounds could be thornyheads and, in any trip, the limit for trawl-caught sablefish was the greater of 1,000 pounds or 25% of the complex up to 3,000 pounds. The new limit allows no more than 5,000 pounds of species in the DTS complex to be taken, retained, possessed or landed per vessel per trip, of which no more than 1,000 pounds may be sablefish. Only one landing of fish in the DTS complex may be made in any 1-week period.
01/01/94	For the DTS complex established a cumulative limit of 50,000 pounds per month of which no more than 30,000 pounds may be thornyheads and no more than 12,000 pounds may be trawl-caught sablefish. The sablefish trip limit is 1,000 pounds or 25% of the DTS complex, whichever is greater, and applies to each trip. Management of the sablefish fishery north of the 36°N latitude (the northern boundary of the Conception area), deduct 300 mt from the 7,000 mt harvest guideline for the northwest Washington treaty Indian tribes and allocate the remaining 6,070 mt between the limited entry and open access fisheries. The limited entry portion is allocated 3,520 mt (58%) to trawl gear and 2,550 mt (42%) to pot and longline gears. Nontrawl sablefish daily-trip-limit of 250 pounds north of 36°N latitude and 350 pounds south of 36°N latitude through May 11, 1994. Only one landing of sablefish caught with nontrawl gear may be made per day, coast-wide. (The regular season started May 15, following a 72-hour closure May 12-14.). Sablefish daily limit of 250 pounds north of 36°N latitude and 350 pounds south of 36°N latitude. Limit of one landing of sablefish per vessel per day.

05/15/94	Opened regular season for the nontrawl sablefish fishery off Washington, Oregon, and California for limited entry permitted vessels with longline and/or pot endorsements. Current trip limits continued until 0001 hours (local time) May 12, 1994, which marked the beginning of a 72-hour closure of the fishery for vessels operating in the regular season. Effective May 15, 1994 at 0001 hours (local time), the only trip limit in effect for sablefish caught with nontrawl gear is 1,500 pounds or 3% of all legal sablefish on board, whichever is greater, for sablefish smaller than 22 inches. Sablefish trip limits for open access gears did not change.
06/04/94	Closed nontrawl sablefish limited entry fishery off Washington, Oregon and California with a 72-hour closure beginning at 0001 hours (local time) June 4 and ending at 2400 hours (local time) June 6. During the closure, the taking and retaining, possessing or landing of sablefish taken with nontrawl gear by a vessel operating in the limited entry fishery was prohibited.
07/01/94	Reduced the trip limits for Dover sole, thornyheads, and trawl-caught sablefish (DTS complex) in the groundfish fishery off Washington, Oregon and California. The new cumulative limit is 30,000 pounds of the DTS complex per vessel per calendar month, of which no more than 8,000 pounds may be thornyheads and no more than 6,000 pounds may be trawl-caught sablefish. In any trip, no more than 1,000 pounds or 33.333% of the legal thornyheads and Dover sole, whichever is greater, may be trawl-caught sablefish smaller than 22 inches. (This is the equivalent of 25% of the DTS complex.)
12/01/94	Prohibited all commercial sablefish fishing north of 36°N latitude.
01/01/95	Established a cumulative DTS limit of 35,000 pounds per month north of Cape Mendocino and 50,000 pounds per month south of Cape Mendocino. Within the DTS complex limit not more than 20,000 pounds may be thornyheads, of which not more than 4,000 pounds per month may be shortspine thornyhead. For trawl-caught sablefish the cumulative limit is 6,000 pounds per month including a trip limit of 1,000 pounds or 25% of the DTS complex, whichever is greater, per trip. In any landing, no more than 500 pounds of sablefish may be smaller than 22 inches. Sablefish for management of the sablefish fishery north of the 36°N latitude (the northern boundary of the Conception area), deduct 780 mt from the 7,100 mt harvest guideline for the northwest Washington treaty Indian tribes and allocate the remaining 6,320 mt between the limited entry and open access fisheries. The limited entry portion is allocated 3,420 mt (58%) to trawl gear and 2,480 mt (42%) to pot and longline gears. Nontrawl sablefish daily-trip-limit of 300 pounds north of 36°N latitude and 350 pounds south of 36°N latitude. Only one landing of sablefish caught with nontrawl gear may be made per day, coast-wide. (The regular season started August 6, following a 24 to 72 hour closure). Sablefish daily limit of 300 pounds north of 36°N latitude and 350 pounds south of 36°N latitude. Limit of one landing of sablefish per vessel per day, and daily-trip-limits may not be accumulated.

02/17/95	Delayed the opening of the 1995 regular nontrawl sablefish season until completion of the proposed regulation to modify the season opening date and management structure. (Under the framework regulation currently governing the fishery, the nontrawl sablefish regular season would start February 26, preceded by a 72-hour closure beginning February 23. This regulation tied the opening date to the Alaska season, which was changed to open March 1.)
05/01/95	Increased the harvest guideline for sablefish by 700 mt to 7,800 mt to correct 1994 landings estimate. The open access allocation becomes 463 mt. The limited entry allocation becomes 6,557 mt with 3,803 mt (58%) allocated to trawl gear and 2,754 mt (42%) allocated to nontrawl gears. The cumulative monthly limit for trawl-caught sablefish increased from 6,000 to 7,000 pounds.
07/01/95	Dover sole, thornyheads, and trawl-caught sablefish (DTS) complex: cumulative limit of 35,000 pounds per month north of Cape Mendocino, California and 50,000 pounds per month south of Cape Mendocino; within the DTS complex limit, not more than 20,000 pounds may be thornyheads, of which not more than 4,000 pounds per month may be shortspine thornyhead. For trawl-caught sablefish, the cumulative limit is 6,000 pounds per month including a trip limit of 1,000 pounds or 25% of the DTS complex, whichever is greater, per trip. In any landing, no more than 500 pounds of sablefish may be smaller than 22 inches.
07/14/95	Removed the trip limit that required trawl-caught sablefish to comprise no more than 1,000 pounds or one third of the Dover sole and thornyheads. The 7,000-pound monthly cumulative trip limit, which includes a limit of 500 pounds of sablefish smaller than 22 inches per trip, remains in effect. Delayed the opening date of the limited entry nontrawl sablefish regular season and establish a new season structure. The regular season will begin on August 6 and is designed to close when 70% of the limited entry nontrawl harvest guideline is reached. Due to the short nature of the fishery, the closing date will be determined and announced in advance. The 1995 closure date was August 13 at noon. Prior to the start of the season, sablefish taken with fixed gear in the limited entry or open access fishery may not be retained from noon August 3 until noon August 6. In addition, all fixed gear (open access and limited entry) used to take and retain groundfish must be out of the water from noon August 3 until noon August 6, except that pot gear may be baited and deployed after noon on August 5. When the regular season ends at noon August 13, the daily-trip-limit will be reestablished. About 3 weeks after the end of the regular season, if an adequate amount of the nontrawl allocation remains, the limited entry fishery may resume for a one-month mop-up season under a cumulative monthly trip limit for each vessel. This would be followed by resumption of the small daily-trip-limits.
08/06/95	The regular nontrawl sablefish season opened at noon, August 6. During the regular season, the only trip limit in effect applies to sablefish smaller than 22 inches (56 cm) total length, which prohibits taking and retaining, possessing, or landing more than 1,500 pounds (680 kg) or 3% of all sablefish on board, whichever is greater, and applies per vessel per trip.

09/01/95	Established a one-month cumulative trip limit of 5,500 pounds of sablefish per vessel with a valid limited entry permit with longline or pot endorsement. On October 1, 1995 the daily-trip-limit of 300 pounds (350 pounds in the Conception management area) resumes.
09/08/95	The trawl minimum mesh size now applies throughout the net. Removed the legal distinction between bottom and roller trawls and the requirement for continuous riblines. Clarified the distinction between bottom and pelagic (midwater) trawls. Modified chafing gear requirements. Changed the term "doubleply mesh" to "double-bar mesh."
11/30/95	Prohibited further landings of thornyheads and trawl-caught sablefish for the remainder of the year and reduce the cumulative monthly limit of Dover sole to 3,000 pounds per vessel.
01/01/96	Established cumulative vessel limits for specified 2-month periods rather than 1-month periods, with the target harvest level per month being 50% of the 2-month limit. However, vessels could land as much as 60% of the 2-month limit in either of the two months, so long as the total did not exceed the specified limit.
01/01/96	Established a cumulative DTS limit of 70,000 pounds per two month period north of Cape Mendocino and 100,000 pounds per month south of Cape Mendocino. Within the DTS complex not more than 20,000 pounds may be thornyheads, of which not more than 4,000 pounds per two months may be shortspine thornyhead. For trawl-caught sablefish the cumulative limit is 12,000 pounds per 2-months. For trawl-caught sablefish, the cumulative limit is 12,000 pounds per 2-months. In any landing, no more than 500 pounds of sablefish may be smaller than 22 inches. Nontrawl sablefish outside the regular derby and mop-up seasons, a daily-trip-limit of 300 pounds north of 36°N latitude and 350 pounds south of 36°N latitude. Only one landing of sablefish caught with nontrawl gear may be made per day, coast-wide. During the derby and mop-up seasons, there is a per trip limit on the amount of sablefish that may be smaller than 22 inches total length (or 15.5 inches heads off): the amount of small sablefish may not exceed 1,500 pounds round weight or 3% of the sablefish larger than 22 inches, whichever is greater. 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 the purposes of applying the trip limit; the PRR currently is 1.6 in Washington, Oregon, and California. Sablefish daily limit of 300 pounds north of 36°N latitude and 350 pounds south of 36°N latitude. Limit of one landing of sablefish per vessel per day, and daily-trip-limits may not be accumulated.
04/15/96	Delay the opening date of the regular limited entry nontrawl sablefish fishery (derby) from August 6 to September 1.
05/03/96	Prohibited further landings of thornyheads by vessels fishing with open access gear and landing north of Point Conception; established a cumulative monthly limit of 2,100 pounds of sablefish for vessels fishing with open access gear north of the Conception management area (i.e., north of 36°N latitude). The 300-pound daily-trip-limit remained in effect.

09/06/96	Closed the limited entry nontrawl sablefish derby at noon by re-establishing the 300-pound daily-trip-limit north of 36°N latitude and 350-pound daily-trip-limit south of 36°N latitude.
01/01/97	Established a cumulative DTS limit of 70,000 pounds per two months period north of Cape Mendocino and 100,000 pounds per month south of Cape Mendocino. Within the DTS complex not more than 20,000 pounds may be thornyheads, of which not more than 4,000 pounds per two months may be shortspine thornyhead. For trawl-caught sablefish the cumulative limit is 12,000 pounds per 2-months. For Dover sole north of Cape Mendocino the cumulative limit is 38,000 pounds per two months. In any landing, no more than 500 pounds of sablefish may be smaller than 22 inches. Nontrawl sablefish in 1997 the derby north of 36°N latitude will be replaced by a 3-week cumulative limit that will open sometime between August 1 and September 30. A sablefish endorsement will be required for participation in the cumulative fishery, and vessels without endorsements may not fish for or land sablefish during the 3-week season or subsequent mop-up season, if any. There will be a 48-hour closure before and after the three-week season. Outside the 3-week cumulative season, the mop-up season and associated closures, there will be a daily-trip-limit of 300 pounds (round weight), and only one landing of sablefish caught with nontrawl gear may be made per day. South of 36°N latitude there will be no cumulative or mop-up seasons; there will be a daily-trip-limit of 350 pounds (round weight), and only one landing of sablefish caught with nontrawl gear may be made per day. During the 3-week cumulative and mop-up seasons north of 36°N latitude, there is a per trip limit on the amount of sablefish that may be smaller than 22 inches total length (or 15.5 inches heads off): the amount of small sablefish may not exceed 1,500 pounds round weight or 3% of the sablefish larger than 22 inches, whichever is greater. 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 the purposes of applying the trip limit; the PRR currently is 1.6 in Washington, Oregon, and California. Sablefish daily limit of 300 pounds north of 36°N latitude and 350 pounds south of 36°N latitude. Limit of one landing of sablefish per vessel per day, and daily-trip-limits may not be accumulated. North of 36°N latitude, there will also be a cumulative limit of 1,500 pounds per month.
05/01/97	Reduced the DTS complex cumulative 2-month limit for Dover sole north of Cape Mendocino to 30,000 pounds. Reduced the overall limit of thornyheads to 15,000 pounds and reduced the two-month cumulative limit on shortspines to 3,000 pounds. The cumulative limit for DTS complex was reduced to 57,000 pounds per two months north of Cape Mendocino.
07/01/97	Reduced monthly cumulative limit for fixed gear sablefish daily-trip-limit fishery North of 36°N latitude from 5,100 pounds to 600 pounds. Reduced the cumulative limit for fixed gear sablefish open-access north of 36°N latitude from 1,500 pounds to 600 pounds.
07/28/97	Requirement for a sablefish endorsement on limited entry permits for permit holders to participate in the regular and mop-up limited entry fixed gear sablefish fishery north of 36°N latitude.

08/22/97	Set dates for the 1997 fixed gear limited entry sablefish season for August 25 at noon through September 3 at noon, with an equal cumulative limit of 34,100 pounds and a pre-and post season 48 hour closure. For 1998 and beyond, a framework is established that allows the start date of the regular, north of 36°N latitude limited entry fixed gear sablefish season to be set for any day from August 1 through September 30.
09/01/97	Changed from two month cumulative limits to one month cumulative limits for Dover sole, thornyheads, and trawl-caught sablefish. Authorized fixed gear sablefish fishers in the daily-trip-limit fishery South of 36°N latitude to make one landing per week above the 350-pound daily-trip-limit but not more than 1,050 pounds (this was designed to help vessels making longer trips reduce their discard). A fisher may not make a landing larger than 350 pounds and then continue to land sablefish under the daily-trip-limit for the rest of the week.
10/01/97	Reduced the monthly limit of DTS complex to 11,000 pounds north of Cape Mendocino and 38,500 pounds south of Cape Mendocino. Within these limits, no more than 1,500 pounds could be Dover sole north of Cape Mendocino, and 30,000 pounds south of Cape Mendocino; no more than 2,000 pounds coast wide could be trawl-caught sablefish; and no more than 7,500 pounds coast wide could be thornyheads. No more than 1,500 pounds of the thornyheads could be shortspine thornyheads. Fixed gear limited entry sablefish mop-up season begins October 1 at noon through October 15 at noon. Vessels may land one cumulative limit of 8,500 pounds. Following the mop-up fishery, fixed-gear limited entry daily-trip-limits will be 300 pounds per day, with an increased 1,500-pound monthly limit. Open-Access Sablefish increased the open-access monthly cumulative limit to 1,500 pounds.
01/01/98	Established coast wide cumulative limit of 40,000 pounds of Dover sole in the January-February period and 18,000 pounds per two-month period thereafter; not more than 5,000 pounds of sablefish, not more than 10,000 pounds of longspine thornyheads, and not more than 4,000 pounds of shortspine thornyhead. Nontrawl sablefish: North of 36°N latitude, a daily-trip-limit of 300 pounds (round weight) and a cumulative limit of 1,500 pounds per two-month period. Only one landing of sablefish caught with nontrawl gear may be made per day. South of 36°N latitude there will be no cumulative or mop-up seasons; there is a daily-trip-limit of 350 pounds (round weight), and only one landing of sablefish caught with nontrawl gear may be made per day. Open access gear: daily limit of 300 pounds north of 36°N latitude and 350 pounds south of 36°N latitude. Limit of one landing of sablefish per vessel per day, and daily-trip-limits may not be accumulated. North of 36°N latitude, there is a cumulative limit of 600 pounds per two-month period.

05/01/98	Increased the 2-month cumulative limit for Dover sole to 22,000 pounds, for longspine thornyheads to 12,000 pounds, for shortspine thornyheads to 5,000 pounds, and for trawl-caught sablefish to 6,000 pounds. The overall DTS complex cumulative limit was removed. Fixed Gear Sablefish: North of 36°N lat., increased the cumulative limit to 1,800 pounds per 2-month period, but retained the 300-pound daily limit. South of 36°N lat., gave fishers the option to choose each week to make daily landings of sablefish of up to 350 pounds, per day, or make a single landing above 350 pounds, but not exceeding 1,050 pounds (effective May 3). Fixed gear sablefish: north of 36°N Lat: increased the 2-month cumulative limit to 700 pounds.
07/01/98	Open Access Fixed Gear Sablefish: increased the 2-month cumulative north of 36°N lat. to 1,800 pounds.
09/01/98	All limited entry cumulative limits became monthly limits
10/01/98	Trawl-caught Sablefish: increased monthly limit to 5,000 pounds. Fixed-Gear Sablefish: increased the 2 month cumulative limit to 2,700 pounds; on November 1, instituted 1,500-pound monthly limit.
11/01/98	Fixed-Gear Sablefish: changed to monthly limit, instituted 1,500-pound monthly limit.
01/01/99	A new three-phase cumulative limit period system was introduced. Phase 1 is a single cumulative limit period that is three months long, from January 1- March 31. Phase 2 has three separate 2-month cumulative limit periods of April 1- May 31, June 1-July 31, and August 1- September 30. Phase 3 has three separate 1-month cumulative limit periods of October 1-31, November 1-30, and December 1-31. For all species except POP and bocaccio, there was no monthly limit within the cumulative landing limit periods. An option was available to apply cumulative trip limits lagged by 2 weeks (from the 16 th to the 15 th) to limited entry trawl vessels when their permits were renewed for 1999. Vessels authorized to operate in this "B" platoon could take and retain, but not land, groundfish during January 1-15, 1999. Trawl-caught Sablefish: Phase 1: 13,000 pounds per period; Phase 2: 10,000 pounds per period; Phase 3: 6,000 pounds per period. At any time of year unless otherwise announced, no more than 500 pounds per trip may be trawl-caught sablefish smaller than 22 inches total length. 22 inches total length is equivalent to 15.5 inches headed; processed weight will be converted to round weight using the States' conversion factor of 1.6. Nontrawl Sablefish: north of 36°N latitude, a daily trip limit of 300 pounds and a cumulative trip limit of 2,400 pounds per 2-month period; south of 36°N latitude, the daily trip limit is either (1) 350 pounds with no cumulative limit on the amount of sablefish that may be retained in a month; or (2) one landing of sablefish per week above 350 pounds, but not to exceed 1,050 pounds. Only one landing of sablefish caught with nontrawl gear may be made per day coast-wide, and daily trip limits may not be accumulated. A limited entry permit holder must have a permit with a sablefish endorsement to participate in either the regular or mop-up seasons. Open access gear: North of 36°N latitude, 300 pounds per day, 1,800 pounds per 2 month period. 2 month periods for sablefish landings are January 1 - February 28; March 1 - April 30; May 1 - June 30;

July 1 - August 31; September 1 - October 31; November 1 - December 31. South of 36°N latitude, 350 pounds per day.

05/01/99	Trawl-caught Sablefish: 2-month cumulative trip limit for the period April 1 through May 31 increased from 10,000 pounds to 12,000 pounds. Beginning June 1, 2-month cumulative trawl-caught sablefish trip limit will revert to 10,000 pounds.
07/02/99	Fixed-gear Sablefish: daily trip limit continues to be 300 pounds, but the 2-month cumulative trip limit for the period July 1 through August 31 increased from 2,400 pounds to 4,200 pounds. Beginning September 1, the 2-month cumulative trip limit will be converted to a 1-month cumulative trip limit of 2,100 pounds. Open Access: daily trip limit continues to be 300 pounds, but the 2-month cumulative trip limit for the period July 1 through August 31 increased from 1,800 pounds to 3,000 pounds. Beginning September 1, the 2-month cumulative trip limit will be converted to a 1-month cumulative trip limit of 1,500 pounds.

08/16/99	<p>Tiered cumulative limit fishery ("regular season"): limited entry, fixed gear sablefish fishery off Washington, Oregon, and California, north of 36°N latitude, regular season begins at noon on August 16 and ends at noon on August 25. Only limited entry permit holders with sablefish endorsements may participate in the regular season. A participant in the regular sablefish season may catch no more than the amount associated with the tier assigned to his permit. The cumulative landings limits associated with each tier are: 84,800 pounds for Tier 1; 38,300 pounds for Tier 2, and 22,000 pounds for Tier 3 (all limits are round weight). No vessel may catch more than one cumulative limit. Aside from the overall tiered cumulative limits for the regular season, the only trip limit in effect is for sablefish smaller than 22 inches total length, which may comprise no more than 1,500 pounds or 3% of all legal sablefish 22 inches or larger, whichever is greater. This limit applies per vessel per trip.</p>
01/01/00	<p>New cumulative trip limit periods were defined as follows: A cumulative trip limit is the maximum amount that may be taken and retained, possessed, or landed per vessel in a specified period of time without a limit on the number of landings or trips, unless otherwise specified. The minimum size limit for headed sablefish, which corresponds to 22 in. (56 cm) TL for whole fish, is 15.5 in. (39 cm). Trawl trip limits for the year were set at 7,000 pounds bimonthly for January-March, 10,000 pounds bimonthly for May-October, and 3,500 pounds bimonthly for November-December. The trip limits for limited-entry fixed gear for North of 36°N latitude were set at 300 pounds per day and 2,100 pounds bimonthly for January-April or one landing above 300 pounds but less than 600 pounds per week and less than 1,800 pounds bimonthly, and 300 pounds per day and 2,100 pounds bimonthly for May-December. The trip limits for limited-entry fixed gear for South of 36°N latitude were set at 350 pounds per day or 1 landing above 350 pounds per week; up to 1,050 pounds for January-December. The trip limits for the open access gear (except exempted trawl gear) for North of 36°N latitude were set at 300 pounds per day, but not more than 2,100 pounds bimonthly for January-December. The trip limits for the open access gear (except exempted trawl gear) for South of 36°N latitude were set at 350 pounds per day for January-December.</p>
01/01/01	<p>DTS complex. For 2001, differential trip limits are introduced for the DTS complex== (Dover sole, shortspine thornyhead, longspine thornyhead, sablefish) north and south of the management line at 40°10'N lat. Vessels operating in the limited entry trawl fishery are subject to crossover provisions when making landings that include any one of the four species in the DTS complex. [Example: The January-February cumulative limit for Dover sole north of 40°10' N lat. is 65,000 lb (29,484 kg) and the cumulative limit for sablefish in that same period and area is 5,000 lb (2,268 kg), while the cumulative limits south of 40°10' N lat. are 35,000 lb (15,876 kg) for Dover sole and 8,000 lb (3,629 kg) for sablefish. Under the crossover provisions, a vessel may not take and retain Dover sole north of 40°10'N lat. and then travel south of 40°10'N lat. in that same 2-month period to take and retain the higher sablefish limit in the south.</p>
05/01/00	<p>Limited Entry and Open Access Non-Trawl fisheries: north of 36°N lat., the 2-month cumulative trip limit for sablefish is increased from 2,100 lb to 2,400 lb. The 300 lb daily trip limit remains in effect.</p>

	<p>Sablefish tier limits for the sablefish endorsed limited entry fixed gear permit holders were 81,000, 37,000, and 21,000 pounds for Tiers 1, 2, and 3, respectively.</p>
07/17/00	<p>Limited Entry and Open Access Non-Trawl Fisheries north of 36°N lat.: 2-month cumulative trip limit for sablefish is increased from 2,400 lb to 3,300 lb. The 300 lb daily trip limit remains in effect. Details for the limited entry, primary fixed gear sablefish fishery will be announced via a separate public notice, to follow immediately.</p>
10/02/00	<p>Limited entry trawl fishery, the 2-month cumulative trip limit is increased from 10,000 to 12,000 lb for the September to October period beginning October 2, 2000, and then changes to a 1-month limit of 6,000 lb for the November and December periods. The per-trip limit of 500 lb for sablefish smaller than 22 inches is removed for the remainder of the year. Limited entry fixed gear daily trip limit fishery north of 36°N lat., the 2-month cumulative trip limit increases from 3,300 lb to 8,000 lb, beginning October 2, 2000, and continuing through the end of the year. The daily trip limit is increased to either: (1) 400 lb per day, or (2) one landing of sablefish per week above 400 lb, but not to exceed 1,000 lb. A vessel may not use both options in one week. A week is seven days, Sunday through Saturday. Open access, daily trip limit fisheries, the 2-month cumulative limit is removed, beginning October 2, 2000. The daily trip limit is increased to either: (1) 300 lb per day or (2) one landing of sablefish per week above 300 lb, but not to exceed 1,200 lb. A vessel may not use both options in one week. A week is seven days, Sunday through Saturday.</p>
01/01/01	<p>The size limit for trawlers and limited entry, fixed-gear regular and mop-up sablefish fisheries has been eliminated. DTS complex. For 2001, differential trip limits are introduced for the DTS complex: (Dover sole, shortspine thornyhead, longspine thornyhead, sablefish) north and south of the management line at 40°10'N. lat. Vessels operating in the limited entry trawl fishery are subject to crossover provisions when making landings that include any one of the four species in the DTS complex. [Example: The January-February cumulative limit for Dover sole north of 40°10'N. lat. is 65,000 lb (29,484 kg) and the cumulative limit for sablefish in that same period and area is 5,000 lb (2,268 kg), while the cumulative limits south of 40°10'N. lat. are 35,000 lb (15,876 kg) for Dover sole and 8,000 lb (3,629 kg) for sablefish. Under the crossover provisions, a vessel may not take and retain Dover sole north of 40°10'N. lat. and then travel south of 40°10'N. lat. in that same 2-month period to take and retain the higher sablefish limit in the south.]. The limited entry sablefish allocation is further allocated 58% to trawl gear and 42% to nontrawl gear. Nontrawl trip and size limits: To take, retain, possess, or land sablefish during the regular, or mop-up season for the nontrawl limited entry sablefish fishery, the owner of a vessel must hold a limited entry permit for that vessel, affixed with both a gear endorsement for longline or trap (or pot) gear, and a sablefish endorsement. See 50 CFR 663.23(a)(2)(i). A sablefish endorsement is not required to participate in the limited entry daily trip limit fishery.</p> <p>Sablefish tier limits for the sablefish endorsed limited entry fixed gear permit holders were 57,000, 26,000, and 15,000 pounds for Tiers 1, 2, and 3, respectively.</p>

10/01/01	Taking and retaining, possessing or landing was prohibited by limited entry trawl for the DTS complex coast-wide
2001 final	<p>The fishery was closed during October-November and there was a 1,000-pound per trip limit during December. In the northern area the limits for sablefish taken by limited-entry trawl gear were set at 300 daily and 2,700 pounds bimonthly for January-June, 300 daily, 900 weekly and 3,600 pounds bimonthly for July-August, and 300 daily, 900 weekly, and 1,800 pounds bimonthly for September-December. In the southern area the limits for sablefish taken by limited-entry trawl gear were set at 350 daily and 1,050 pounds weekly for January-December. In the northern area the limits for sablefish taken by the open access fishery were set at 300 daily and 2,700 pounds bimonthly for January-June, 300 daily, 800 weekly, and 4,800 pounds bimonthly for July-August, and 300 daily, 800 weekly, and 2,400 pounds bimonthly for September-December. In the southern area the limits for sablefish taken by the open access fishery were set at 350 pounds daily for January-December.</p>
2002 final	<p>In the northern area the limits for sablefish taken by large-footrope trawls were 6,000 pounds bimonthly for January-April, 3,500 pounds bimonthly for May-June, 3,000 pound bimonthly for July-August, 3,500 pounds bimonthly for September-October, and 2,600 pounds bimonthly for November-December. In the southern area the limits for sablefish taken were 4,500 pounds bimonthly for January-December. In the northern area the limits for sablefish taken by limited-entry trawl gear were set at 300 daily, 800 weekly, and 2,400 pounds bimonthly for January-September, and 300 daily, 900 weekly and 2,700 pounds for October and bimonthly for November-December. In the southern area the limits for sablefish taken by limited-entry trawl gear were set at 350 daily and 1,050 pounds weekly for January-April, and 300 daily and 900 pounds weekly for May-December. In the northern area the limits for sablefish taken by the open access fishery were set at 300 daily, 800 weekly, and 2,400 pounds bimonthly for January-September, and 300 daily, 900 weekly, and 2,700 pounds for October and bimonthly for November-December. In the southern area the limits for sablefish taken by the open access fishery were set at 350 daily and 1,050 pounds weekly for January-April, and 300 daily and 900 pounds weekly for May-December.</p> <p>Sablefish tier limits for the sablefish endorsed limited entry fixed gear permit holders were 36,000, 16,500, and 9,500 pounds for Tiers 1, 2, and 3, respectively.</p>

2003 final	<p>In the northern area the limits for sablefish taken by large-footrope trawls were 6,000 pounds bimonthly for January-April, 10,000 pounds bimonthly for May-June, 9,000 pounds bimonthly for July-October, and 7,000 pounds bimonthly for November-December. The limits for sablefish taken by small-footrope trawls and selective gear were 6,000 pounds bimonthly for January-April, 3,000 pounds bimonthly for May-October, and 7,000 pounds bimonthly for November-December. In the southern area the limits for sablefish taken were 6,000 pounds bimonthly for January-April, 10,000 May-June, 9,000 pounds bimonthly for July-October, and 7,000 pounds bimonthly for November-December. In the northern area the limits for sablefish taken by limited-entry trawl gear were set at 300 daily, 800 weekly, and 3,200 pounds bimonthly for January-October, and 300 daily, 900 weekly and 3,600 pounds bimonthly for November-December. In the southern area the limits for sablefish taken by limited-entry trawl gear were set at 350 daily and 1,050 pounds weekly for January-December. In the northern area the limits for sablefish taken by the open access fishery were set at 300 daily, 800 weekly, and 3,200 pounds bimonthly for January-October, and 300 daily, 900 weekly, and 3,600 pounds for November-December. In the southern area the limits for sablefish taken by the open access fishery were set at 350 daily and 1,050 pounds weekly for January-December.</p> <p>Sablefish tier limits for the sablefish endorsed limited entry fixed gear permit holders were 53,000, 24,000, and 14,000 pounds for Tiers 1, 2, and 3, respectively.</p>
2004 final	<p>In the northern area the limits for sablefish taken by large-footrope trawls were 9,300 pounds bimonthly for January-April, 16,000 pounds bimonthly for May-August, and 17,000 pounds bimonthly for September-December. The limits for sablefish taken by small-footrope trawls and selective gear were 2,000 pounds bimonthly for January-April, 10,000 pounds bimonthly for May-August, and 17,000 pounds bimonthly for September-December. In the southern area the limits for sablefish taken were 11,250 pounds bimonthly for January-April, 14,500 pounds bimonthly for May-June, 13,000 pounds bimonthly for July-August, and 17,000 pounds bimonthly for September-December. In the northern area the limits for sablefish taken by limited-entry trawl gear were set at 300 daily, 900 weekly, and 3,600 pounds bimonthly for January-December. In the southern area the limits for sablefish taken by limited-entry trawl gear were set at 350 daily and 1,050 pounds weekly for January-December. In the northern area the limits for sablefish taken by the open access fishery were set at 300 daily, 900 weekly, and 3,600 pounds bimonthly for January-December. In the southern area the limits for sablefish taken by the open access fishery were set at 350 daily and 1,050 pounds weekly for January-December.</p> <p>Sablefish tier limits for the sablefish endorsed limited entry fixed gear permit holders were 64,300, 29,200, and 16,700 pounds for Tiers 1, 2, and 3, respectively.</p>
03/11/05	<p>The sablefish tier 1 limit was reduced from 64,100 pounds to 64,000 pounds.</p> <p>Sablefish tier limits for the sablefish endorsed limited entry fixed gear permit holders were 64,000, 29,100, and 16,600 pounds for Tiers 1, 2, and 3, respectively.</p>
06/17/05	<p>Increased limited entry trawl trip limits for longspine and shortspine thornyheads, sablefish, and slope rockfish.</p>

09/23/05	Increase the trawl RCA to 0-250 fm north of 36°N lat. and 50-250 fm south of 36°N lat. with changes in Dover sole, thornyhead, and sablefish limited entry trawl trip limits to respond to conservation concerns for petrale sole and canary rockfish. Increase the trawl RCA to 0-250 fm north of 36°N lat. and 50-250 fm south of 36° N lat. with changes in Dover sole, thornyhead, and sablefish limited entry trawl trip limits to respond to conservation concerns for petrale sole and canary rockfish.
2005 final	In the northern area the limits for sablefish taken by large-footrope trawls were 9,500 pounds bimonthly for January-April, 17,000 pounds bimonthly for May-June, 18,000 pounds bimonthly for July-October, and 11,000 pounds bimonthly for November-December. The limits for sablefish taken by small-footrope trawls and selective gear were 1,500 pounds bimonthly for January-February, 10,000 pounds bimonthly for March-June, 15,000 pounds bimonthly for July-October, and 11,000 pounds bimonthly for November-December. In the southern area the limits for sablefish taken were 14,000 pounds bimonthly for January-June, 16,000 pounds bimonthly for July-October, and 9,000 pounds bimonthly for November-December. In the northern area the limits for sablefish taken by limited-entry trawl gear were set at 300 daily, 900 weekly, and 3,600 pounds bimonthly for January-August and monthly for September, and 500 daily, 1,500 weekly and 9,000 pounds October and bimonthly for November-December. In the southern area the limits for sablefish taken by limited-entry trawl gear were set at 350 daily and 1,050 pounds weekly for January-December. In the northern area the limits for sablefish taken by the open access fishery were set at 300 daily, 900 weekly, and 3,600 pounds bimonthly for January-August and monthly for September, and 500 daily, 1,500 weekly, and 9,000 pounds for October and bimonthly November-December. In the southern area the limits for sablefish taken by the open access fishery were set at 350 daily and 1,050 pounds weekly for January-December.
09/19/06	Close the open access daily trip limit fishery north of 36°N lat. for sablefish on October 1.

2006 final	<p>In the northern area the limits for sablefish taken by large-footrope trawls were 7,000 pounds monthly for January-February, 14,000 pounds bimonthly for March-April, and 20,000 pounds bimonthly for May-December. The limits for sablefish taken by small-footrope trawls and selective gear were 2,500 pounds monthly for January-February, 7,000 pounds bimonthly for March-April, 13,500 pounds bimonthly for May-August, 7,000 pounds bimonthly for September-October, and 5,000 pounds bimonthly for November-December. In the southern area the limits for sablefish taken were 8,500 pounds monthly for January-February, 17,000 pounds bimonthly for March-October, and 20,000 pounds bimonthly for November-December. In the northern area the limits for sablefish taken by limited-entry trawl gear were set at 300 daily, 1,000 weekly, and 5,000 pounds bimonthly for January-December. In the southern area the limits for sablefish taken by limited-entry trawl gear were set at 350 daily and 1,050 pounds weekly for January-August, 350 daily and 1,050 pounds weekly for September, 500 daily and 1,050 pounds weekly for October, 500 daily and 1,050 pounds weekly for November, and 300 daily, 1,050 weekly and 3,000 pounds for December. In the northern area the limits for sablefish taken by the open access fishery were set at 300 daily, 1,000 weekly, and 5,000 pounds bimonthly for January-April, 300 daily, 1,000 weekly and 3,000 pounds bimonthly for May-August and for the month of September, and was closed from October-December. In the southern area the limits for sablefish taken by the open access fishery were set at 350 daily and 1,050 pounds weekly for January-August, 350 daily and 1,050 pounds weekly for September, 500 daily and 1,050 pounds weekly for October-November, and 300 daily, 1,050 weekly, and 3,000 pounds for December.</p> <p>Sablefish tier limits for the sablefish endorsed limited entry fixed gear permit holders were 62,700, 28,500, and 16,300 pounds for Tiers 1, 2, and 3, respectively.</p>
11/16/07	<p>The Council adopted the following exempted fishing permits (EFP) and bycatch caps for 2008: 50 mt (20 mt before July 1 and 30 mt after July 1) for The Nature Conservancy and Environmental Defense.</p>
2007 final	<p>In the northern area the limits for sablefish taken by large-footrope trawls were 13,000 pounds bimonthly for January-April, 15,000 pounds bimonthly for May-August, 22,000 pounds bimonthly for September-October, and 30,000 pounds bimonthly for November-December. The limits for sablefish taken by small-footrope trawls and selective gear were 5,000 pounds bimonthly for January-February, 8,000 pounds bimonthly for March-April, and 5,000 pounds bimonthly for May-December. In the southern area the limits for sablefish taken were 14,000 pounds bimonthly for January-August, 22,000 pounds bimonthly for September-October, and 30,000 pounds bimonthly for November-December. In the northern area the limits for sablefish taken by limited-entry trawl gear were set at 300 daily, 1,000 weekly, and 5,000 pounds bimonthly for January-December. In the southern area the limits for sablefish taken by limited-entry trawl gear were set at 350 daily and 1,050 pounds weekly for January-December. In the northern area the limits for sablefish taken by the open access fishery were set at 300 daily, 700 weekly, and 2,100 pounds bimonthly for January-December. In the southern area the limits for sablefish taken by the open access fishery were set at 300 daily and 700 pounds weekly for January-July, and 350 daily and 1,050 pounds weekly for August-December.</p>

	<p>Sablefish tier limits for the sablefish endorsed limited entry fixed gear permit holders were 48,500, 22,000, and 12,500 pounds for Tiers 1, 2, and 3, respectively.</p>
09/22/08	<p>The Council adopted a 165 mt sablefish cap for this EFP next year.</p>
2008 final	<p>In the northern area the limits for sablefish taken by large-footrope trawls were 14,000 pounds bimonthly for January-April, 19,000 pounds bimonthly for May-June, 24,000 pounds bimonthly for September-October, and 19,000 pounds bimonthly for November-December. The limits for sablefish taken by small-footrope trawls and selective gear were 5,000 pounds bimonthly for January-June and 7,000 pounds bimonthly for July-December. In the southern area the limits for sablefish taken were 14,000 pounds bimonthly for January-April, 19,000 pounds bimonthly for May-June, 24,000 pounds bimonthly for September-October, and 19,000 pounds bimonthly for November-December. In the northern area the limits for sablefish taken by limited-entry trawl gear were set at 300 daily, 1,000 weekly, and 5,000 pounds bimonthly for January-June, 500 daily, 1,000 weekly, and 5,000 pounds bimonthly for July-October, and 500 daily, 1,000 weekly, and 6,500 pounds bimonthly for November-December. In the southern area the limits for sablefish taken by limited-entry trawl gear were set at 350 daily and 1,050 pounds weekly for January-December. In the northern area the limits for sablefish taken by the open access fishery were set at 300 daily, 800 weekly, and 2,400 pounds bimonthly for January-April, 300 daily, 800 weekly, and 2,200 pounds bimonthly for May-December. In the southern area the limits for sablefish taken by the open access fishery were set at 300 daily and 700 pounds weekly for January-July, 300 daily, 700 weekly, and 1,000 pounds for August, and 300 daily, 700 weekly, 2,100 pounds bimonthly for August-December.</p> <p>Sablefish tier limits for the sablefish endorsed limited entry fixed gear permit holders were 48,500, 22,000, and 12,500 pounds for Tiers 1, 2, and 3, respectively.</p>

2009 final	<p>In the northern area the limits for sablefish taken by large-footrope trawls were 18,000 pounds bimonthly for January-April, 22,000 pounds bimonthly for May-October, and 18,000 pounds bimonthly for November-December. The limits for sablefish taken by small-footrope trawls and selective gear were 5,000 pounds bimonthly for January-February, 7,500 pounds bimonthly for March-October, and 5,000 pounds bimonthly for November-December. In the southern area the limits for sablefish taken were 20,000 pounds bimonthly for January-December. In the northern area the limits for sablefish taken by limited-entry trawl gear were set at 300 daily, 1,000 weekly, and 5,000 pounds bimonthly for January-April, 500 daily, 1,500 weekly, and 5,500 pounds bimonthly for May-June, and 500 daily, 1,000 weekly, and 6,000 pounds bimonthly for July-August, 2,000 weekly and 7,000 pounds bimonthly for September-December. In the southern area the limits for sablefish taken by limited-entry trawl gear were set at 400 daily and 1,500 pounds weekly for January-August and 3,000 pounds weekly for September-December. In the northern area the limits for sablefish taken by the open access fishery were set at 300 daily, 800 weekly, and 2,400 pounds bimonthly for January-June, and 300 daily, 950 weekly, and 2,750 pounds bimonthly for July-December. In the southern area the limits for sablefish taken by the open access fishery were set at 400 daily, 1,500 weekly, and 8,000 pounds bimonthly for January-August, and 400 daily and 2,500 pounds weekly for September-December. Sablefish tier limits for the sablefish endorsed limited entry fixed gear permit holders were 61,296, 27,862, and 15,921 pounds for Tiers 1, 2, and 3, respectively.</p>
2010 final	<p>In the northern area the limits for sablefish taken by large-footrope trawls were 20,000 pounds bimonthly for January-April, 24,000 pounds bimonthly for May-October, and 20,000 pounds bimonthly for November-December. The limits for sablefish taken by small-footrope trawls and selective gear were 9,000 pounds bimonthly for January-December. In the southern area the limits for sablefish taken were 22,000 pounds bimonthly for January-December. In the northern area the limits for sablefish taken by limited-entry trawl gear were set at 1,750 weekly and 7,000 pounds bimonthly for January-June, 1,500 weekly and 8,500 pounds bimonthly for July-October, 1,750 pounds weekly for November, 2,000 pounds weekly for December, and 8,000 pounds bimonthly for November-December. In the southern area the limits for sablefish taken by limited-entry trawl gear were set at 400 daily and 1,500 pounds weekly for January-August, 3,000 pounds weekly for September, 2,800 pounds weekly for October-November, and 1,800 pounds weekly for December. In the northern area the limits for sablefish taken by the open access fishery were set at 300 daily, 800 weekly, and 2,400 pounds bimonthly for January-June, 300 daily, 950 weekly, and 2,750 pounds bimonthly for July-October, 300 daily and 950 pounds weekly for November, 400 daily and 1,500 pounds weekly for December, and 4,500 pounds bimonthly for November-December. In the southern area the limits for sablefish taken by the open access fishery were set at 400 daily, 1,500 weekly, and 8,000 pounds bimonthly for January-August, 400 daily and 2,500 pounds weekly for September, 800 weekly and 1,600 pounds for October, 800 daily, 800 weekly, and 1,600 pounds for November, and closed for December. Sablefish tier limits for the sablefish endorsed limited entry fixed gear permit holders were 56,081, 25,492, and 14,457 pounds for Tiers 1, 2, and 3, respectively.</p>

2011	<p>1/1/2011 - 3600 South - sablefish, limited entry fixed gear, 2000 lbs per week</p> <p>1/1/2011 - 4010 North - sablefish, limited entry fixed gear, 1900 lbs per week not to exceed 6500 lbs per 2 months</p> <p>1/1/2011- 4010 North - minor slope rockfish north including splitnose and darkblotched, open access gears, per trip, no more than 25 % (by weight) of sablefish landed</p> <p>1/1/2011 - 4010 North - sablefish, open access gears, 300 lbs per day or 1 landing per week up to 800 lbs not to exceed 2400 lbs per 2 months</p> <p>1/1/2011 - 3600 South - sablefish, open access gear, 400 lbs per day or 1 landing of up to 1500 lbs per week not to exceed 6000 lbs per 2 months</p> <p>1/1/2011 - ALL Sablefish managed in part by IFQ</p> <p>3/1/2011 - 3600 South - sablefish, open access gear, 300 lbs per day or 1 landing of up to 1200 lbs per week not to exceed 2100 lbs per 2 months</p> <p>3/1/2011 - 4010 North - sablefish, open access gears, 300 lbs per day or 1 landing per week up to 950 lbs not to exceed 1900 lbs per 2 months</p> <p>3/1/2011 - 4010 North - sablefish, limited entry fixed gear, 2000 lbs per week not to exceed 7000 lbs per 2 months</p> <p>3/1/2011 - 3600 South - sablefish, limited entry fixed gear, 2100 lbs per week</p> <p>7/1/2011 - 4010 North - sablefish, limited entry fixed gear, 2000 lbs per week not to exceed 3500 lbs per 2 months</p> <p>7/1/2011 - 4010 North - sablefish, open access gears, 300 lbs per day or 1 landing per week up to 1050 lbs not to exceed 2100 lbs per 2 months</p> <p>11/1/2011 - 3600 South - sablefish, open access gear, 300 lbs per day or 1 landing of up to 1500 lbs per week not to exceed 3100 lbs per 2 months</p> <p>Sablefish tier limits for the sablefish endorsed limited entry fixed gear permit holders were 47,967, 21,680, and 12,389 pounds for Tiers 1, 2, and 3, respectively.</p>
2012	<p>1/1/2012 - 3600 South - sablefish, open access gear, 300 lbs per day or 1 landing of up to 1350 lbs per week not to exceed 6000 lbs per 2 months</p> <p>1/1/2012 - 4010 North - minor slope rockfish north including splitnose and darkblotched, open access gears, per trip, no more than 25 % (by weight) of sablefish landed</p> <p>1/1/2012 - 4010 North - sablefish, limited entry fixed gear, 1300 lbs per week not to exceed 5000 lbs per 2 months</p> <p>1/1/2012 - 3600 South - sablefish, limited entry fixed gear, 1800 lbs per week</p> <p>1/1/2012 - 4010 North - sablefish, open access gears, 300 lbs per day or 1 landing per week up to 900 lbs not to exceed 1800 lbs per 2 months</p> <p>5/1/2012 - 4010 North - sablefish, limited entry fixed gear, 1000 lbs per week not to exceed 4000 lbs per 2 months</p> <p>9/1/2012 - 4010 North - sablefish, limited entry fixed gear, 800 lbs per week not to exceed 1600 lbs per 2 months</p> <p>11/1/2012 - 3600 South - sablefish, open access gear, 350 lbs per day or 1 landing of up to 1750 lbs per week not to exceed 3500 lbs per 2 months</p> <p>Sablefish tier limits for the sablefish endorsed limited entry fixed gear permit holders were 46,238, 21,017, and 12,010 pounds for Tiers 1, 2, and 3, respectively.</p>

2013	<p>1/1/2013 - 3600 South - sablefish, open access gear, 300 lbs per day or 1 landing of up to 1450 lbs per week not to exceed 2920 lbs per 2 months</p> <p>1/1/2013 - 4010 North - sablefish, limited entry fixed gear, 950 lbs per week not to exceed 28500 lbs per 2 months</p> <p>1/1/2013 - 3600 South - sablefish, limited entry fixed gear, 1880 lbs per week</p> <p>1/1/2013 - 4010 North - minor slope rockfish north including splitnose and darkblotched, open access gears, per trip, no more than 25 % (by weight) of sablefish landed</p> <p>1/1/2013 - 4010 North - sablefish, open access gears, 300 lbs per day or 1 landing per week up to 700 lbs not to exceed 1400 lbs per 2 months</p> <p>7/1/2013 - 4010 North - sablefish, open access gears, 300 lbs per day or 1 landing per week up to 800 lbs not to exceed 1600 lbs per 2 months</p> <p>7/1/2013 - 4010 North - sablefish, limited entry fixed gear, 1110 lbs per week not to exceed 3300 lbs per 2 months</p> <p>11/1/2013 - 4010 North - sablefish, open access gears, 300 lbs per day or 1 landing per week up to 800 lbs not to exceed 1600 lbs per 2 months</p> <p>12/3/2013 - 4010 North - sablefish, open access gear, 300 lbs per day or 1 landing per week of up to 1200 lbs not to exceed 2400 lbs from November 1-December 31</p> <p>12/3/2013 - 4010 North - sablefish, limited entry fixed, 1850 lbs per week and may land an additional 2200 lbs not to exceed 5500 lbs cumulative from November 1, 2013-December 31, 2013</p> <p>12/3/2013 - 4010 South - sablefish, limited entry fixed, 1850 lbs per week and may land an additional 2200 lbs not to exceed 5500 lbs cumulative from November 1, 2013-December 31, 2013</p> <p>12/3/2013 - 3600 South - sablefish, open access gear, 380 lbs per day or 1 landing per week of up to 1800 lbs not to exceed 3800 lbs from November 1-December 32</p> <p>Sablefish tier limits for the sablefish endorsed limited entry fixed gear permit holders were 34,513, 15,688, and 8,964 pounds for Tiers 1, 2, and 3, respectively.</p>
2014	<p>1/1/2014 - 4010 North - non-trawl, limited entry, sablefish, 950 lbs per week not to exceed 2850 per 2 months</p> <p>1/1/2014 - 3600 South - non-trawl, limited entry, sablefish, 2000 lbs per week</p> <p>1/1/2014 - 4010 North - non-trawl, open access, minor slope rockfish including darkblotched and splitnose rockfish, no more than 25% by weight of the sablefish landed</p> <p>1/1/2014 - 4010 North - non-trawl, open access, sablefish, 300 lbs per day or 1 landing per week up to 800 lbs, not to exceed 1600 lbs per 2 months</p> <p>1/1/2014 - 3600 South - non-trawl, open access, sablefish, 300 lbs per day, or 1 landing per week up to 1600 lbs, not to exceed 3200 lbs per 2 months</p> <p>7/1/2014 - 4010 North - non-trawl, open access, sablefish, 350 lbs per day or 1 landing per week up to 1600 lbs, not to exceed 3200 lbs per 2 months</p> <p>7/1/2014 - 4010 North - non-trawl, limited entry, sablefish, 1000 lbs per week, not to exceed 3000 lbs per 2 months</p> <p>Sablefish tier limits for the sablefish endorsed limited entry fixed gear permit holders were 37,442, 17,019, and 9,725 pounds for Tiers 1, 2, and 3, respectively.</p>

2015	<p>1/1/2015 - 4010 North - non-trawl, limited entry, sablefish, 1025 lbs per week not to exceed 3075 per 2 months</p> <p>1/1/2015 - 3600 South - non-trawl, limited entry, sablefish, 2000 lbs per week</p> <p>1/1/2015 - 4010 North - non-trawl, open access, minor slope rockfish including darkblotched and splitnose rockfish, no more than 25% by weight of the sablefish landed</p> <p>1/1/2015 - 4010 North - non-trawl, open access, sablefish, 300 lbs per day or 1 landing per week up to 900 lbs, not to exceed 1800 lbs per 2 months</p> <p>1/1/2015 - 3600 South - non-trawl, open access, sablefish, 50 lbs per day, no more than 1000 lbs per 2 months</p> <p>7/1/2015 - 4010 North - non-trawl, open access, sablefish, 350 lbs per day or 1 landing per week up to 1600 lbs, not to exceed 3200 lbs per 2 months</p> <p>7/1/2015 - 4010 North - non-trawl, limited entry, sablefish, 1125 lbs per week, not to exceed 3375 lbs per 2 months</p> <p>11/1/2015 - 4010 North - non-trawl, limited entry, sablefish, closed</p> <p>Sablefish tier limits for the sablefish endorsed limited entry fixed gear permit holders were 41,269, 18,759, and 10,719 pounds for Tiers 1, 2, and 3, respectively.</p>
2016	<p>1/1/2016 - 4010 North - non-trawl, limited entry, sablefish, 1275 lbs per week not to exceed 3375 per 2 months</p> <p>1/1/2016 - 3600 South - non-trawl, limited entry, sablefish, 2000 lbs per week</p> <p>1/1/2016 - 4010 North - non-trawl, open access, minor slope rockfish including darkblotched and splitnose rockfish, no more than 25% by weight of the sablefish landed</p> <p>1/1/2016 - 4010 North - non-trawl, open access, sablefish, 300 lbs per day or 1 landing per week up to 1000 lbs, not to exceed 2000 lbs per 2 months</p> <p>1/1/2016 - 3600 South - non-trawl, open access, sablefish, 300 lbs per day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1600 lbs, no more than 3200 lbs per 2 months</p> <p>7/1/2016 - 4010 North - non-trawl, open access, sablefish, 300 lbs per day or 1 landing per week up to 850 lbs, not to exceed 1700 lbs per 2 months</p> <p>7/1/2016 - 4010 North - non-trawl, limited entry, sablefish, 1125 lbs per week, not to exceed 3375 lbs per 2 months</p> <p>9/1/2016 - 4010 North - non-trawl, open access, sablefish, 300 lbs per day or 1 landing per week up to 750 lbs, not to exceed 1500 lbs per 2 months</p> <p>Sablefish tier limits for the sablefish endorsed limited entry fixed gear permit holders were 45,156, 20,525, and 11,729 pounds for Tiers 1, 2, and 3, respectively.</p>

2017	<p>Sablefish North of 36:</p> <p>LEFG:</p> <p>--Jan-Aug: 1,000 weekly, 2,000 bimonthly</p> <p>--Sep-Oct: 1,200 weekly, 2,400 bimonthly</p> <p>--Nov-Dec: 1,400 weekly, 2,800 bimonthly</p> <p>OA:</p> <p>--Jan-Feb: 300 lbs daily, 1,000 lbs weekly, 2,000 bimonthly</p> <p>--Mar-Apr: 300 lbs daily, 900 lbs weekly, 1,800 bimonthly</p> <p>--May-Aug: 300 lbs daily, 1,000 lbs weekly, 2,000 bimonthly</p> <p>--Sept-Oct: 300 lbs daily, 1,150 lbs weekly, 2,300 bimonthly</p> <p>--Nov-Dec: 300 lbs daily, 1,300 lbs weekly, 2,300 bimonthly</p> <p>Sablefish South of 36:</p> <p>LEFG: 2,000 lbs weekly</p> <p>OA: 300 lbs daily, 1600 lbs weekly, 3,200 lbs bimonthly</p> <p>Sablefish tier limits for the sablefish endorsed limited entry fixed gear permit holders were 45,120, 20,509, and 11,720 pounds for Tiers 1, 2, and 3, respectively.</p>
2018	<p>Sablefish North of 36:</p> <p>LEFG:</p> <p>--Jan-Feb: 1,125 lbs weekly, 3,375 lbs bimonthly</p> <p>--Mar-Jun: 1,100 lbs weekly, 3,300 lbs bimonthly</p> <p>--Sep-Oct: 1,250 lbs weekly, 3,750 lbs bimonthly</p> <p>--Nov-Dec: 1,400 lbs weekly, 4,200 lbs bimonthly</p> <p>OA:</p> <p>--Jan-Aug: 300 lbs daily, 1,000 lbs weekly, 2,000 lbs bimonthly</p> <p>--Sept-Oct: 300 lbs daily, 1,200 lbs weekly, 2,400 lbs bimonthly</p> <p>--Nov-Dec: 300 lbs daily, 1,400 lbs weekly, 2,800 lbs bimonthly</p> <p>Sablefish South of 36</p> <p>LEFG: 2,000 lbs weekly</p> <p>OA:</p> <p>--Jan-Aug: 300 lbs daily, 1600 lbs weekly, 3,200 lbs bimonthly</p> <p>--Sept-Oct: 300 lbs daily, 1600 lbs weekly, 4,000 lbs bimonthly</p> <p>--Nov-Dec: 300 lbs daily, 1600 lbs weekly, 4,800 lbs bimonthly</p> <p>Sablefish tier limits for the sablefish endorsed limited entry fixed gear permit holders were 47,050, 21,386, and 12,221 pounds for Tiers 1, 2, and 3, respectively.</p>