



# Fact Sheet

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Marine Resources Program

## New Commercial Black Rockfish/Blue Rockfish Nearshore Fishery Limited Entry Permit

### History:

The 2003 Oregon State Legislature passed into law House Bill 3108. Starting January 1, 2004, a vessel must have a permit for landings of black rockfish or blue rockfish for commercial purposes other than the daily prescribed incidental limit. This permit with a nearshore fish endorsement is also required for commercial vessels landing other selected species of nearshore fish.

### Permit Qualification Requirements:

- ▶ To qualify for the permit, a vessel must have either:
  - a. Landed a minimum of 750 pounds of non-trawl caught black rockfish, blue rockfish or nearshore fish in any one calendar year between January 1, 1995 and July 1, 2001 to a licensed Oregon fish processor. Boats qualifying under this criteria receive a black rockfish/blue rockfish permit only (no nearshore endorsement added); OR:
  - b. Been issued a nearshore permit under the Interim ODFW Nearshore Fisheries Plan through the Developmental Fisheries Program. Boats qualifying under this criteria receive a black rockfish/blue rockfish permit with a nearshore endorsement. **NOTE:** Those vessels with a valid ODFW nearshore permit in 2003 automatically qualify for a black rockfish/blue rockfish permit with nearshore endorsement even if no landings were made in 2003.
- ▶ Catch/landing history is associated with the boat, not the owner/operator. Fishing vessel landing records may be obtained by completing a “fishing vessel landings release form” available at ODFW offices in Astoria, Salem, Newport, and Charleston.
- ▶ A log book is required and will include date, amount of each species caught, and other information prescribed by ODFW.
- ▶ The OFWC may prescribe legal fishing gear under this permit except:
  - a. Diving gear may not be used.
  - b. Pots may **not** be used unless a vessel was previously issued a pot endorsement in the Interim Nearshore Fisheries Plan through the ODFW Developmental Fisheries Program during 2003.
- ▶ The application for a permit will be on the same form as your personal and vessel license application. Eligible (qualifying) vessels must be permitted in 2004 and the permit must be in possession prior to participating in the fishery.

## Permit Renewal Requirements:

- ▶ The permit expires on December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.
- ▶ Yearly permit renewal requirements are:
  - a. A vessel made a minimum of five commercial fish landings to a licensed Oregon fish processor during the calendar year prior to the request for renewal; AND:
  - b. A renewal application shall be submitted by the owner of the vessel by January 1 of each year with a permit fee of \$75. After January 1, but not later than April 1, an owner may renew a permit if they pay a \$150 late fee in addition to the renewal fee of \$75.

## Permit Transfer:

- ▶ The permit is transferable. However, different conditions of transfer exist for:
  - a. The black and blue rockfish permit, vs.
  - b. The black rockfish/blue rockfish permit *with a nearshore endorsement*.

### a. The black and blue rockfish permit:

A black/blue rockfish permit without a nearshore endorsement may be transferred to another vessel as long as the vessel to which the permit is transferred is no more than five feet in length longer than the vessel to which the permit was originally issued. Since the permit is issued to the vessel, the ownership of the vessel may change, but the permit stays with the vessel.

### b. The black rockfish/blue rockfish permit with a nearshore endorsement:

A black/blue rockfish permit with an associated nearshore endorsement, may be transferred to other vessels under one of the following conditions:

1. One time per calendar year, to a replacement vessel that is owned by the same person that owns the vessel to which the permit was originally issued. The replacement vessel may not be longer than five feet in length longer than the originally permitted vessel; OR:
2. To transfer the permit to a different vessel with a different vessel owner, the permit must have been renewed a minimum of five times; **and** the vessel must have made at least five landings of at least 15 pounds of black rockfish, blue rockfish, or nearshore fish in the previous calendar year, **and** the vessel to which the permit is transferred is no more than five feet in length longer than the vessel to which the permit was originally issued.
3. **Sale of a vessel with a black/blue rockfish permit with an associated nearshore endorsement:** Since the permit is issued to the vessel, the ownership of the vessel may change and the permit stays with the vessel.

## Appeal of Permit Denial:

- ▶ The vessel owner may request that the Commercial Fishery Permit Board review an ODFW denial for application for issuance, renewal or transfer of a permit.

### Permit Lottery:

- ▶ The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (OFWC) has established a lottery for issuing future permits. A threshold number of permits for each permit category has been set at: 80 vessels for black rockfish/blue rockfish permits, and 50 vessels for permits with nearshore endorsements.

### Landing Fees:

- ▶ Oregon wholesale fish dealers, canners and bait dealers will pay the current landing fee of 1.09 percent of the value of all black rockfish, blue rockfish and nearshore fish landed under this permit. Starting January 1, 2005, the landing fee for these species will increase to 5 percent.
- ▶ Moneys received from landing fees are continuously appropriated to the ODFW for gathering and analyzing data and conducting research on the black rockfish and blue rockfish fishery and the nearshore species fishery.

### Conditions When No Permit Is Required:

- ▶ A person may operate a vessel without a permit if they meet one of the following four conditions:
  1. For all gears operating legally in **other commercial fisheries**, you may:  
Make only one landing per day of no more than 15 pounds of a combination of black rockfish, blue rockfish or nearshore rockfish where the black rockfish, blue rockfish or nearshore fish make up 25 percent or less of the total poundage of the landing;  
OR:
    2. Operate a vessel permitted under the **Oregon ocean troll salmon fishery** and legally land salmon and dead black rockfish, blue rockfish and nearshore rockfish up to the greater of:
      - a) A combination of 30 black rockfish and blue rockfish per landing; or
      - b) A combination of 100 pounds of black rockfish and blue rockfish per landing;
  3. Operate a vessel permitted in the **west coast groundfish trawl fishery** and land no more than 1,000 pounds of a combination of black rockfish and blue rockfish in a calendar year and if the black rockfish and blue rockfish:
    - a) Make up 25 percent or less of the total poundage of each landing; AND:
    - b) Are landed dead;
  4. Are working for a **nonprofit aquarium** or had contracted with a nonprofit aquarium to land black rockfish, blue rockfish or nearshore rockfish for the purpose of displaying or conducting research on the black rockfish, blue rockfish or nearshore fish.

## Species Covered By This Permit:

► Species included under this permit are:

- a. Black rockfish, *sebastes melanops*
- b. Blue rockfish, *sebastes mystinus*
- c. Nearshore fish under the nearshore endorsement:
  - 1) Black and Yellow rockfish, *Sebastes chrysomelas*
  - 2) Brown rockfish, *Sebastes auriculatus*
  - 3) Calico rockfish, *Sebastes dalli*
  - 4) China rockfish, *Sebastes nebulosus*
  - 5) Copper rockfish, *Sebastes caurinus*
  - 6) Gopher rockfish, *Sebastes carnatus*
  - 7) Grass rockfish, *Sebastes rastrelliger*
  - 8) Kelp rockfish, *Sebastes atrovirens*
  - 9) Olive rockfish, *Sebastes serranoides*
  - 10) Quillback rockfish, *Sebastes maliger*
  - 11) Tiger rockfish, *Sebastes nigrocinctus*
  - 12) Treefish, *Sebastes serriceps*
  - 13) Vermillion rockfish, *Sebastes miniatus*
  - 14) Cabezon, *Scorpaenichthys marmoratus*
  - 15) Buffalo sculpin, *Enophrys bison*
  - 16) Brown Irish lord, *Hemilepidotus spinosus*
  - 17) Red Irish lord, *Hemilepidotus hemilepidotus*
  - 18) Kelp greenling, *Hexagrammos decagrammus*
  - 19) Painted greenling, *Oxylebius pictus*
  - 20) Rock greenling, *Hexagrammos lagocephalus*
  - 21) Whitespotted greenling, *Hexagrammos stelleri*

## Web Page Link to More Information:

[hmsc.oregonstate.edu/odfw/regs/regulations.html](http://hmsc.oregonstate.edu/odfw/regs/regulations.html)

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