De Minimis Fishery Draft Proposal

Red Abalone FMP Project Team Webinar
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Streamlined *De Minimis* Proposal

- **Scope:** Northern California Recreational Red Abalone Fishery

- **Objectives:**
  - Maximize fishing opportunities while ensure recovery and long-term productivity of the stock
  - Engage stakeholders in cost effective and reliable data collection
  - Optimize economic support to local communities
Streamlined *De Minimis* Proposal

- This proposal has been developed based on ongoing discussions at previous Project Team meetings, as well as email submissions from Project Team members.

- Proposal provides a framework for a *de minimis* fishery and outlines management tools available to inform FMP and implementing regulation development.

- An attempt to narrow the scope of ideas based on areas of group consensus, where possible (shown in red).

- It is still in draft form and should not be considered final.
De Minimis Proposal Structure

- Season Length
- Daily Bag Limit
- Number of Permits
- Size Limit
- Management Area
- Data Collection Scheme
- Permit Allocation Scheme
- Special Conditions
Season Length

• Year Round

• Condensed Season (July – October)
Bag Limits/ Individual Take Limits

• 1 to 2 abalone per person per season (minimum)
• 3 abalone per person per season
• 5 abalone per person per season
• (To be determined based on final *de minimis* TAC)
Size Limits

- Maintain at 7”
- Increase to 8”
- Increase to 9”
- Increase to 10”
Management Zones

• Two Zones
  • 1) Marin, Sonoma Counties
  • 2) Mendocino, Humboldt, Del Norte Counties

• Three Zones
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  • 2) Mendocino County
  • 3) Humbolt, Del Norte Counties

• Four Zones
  • 1) Marin and Southern Sonoma County
  • 2) Northern Sonoma County
  • 3) Southern Mendocino County
  • 4) Northern Mendocino, Del Norte, Humboldt County
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Allocation: Options To Distribute Opportunities

• Allocation scheme needs to provide opportunities for all user groups – recreational fishermen, Tribes and Tribal Communities.

• If allocations are made for specific user groups, should be based on an objective and fair basis (demand).
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  • Consideration of party tags (e.g., up to 6 individuals). If group gets drawn all members get a tag.

• Consideration of subsistence fishing allocation by Commission