UPDATED De Minimis Fishery Strawman Proposal

Red Abalone FMP Project Team Webinar
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• Scope: Northern California Recreational Red Abalone Fishery

• Purpose of Strawman Proposal:
  • To provide a framework for a *de minimis* fishery within the North Coast recreational red abalone FMP
  • Outline management tools available to help inform guidelines for future regulatory consideration
Season Length

• Year Round

• Condensed Season (July to October)

• Consider different seasons across sectors –
  • April to May (rock pickers)
  • May to October (other sectors)
Daily Bag/Possession/Annual Limits

• Discussed as few as 1 to 2 abalone per permit per season

• Need flexibility to increase limits as stock recovers

• Limits could vary or scale based on *de minimis* fishery TAC under consideration to maximize opportunity
Size Limits

• Maintain at 7”

• Include flexibility to increase to 8” or 9” or 10”
Management Zones

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

• Three Zones
  • 1) Marin, Sonoma Counties
  • 2) Mendocino County
  • 3) Humboldt, 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
Allocation

• Preference Points
  • Those who have waited the longest get preference (Big Game Draw)
  • 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