§ 660.333 Open access non-groundfish trawl fishery—management measures.

(a) General. Groundfish taken with non-groundfish trawl gear by vessels engaged in fishing for pink shrimp, ridgeback prawns, California halibut, or sea cucumbers. Trip limits for groundfish retained in the ridgeback prawn, California halibut, or sea cucumber fisheries are in the open access trip limit table, Table 3 (South) of this subpart. Trip limits for groundfish retained in the pink shrimp fishery are in Tables 3 (North) and 3 (South) of this subpart. The table also generally describes the RCAs for vessels participating in these fisheries.

(b) Participation in the ridgeback prawn fishery. A trawl vessel will be considered participating in the ridgeback prawn fishery if:

(1) It is not registered to a valid Federal limited entry groundfish permit issued under §660.25(b) for trawl gear; and

(2) The landing includes ridgeback prawns taken in accordance with California Fish and Game Code, section 8595, which states: “Prawns or shrimp may be taken for commercial purposes with a trawl net, subject to Article 10 (commencing with Section 8830) of Chapter 3.”

(c) Participation in the California halibut fishery. (1) A trawl vessel will be considered participating in the California halibut fishery if:

(i) It is not registered to a valid Federal limited entry groundfish permit issued under §660.25(b) for trawl gear;

(ii) All fishing on the trip takes place south of Pt. Arena, CA (38°57.50’ N. lat.); and

(iii) The landing includes California halibut of a size required by California Fish and Game Code section 8392, which states: “No California halibut may be taken, possessed or sold which measures less than 22 in (56 cm) in total length, unless it weighs 4-lb (1.8144 kg) or more in the round, 3 and one-half lbs (1.587 kg) or more dressed with the head on, or 3-lbs (1.3608 kg) or more dressed with the head off. Total length means the shortest distance between the tip of the jaw or snout, whichever extends farthest while the mouth is closed, and the tip of

§ 660.332 Open access daily trip limit (DTL) fishery for sablefish.

(a) Open access DTL fisheries both north and south of 36° N. lat. Open access vessels may fish in the open access, daily trip limit fishery for as long as that fishery is open during the year, subject to the routine management measures imposed under §660.60, subpart C.

(b) Trip limits. (1) Daily and/or weekly trip limits for the open access fishery north and south of 36° N. lat. are provided in Tables 3 (North) and 3 (South) of this subpart.

(2) Trip and/or frequency limits may be imposed in the limited entry fishery on vessels that are not participating in the primary season under §660.60, subpart C.

(3) Trip and/or size limits to protect juvenile sablefish in the limited entry or open access fisheries also may be imposed at any time under §660.60, subpart C.

(4) Trip limits may be imposed in the open access fishery at any time under §660.60, subpart C.
longest lobe of the tail, measured while
the halibut is lying flat in natural
repose, without resort to any force
other than the swinging or fanning
of the tail.’’
(2) [Reserved]
(d) Participation in the sea cucumber
fishery. A trawl vessel will be consid-
ered to be participating in the sea cu-
cumber fishery if:
(1) It is not registered to a valid Fed-
eral limited entry groundfish permit
issued under §660.25(b) for trawl gear;
(2) All fishing on the trip takes place
south of Pt. Arena, CA (38°57.50′ N.
lat.); and
(3) The landing includes sea cucum-
bbers taken in accordance with Cali-
ifornia Fish and Game Code, section
8405, which requires a permit issued by
the State of California.
(e) Groundfish taken with non-ground-
fish trawl gear by vessels engaged in fish-
ing for pink shrimp. Notwithstanding
§660.60(h)(7), a vessel that takes and re-
tains pink shrimp and also takes and
retains groundfish in either the limited
entry or another open access fishery
during the same applicable cumulative
limit period that it takes and retains
pink shrimp (which may be 1 month or
2 months, depending on the fishery and
the time of year), may retain the larg-
er of the two limits, but only if the
limit(s) for each gear or fishery are not
exceeded when operating in that fish-
ery or with that gear. The limits are
not additive; the vessel may not retain
a separate trip limit for each fishery.