Bottomfish closure seaward of 30 fathoms in Marine Area 2

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Action: It is unlawful to fish for, retain, or possess bottomfish seaward of 30 fathoms in Marine Area 2 (Westport/Ocean Shores) from March 14 through June 15, 2009. However, from May 1 through June 15, anglers may fish for, and retain, sablefish and Pacific Cod. The following coordinates define the 30-fathom line: 47 31.70'N lat. 124 37.03'W long
47 25.67'N lat. 124 34.79'W long
47 12.82'N lat. 124 29.12'W long
46 52.94'N lat. 124 22.58'W long
46 44.18'N lat. 124 18.00'W long
46 38.17'N lat. 124 15.88'W long The retention of canary and yelloweye rockfish is prohibited in all areas. **Effective date:** March 14 through June 15, 2009.

Species affected: All species of bottomfish, including lingcod **Location:** Marine Area 2 (see the *Fishing in Washington* rule pamphlet, online at http://wdfw.wa.gov/fish/regs/fishregs.htm , for area descriptions). **Reason for action:** Canary and yelloweye rockfish are two of seven overfished groundfish stocks, which are managed under rebuilding plans by the Pacific Fishery Management Council. The Pacific Council has adopted harvest guidelines for canary rockfish for state recreational fisheries to ensure that rebuilding goals are achieved. Depth restrictions have been effective in avoiding early canary and yelloweye rockfish harvest guideline attainment. The Pacific Fisheries Management Council adopted these management measures for the 2009 season to provide continued protection to yelloweye rockfish.