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UPDATED De Minimis Fishery Strawman Proposal

Red Abalone FMP Project Team Webinar

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UPDATED *De Minimis* Proposal

- 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~~

Oregon Border



Mendocino/Sonoma
County Line

Marin County Line

Oregon Border



Humboldt/Mendocino
County Line



Mendocino/Sonoma
County Line



Marin County Line

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