

50 fm (91 m) depth contour between 40°10' N. lat. and 34°27' N. lat., 60 fm (110 m) depth contour between 40°10' N. lat. and 34°27' N. lat., 100 fm (183 m) depth contour north of 40°10' N. lat., 100 fm (183 m) depth contour south of 34°27' N. lat., 150 fm (274 m) depth contour south of 40°10' N. lat., and the Winter Petrale Boundary. NMFS is implementing additional changes to RCA boundary coordinates through this final rule. The following boundary lines are affected by these revisions: 60 fm (110 m) depth contour between 40°10' N. lat. and 34°27' N. lat., 75 fm (137 m) depth contour north of 40°10' N. lat., 100 fm (183 m) depth contour north of 40°10' N. lat., 150 fm depth contour south of 40°10' N. lat., 150 fm (274 m) depth contour between 46°16' N. lat.

and 38° N. lat. which may be implemented inseason during 2003, and 250 fm (457 m) depth contour north of 38° N. lat. used during cumulative periods 2–5. Additionally, the State of California plans to submit revisions to the boundary line coordinates for the line approximating the 50 fm (91 m) depth contour south of 40°10' N. lat. and to the Winter Petrale Boundary north of 40°10' N. lat. These changes to boundary coordinates were intended to make the boundary lines more closely approximate the depth contours they are intended to designate. Regulatory language describing the RCAs has been revised to better emphasize that while RCAs are generally described by fathom lines, the actual boundaries are defined by latitude-longitude coordinates. When

fishing off the West Coast, fishers must comply with the boundaries of the RCAs as designated by the coordinates, not the fathom curves.

I. Final Specifications

Final fishery specifications include ABCs, the designation of OYs (which may be represented by harvest guidelines (HGs) or quotas for species that need individual management), and the allocation of commercial OYs between the open access and limited entry segments of the fishery. These specifications include fish caught in state ocean waters (0–3 nautical miles (nm) offshore) as well as fish caught in the EEZ (3–200 nm offshore).

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