



FISH ON!

HOOK-AND-LINE SURVEY
VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

SPRING & FALL 2015



Greetings Volunteers!

This year's hook-and-line surveys were a great success! We want to thank all of the volunteer anglers - travelling from as far as Vancouver, Washington to help in this year's surveys. Also, many thanks to scientific assistants Zoey, Josh, Annalee, Wes, and Janet for helping collect data. To charter captains and crews: Lars and Shad on the Samson, Lance and Mitch on the Norwester, and Mark of the Rogue Star - we appreciate your help and collaboration! We completed the fifth year of surveys in Redfish Rocks, the third year in Cascade Head, and the second year in Cape Falcon (which will be closed to fishing on January 1, 2016). Please enjoy this brief summary of the data YOU ALL helped to collect this year.

Thank you all and we hope to see you again next year for surveys in Cape Perpetua and Cascade Head!

Sincerely,
Brittany, Jessica, Wolfe, and Ashley
ODFW Marine Reserves Ecological Monitoring Team



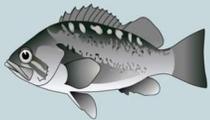


3 Sites Surveyed
 Cape Falcon -- 8 days
 Cascade Head -- 12 days
 Redfish Rocks -- 16 days

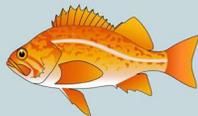
36 Trips
93 Volunteer Anglers

4,325 Fish Caught:
22 Species from
7 Families

RECORD LARGEST and smallest catches from 2015



BLACK ROCKFISH
 minimum: 14 cm (5.5 in)
 maximum: 56 cm (22 in)



CANARY ROCKFISH
 minimum: 14 cm (5.5 in)
 maximum: 52 cm (20.5 in)



CHINA ROCKFISH
 minimum: 23 cm (9 in)
 maximum: 46 cm (18 in)



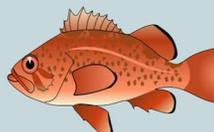
COPPER ROCKFISH
 minimum: 39 cm (15 in)
 maximum: 51 cm (20 in)



DEACON & BLUE ROCKFISH
 minimum: 16 cm (6 in)
 maximum: 50 cm (20 in)



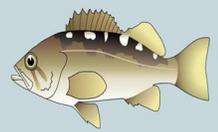
QUILLBACK ROCKFISH
 minimum: 17 cm (7 in)
 maximum: 47 cm (18.5 in)



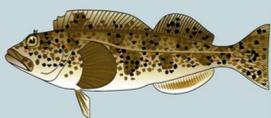
VERMILION ROCKFISH
 minimum: 40 cm (16 in)
 maximum: 57 cm (22.5 in)



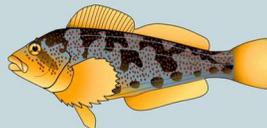
YELLOWEYE ROCKFISH
 minimum: 25 cm (10 in)
 maximum: 64 cm (25 in)



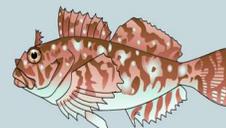
YELLOWTAIL ROCKFISH
 minimum: 13 cm (5 in)
 maximum: 50 cm (20 in)



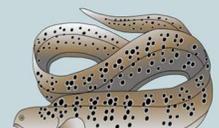
LINGCOD
 minimum: 27 cm (10.5 in)
 maximum: 100 cm (39 in)



KELP GREENLING
 minimum: 24 cm (9.5 in)
 maximum: 48 cm (19 in)



CABEZON
 minimum: 31 cm (12 in)
 maximum: 72 cm (28 in)



WOLF EEL
 150 cm (59 in)

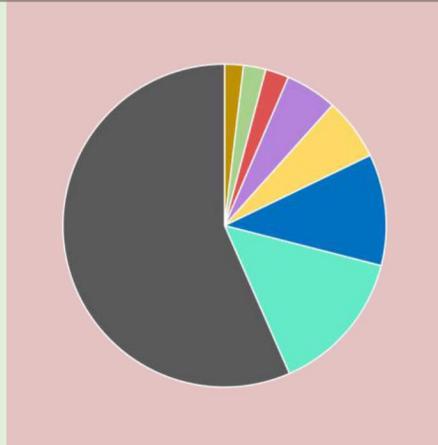
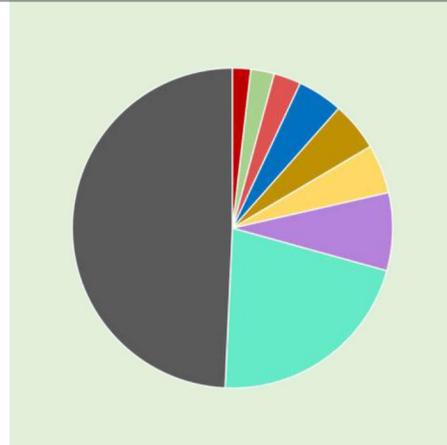
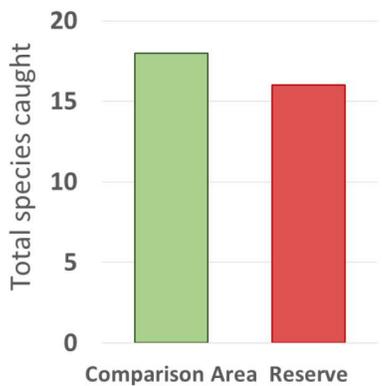
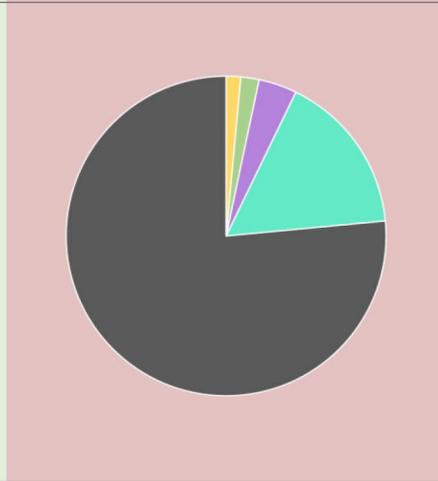
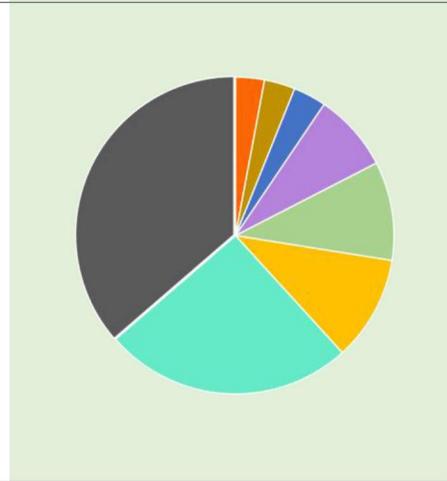
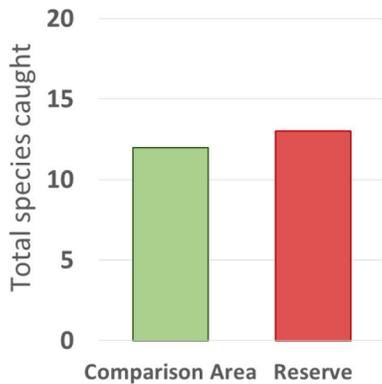
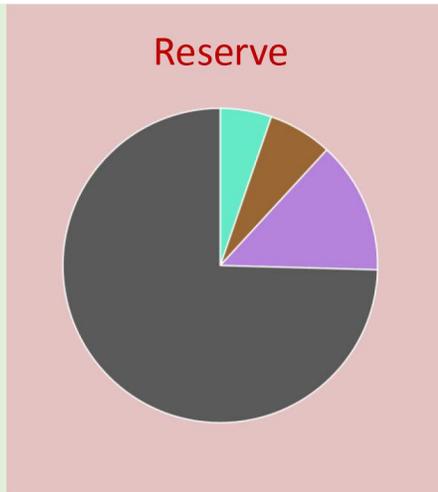
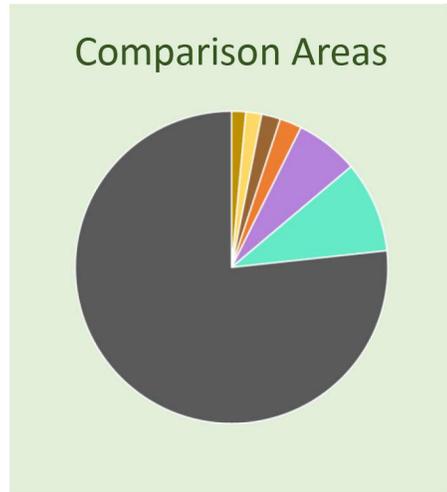
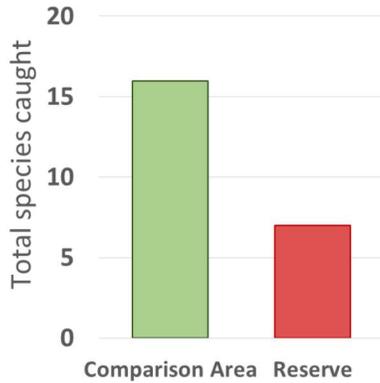




The graphs below show the total species richness and the catch composition for the reserve and comparison areas surveyed in 2015. Although Black Rockfish dominate overall, the differing compositions among the reserves underscores that each reserve is unique.

Species Richness

Species Composition



- Black Rockfish
- Canary Rockfish
- China Rockfish
- Deacon Rockfish
- Quillback Rockfish
- Yelloweye Rockfish
- Yellowtail Rockfish
- Cabezon
- Buffalo Sculpin
- Kelp Greenling
- Lingcod

Graphs show species comprising 95% of the total catch for each area

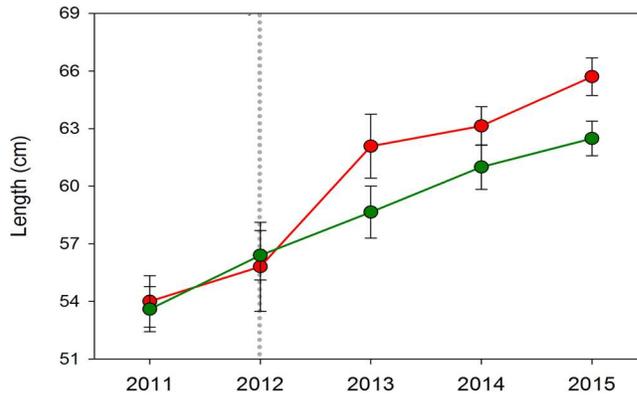
*Reserve harvest restrictions not in effect until 1/1/2016



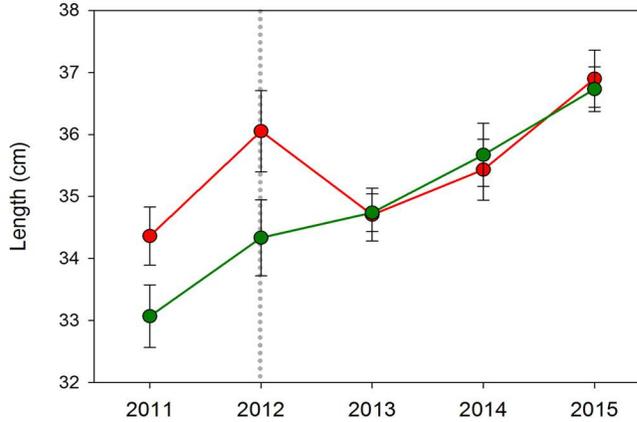
Changes in average length over time in Redfish Rocks



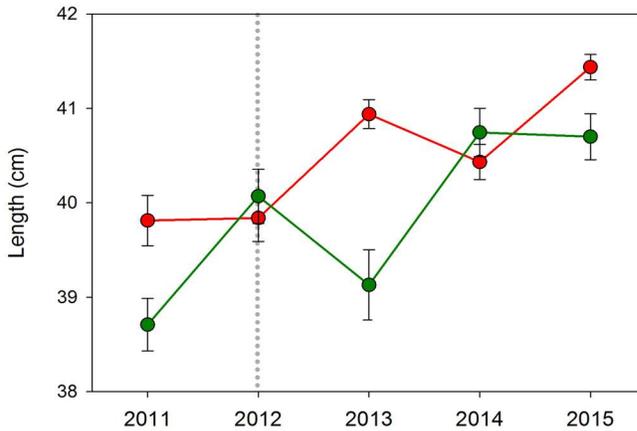
LINGCOD



KELP GREENLING



BLACK ROCKFISH



● Marine Reserve
● Comparison Areas

As we have now five years of monitoring data from Redfish Rocks Marine Reserve and Comparison Areas, we are conducting our first comprehensive analysis of baseline conditions within this site. These simple graphs demonstrate how we will use our fish size and catch data to understand the natural variation at Redfish Rocks over a long-term period. Summaries, like those above, track the magnitude of change that occurs over time in the areas open to fishing (green) compared to the Redfish Rocks Marine Reserve (red). The dashed line indicates the year the reserve was closed to fishing. When comparing the trends among these 3 species both in the Reserve and outside, there is a lot of variation (up and down) from year to year. Not all species will show the same patterns during this 5-year baseline period, which is why we conduct our analyses at the species level. To tease out the natural variation from an actual reserve effect, we will continue long term monitoring. In the meantime, our team will be working hard on these analyses over the coming months. Look for our data discoveries in early 2016!

