2017–2018 CALIFORNIA SALTWATER SPORT FISHING REGULATIONS

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Written comments can be directed to the Fish and Game Commission at 1416 Ninth Street, Room 1320, Sacramento, CA 95814, or by e-mail to fgc@fgc.ca.gov. Alternate communication formats are available upon request. If reasonable accommodation is needed call CDFW at (916) 322-8911. The California Relay Service for the deaf or hearing-impaired can be utilized from TDD phones at (800) 735-2929.

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FREE FISHING DAYS

July 1 and September 2, 2017

On these days only, ALL regulations apply and report cards are required, but NO license is required for sport fishing.

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GROUNDFISH (EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 7, 2017)

The California Fish and Game Commission approved changes to recreational groundfish regulations on December 7, 2016 to conform to changes in federal rules for 2017 and 2018. Changes included new season dates and fishing depths in some groundfish management areas, a lingcod bag limit decrease from 3 fish to 2 fish, a new sub-bag limit of 1 canary rockfish within the RCG Complex bag limit of 10 fish, elimination of the sub-bag limit for bocaccio, a black rockfish bag limit decrease from 5 fish to 3 fish within the RCG Complex bag limit of 10 fish, and allowing petrale sole and starry flounder to be retained within the sub-bag limit for bocaccio, a black rockfish.

See pg. 11 for ways to stay informed of in-season regulation changes. Anglers are advised to call the CDFW Groundfish Hotline at (831) 649-2801, or check the CDFW website at wildlife.ca.gov/conservation/marine/groundfish for the most up-to-date groundfish regulations.

RED ABALONE (EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2017)

The California Fish and Game Commission approved emergency regulations on December 7, 2016 to reduce the take of red abalone in the open area north of San Francisco Bay due to unfavorable environmental conditions. Under the emergency regulations, red abalone may be taken only during the months of May, June, August, September and October. The yearly trip limit is reduced from 18 to 12 abalone, with no more than 9 abalone from south of the boundary between Sonoma and Mendocino counties. See pg. 34.

CALIFORNIA SPINY LOBSTER (EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2017)

The California Fish and Game Commission approved changes in the recreational California spiny lobster fishing regulations on June 22, 2016. The new regulations are included in this booklet, and are posted on the CDFW website at www.wildlife.ca.gov/New-Lobster-Fishing-Regs. Changes include a new opening time of 6:00 a.m. on the first day of the season, and clarification of measuring methods and rules regarding possession of spearfishing gear while diving for crustaceans. Also, hoop nets used to take crustaceans south of Point Arguello must be marked with a surface buoy, and the surface buoy must have the operator’s GO ID number on it. Hoop nets deployed from shore or piers are not required to be retained year-round at all depths.

See pg. 38 for ways to stay informed of in-season regulation changes. Anglers are advised to call the CDFW Groundfish Hotline at (831) 649-2801, or check the CDFW website at wildlife.ca.gov/conservation/marine/groundfish for the most up-to-date groundfish regulations.

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IT IS UNLAWFUL TO DO THE FOLLOWING

• Fish without a valid fishing license if you are 16 years of age or older (FGC, Section 7145)
• Fail to return a report card by the deadline printed on the report card. Reporting harvest online at wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/online-sales satisfies the return requirement. (CCR T-14, Section 1.74)
• Use a sport fishing license that is not signed by the licensee. (CCR T-14, Section 1052)
• Transfer any license, tag, validation, stamp, permit, application or reservation to another person. (FGC, Section 1052)
• Use or possess any license, validation, tag, permit, application or reservation that was not lawfully issued to the user. (FGC, Section 1052)
• Alter, mutilate, deface, duplicate or counterfeit any license, tag, validation, stamp, permit, application or reservation. (FGC, Section 1052)
• Fail to exhibit on demand all licenses, validations, tags, stamps, permits, applications or reservations to any peace officer or authorized CDFW employee. (FGC, Section 2012)
• Fish without the required report card on a free fishing day. (CCR T-14, Section 1.74)
• Disturb the legal traps of another person. (CCR T-14, Section 29.80)
• Sell fish taken under the authority of a sport fishing license. (FGC, Section 7121)
• Cause the deterioration or waste of any fish taken in the waters of this state. (CCR T-14, Section 1.87)
• Use explosives in state waters inhabited by fish. (FGC, Section 5504)
• Not allow the inspection, by a warden, of any boat, market, or receptacle, where fish or wildlife may be found. (FGC, Section 1006)
• Litter into or within 150 feet of state waters. (FGC, Section 5652)
• Possess fish in a condition that the size or species cannot be determined. (FGC, sections 5508 and 5509)
• Use or possess any net in state waters except as is authorized. (FGC, Section 8603)
• Possess fish or wildlife taken unlawfully. (FGC, Section 2002)
• Take fish or wildlife in violation of any section of law. (FGC, Section 2000)
LICENSE INFORMATION

RESIDENCY
A resident is defined as any person who has resided continuously in California for six months or more immediately before the date of application for a license, or any person on active military duty with the armed forces of the United States or an auxiliary branch, or a Job Corps enrollee (FGC, Section 70).

IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED FOR LICENSE PURCHASE (CCR T-14, SECTION 700.4)
Any person applying for any license, tag, permit, reservation or other entitlement issued via the Automated License Data System (ALDS) shall provide valid identification. Acceptable forms of identification include:
1. Any license document or GO ID number previously issued via ALDS
2. A valid driver’s license or identification card issued to him or her by the Department of Motor Vehicles or by the entity issuing driver’s licenses from the licensee’s state of domicile
5. A Tribal Identification Card, issued by a sovereign tribal nation
6. Birth Certificate or Passport issued from a U.S. Territory
7. U.S. Passport
8. U.S. Military Identification
9. Certificate of Naturalization or Citizenship,
10. A foreign government-issued photo identification

Applicants less than 18 years of age may provide any form of identification described above, or a parent or legal guardian’s identification as described above.

TELEPHONE NUMBER REQUIRED FOR ANGLER SURVEYS
Anglers are required to provide their telephone number when purchasing a sport fishing license. Collection of telephone numbers allows California to conform with a federal mandate for purposes of establishing a National Saltwater Angler Registry and will prevent California anglers from having to pay an additional registration fee each year to the federal government (CCR T14, Section 700.3).

LICENSE FORMAT
Licenses issued through the ALDS are printed on durable thermal paper. They are waterproof, stainproof and tear resistant. All licenses are imprinted with your permanent ID number (GO ID). Your GO ID can be used to retrieve your customer information in the future. Report cards issued through ALDS have a different look and size. All the information is printed on one side of the paper, so report cards can be quite long. They can be folded to fit in your wallet. You must use indelible ink to make entries on your report card(s).

PROTECT YOUR LICENSE FROM HEAT
Licenses subjected to extreme or prolonged heat may darken and become difficult to read. To protect your license, keep it away from heat sources.
Purchasing a License for Another Person

Regulations provide that a person may purchase a hunting or sport fishing license, tags, or validations for another person, as long as the licensee’s customer identification number issued from the ALDS and date of birth are provided. If a person wishes to purchase a sport fishing license for another person but does not have the required information, a gift voucher may be purchased for that person that may be redeemed for a resident sport fishing license. Gift vouchers are non-refundable and valid only for the year specified (CCR T-14, Section 700.3).

License Provisions

Any person who is 16 years of age or older must have a sport fishing license to take any kind of fish, mollusk, invertebrate, amphibian or crustacean in California, except when taken from a public pier in ocean or bay waters. A sport fishing license is required to take reptiles, except for rattlesnakes.

Report Card Requirements

Anglers who are not required to have a sport fishing license, such as anglers who are under 16 years of age and anglers who will be fishing on Free Fishing Days, are required to have report cards to fish for: abalone, spiny lobster, and sturgeon.

Important Reminder: Return of Report Cards is Mandatory. Report cards must be reported online at wildlife.ca.gov/reportcards or returned to the CDFW at the address specified on the report card by January 31 of the following year (except Spiny Lobster Report Cards, which must be reported by April 30, following the close of lobster season).

Any person who fails to report online or return his or her report card to the CDFW by the deadline may be restricted from obtaining the same card in a subsequent license year or may be subject to an additional fee for the issuance of the same card in a subsequent license year (CCR T-14, Section 1.74). A $21.60 non-return fee will be charged when purchasing a spiny lobster report card if the previous year’s report card is not returned or reported by the April 30 deadline. To avoid the fee, you may either return or report your card by the deadline, or skip one lobster fishing season. After skipping one season, you can purchase a spiny lobster report card the following season at no extra cost.

Possession of License

Every person, while engaged in taking any fish, amphibian or reptile, shall have a valid sport fishing license on their person in their immediate possession except when diving as provided in FGC Section 7145 and CCR T-14, Section 700.

Persons diving from a boat or shore may have their license on the boat or within 500 yards of shore, respectively (FGC, Section 7145).

Duplicate Sport Fishing Licenses

If you lose your sport fishing license and validations, visit any license agent or CDFW license sales office, or log in to the license sales service at wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/online-sales to obtain a low-cost duplicate and validations. Duplicate Abalone Report Cards and Sturgeon Report Cards may only be purchased at CDFW license sales offices.

Refund Policy

Refunds will not be issued for sport fishing licenses, vouchers, validations or report cards. These items are considered in use from the date issued, and therefore are non-refundable.

Reminders for CPFV Owners, CPFV Operators, and Anglers on CPFVs

The cooperation of owners and operators of commercial passenger fishing vessels (CPFVs) has been critical to the success of the California Recreational Fisheries Survey (CRFS) since its inception in 2004. The data collected by CRFS is used to estimate the catch (total number of fish by species) and effort (total number of fishing trips) of saltwater recreational anglers, and to assist in the establishment of regulations aimed to maximize fishing opportunities while conserving fisheries for future use.

CRFS samplers interview anglers and crew, and examine catch onboard CPFVs both at sea and dockside. CPFV owners and operators are reminded that accurate catch and effort estimates depend on access to both kept and discarded catch information by CRFS samplers. In addition, CRFS samplers must observe both open party and chartered trips, and must gather effort data frequently to ensure the best possible estimates.

By law (California Code of Regulations T-14, Section 105.5), owners or operators of CPFVs must carry and accommodate CRFS samplers on fishing trips when asked. If sampler coverage of a trip is denied by the owner or operator of the vessel, the CDFW may request a written explanation for the denial, and CPFV owners or operators who deny sampler coverage of a trip may have their fishing permits or licenses revoked.

Anglers are encouraged to answer CRFS samplers’ questions; however, angler participation in the survey is voluntary. CRFS samplers will ask anglers aboard CPFVs about the species they kept and discarded, how often they fish, and their zip code. CRFS samplers will also ask the crew about fishing target(s), descending device usage, and bottom depth. Onboard the vessel, while anglers are fishing, CRFS samplers will collect data on catch rates, species composition, fishing locations, and length of fish that the anglers do not keep. After anglers have completed fishing for the day, CRFS samplers will record the lengths and weights of fish that were kept.

Further information about CRFS, and a link to recreational catch and effort estimates, is available on the CDFW website at www.wildlife.ca.gov/conservation/marine/CRFS.
FREE AND REDUCED-FEE SPORT FISHING LICENSES

CDFW offers reduced-fee sport fishing licenses to honorably-discharged veterans with a service-connected disability rating of at least 50 percent, to recovering service members, and to resident low-income seniors who are at least 65 years of age. The term “recovering service member” means a member of the Armed Forces, including a member of the National Guard or a Reserve, who is undergoing medical treatment, recuperation, or therapy and is in an outpatient status while recovering from a serious injury or illness related to the member’s military service (FGC, Section 7150). Disabled veterans and recovering service members can pre-qualify for reduced-fee sport fishing licenses via e-mail. To pre-qualify, email your CDFW-issued GO ID and a letter from the Veteran’s Administration documenting your service-connected disability rating of 50 percent or greater to LRB@wildlife.ca.gov. After your customer record has been updated, you will be able to purchase a reduced-fee fishing license anywhere licenses are sold.

Free sport fishing licenses are available to eligible persons who are blind, low-income American Indians, developmentally disabled persons, and residents who are so severely physically disabled that they are permanently unable to move from place to place without the use of a wheelchair, walker, forearm crutches, or a comparable mobility-related device.

Eligibility for free and reduced-fee sport fishing licenses will be verified. Applications and additional information are available online at wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/fishing.

LICENSE SALES BY TELEPHONE

Sport fishing licenses, validations, and report cards may be purchased via telephone from Active Network’s telephone license sales line at (800) 565-1458. Items purchased by telephone sales will be delivered by mail within 15 days of purchase.

FOR ThCOMING SUPPLEMENT

A supplement updating the regulations contained in this booklet will be released by May 2017. The supplement is produced to update the ocean and inland salmon regulations and any other regulations that have changed since the publication of the 2017-2018 Saltwater Sport Fishing regulation booklet. The supplement will not include the complete set of regulations contained in the Saltwater Sport Fishing regulation booklet, so please retain this booklet.

STAY CONNECTED

Giving CDFW your e-mail address and mobile number will enable us to send you information you can use, such as license renewal and courtesy report card deadline reminders, and California fishing information. When purchasing a license from a license agent or when you log in to the Online License Service, update your communication preferences and provide your e-mail address and mobile number. Fish and Game Code Section 1050.6 and California Government Code Section 11015.5 prohibit CDFW from selling or sharing your personal information with any third party.

REGULATIONS ON THE GO

Did you know you can now download state ocean fishing regulations to your smartphone or other devices?

By utilizing iBooks on Apple devices or your favorite book reader on the Android platform you can download the regulations booklet for reference at any time. Regulation booklets can be found online at wildlife.ca.gov/regulations.

PURCHASE LICENSES AND SUBMIT HARVEST INFO ONLINE

You can now purchase California sport fishing licenses and validations and submit report card information online. For more information, visit CDFW’s license sales website at wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/online-sales

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## LICENSE FEES

### SALTWATER FISHING LICENSE FEES

#### ANNUAL LICENSES

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#### LIFETIME SPORT FISHING LICENSES

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Additional Lifetime Fishing Privileges (includes: Ocean Enhancement Validation and three items that apply only to inland freshwater fishing: Second Rod Validation, North Coast Salmon Report Card, and Steelhead Report Card)

Lifetime licenses are available only at CDFW license sales offices.

Most fees include 5% license agent handling fee and 3% nonrefundable application fee.

* Valid for two consecutive calendar days.

** Valid for ten consecutive calendar days.
You’ve just returned to the dock after a fun (and hopefully rewarding) day of ocean sport fishing. As you tie up the boat and get ready to disembark, a smiling person in a CDFW uniform strolls down the dock, clipboard and measuring board in hand, and asks about your trip. How was the fishing today?

More than likely, you’ve just met a fishery sampler from the California Recreational Fisheries Survey (CRFS), a survey of saltwater sport anglers. The data that you provide to CRFS helps fishery managers set size limits, bag limits and fishing seasons with the goal of maximizing your fishing opportunity while conserving the fish species you caught today for generations to come.

Fishery managers use CRFS data to estimate the total catch (total number of fish caught) and fishing effort (number of fishing trips) of marine recreational anglers in California. CRFS was designed to meet specific management needs for all of California’s diverse recreational marine fisheries, and provide accurate and timely estimates. The accuracy of the estimates generated by CRFS depends heavily on your cooperation!

**There are two ways that you can contribute to the accuracy of the data:**

1. **Cooperate with the CRFS field samplers conducting the interview:**
   Because every fishing trip is unique – different target species, fishing locations, and catch – we ask that saltwater anglers cooperate each and every time they are approached by a CRFS sampler. Answer the CRFS sampler’s questions about your fishing trip truthfully and to the best of your knowledge, and take the time to allow the sampler to examine, measure and weigh your catch.

2. **Say “Yes” when you are contacted by a CRFS telephone surveyor:**
   Licensed anglers are contacted randomly throughout the year and asked questions about their fishing experiences. Data collected through this telephone survey are used to estimate fishing effort that cannot be estimated through field observations, such as night fishing and fishing from boats that depart from and return to private marinas. Your personal contact information is kept confidential.

Please do your part and say “Yes” when asked to participate in this important survey. Thank you!

For more information about the CRFS, including recreational catch and effort estimates, visit the CDFW website at [wildlife.ca.gov/conservation/marine/CRFS](http://wildlife.ca.gov/conservation/marine/CRFS).
HARVEST REPORTING: EASIER THAN EVER

ONLINE HARVEST REPORTING IS AVAILABLE ON THESE DATES:

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<td>The day after the last day of the season - Apr 30</td>
<td>May 1 - Jul 1</td>
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*Late reporting occurs after the regulatory deadline. If you have not reported your harvest by the dates listed above, please mail your harvest report card to the address listed on the report card immediately.

- Report your harvest online, using the Online License Service at wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Online-Sales; or
- Return your report card via mail to the address printed on the card. If you mail your card, consider using certified mail with tracking and retain the tracking number for proof of submittal in case your card is lost in the mail. Cards that are lost in the mail are considered not returned.
- Accurate and complete data is required. If you report online, all entries on the report card must be entered in the electronic form, including sport fishing reports of activity when no catches were made.
- Submission of report card data online must be completed within 20 minutes to avoid a system time out.
- Sport fishing report cards may be reported online only after the last day of the report card’s validity.
- If you report online, do not mail in your report card. You will be issued a report confirmation number. After reporting, please write your report confirmation number on your report card, and retain it as proof of submission. Once a report card has been reported, it may no longer be used in the field.

Remember, a $21.60 non-return fee will be charged when purchasing a spiny lobster report card if the previous year’s report card is not returned or reported online by the April 30 deadline! To avoid the fee, you may either return or report your card by the deadline, or skip one lobster fishing season. After skipping one season, you can purchase a spiny lobster report card the following season at no extra cost.

HEALTHY SEABIRDS, HEALTHY OCEANS

Special Closures protect seabirds and marine mammals from close-approaching watercraft.

Know Before You Go! Special Closures are closed to all watercraft.

Please review the table beginning on pg. 44 for Special Closures in your area.

Follow these tips to minimize your impact:
- Stay at least 1,000 feet from cliffs, rocks and islands
- Dispose of fishing line, hooks, lures and extra bait properly. Do not throw anything overboard
- Steer around, not through floating flocks of seabirds
- If birds begin to flutter wings, move away, you are too close
- Avoid shining bright lights at cliffs and islands where seabirds nest

Why? The productive marine environment off the California coast is a feeding, breeding and resting area for hundreds of thousands of seabirds. Seabirds nest on offshore rocks, islands and steep mainland cliffs in order to avoid predators. Many seabird species lay only one egg a year, or even every other year. This low reproductive rate makes seabirds extremely vulnerable. Getting too close to seabirds in a boat or on foot may disrupt breeding and feeding or harm seabirds and their chicks.

Find out more information at www.SeabirdProtectionNetwork.org

Notice courtesy of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

USEFUL CDFW SITE LINKS

California Ocean Sport Fishing Regulations Map: wildlife.ca.gov/fishing/ocean/regulations/fishing-map
California Fishing Passport Program: wildlife.ca.gov/fishing/passport
CDFW Law Enforcement: wildlife.ca.gov/enforcement
Finfish and Shellfish Identification: wildlife.ca.gov/fishing/ocean/fish-id
Groundfish Management: wildlife.ca.gov/conservation/marine/groundfish
Ocean Salmon Information: wildlife.ca.gov/fishing/oceansalmon

Marine BIOS (coastal and marine data viewer): wildlife.ca.gov/marinebios
Marine Protected Areas: wildlife.ca.gov/mpas
Declaration for Entry Form: wildlife.ca.gov/enforcement/entry-declaration
Marine Management News Blog: cdfwmarine.wordpress.com
Marine Region Electronic News Service: wildlife.ca.gov/regions/marine/news/subscribe
Ocean Sport Fishing Information: wildlife.ca.gov/ocean-sport-regs
Recreational groundfish fishing regulations are adaptive and based on the latest information about the fishery. Therefore, the CDFW director can change state groundfish regulations during the year to conform to changes in federal regulations. Before engaging in ocean sportfishing for groundfish and associated species, please access one of the following sources for up-to-date information concerning season dates, allowed fishing depths, and other regulations:

- Call the Recreational Groundfish Fishing Regulations Hotline at (831) 649-2801 for the latest groundfish regulations.
- Check the CDFW News Room at wildlife.ca.gov/news or the Marine Region News Page at wildlife.ca.gov/regions/marine/news.
- Go to wildlife.ca.gov/regions/marine/news/subscribe and sign up for e-mail notification of in-season regulation changes.
- Call or drop by your local Marine Region CDFW office (see pg. 2) for the latest information before heading out on a fishing trip.

**CCR T-14, SECTION 27.20(e)**

Describes the process CDFW follows to enact in-season regulation adjustments for groundfish:

“Fishery closure and/or rule change: When the department determines, based on the best available scientific information, that an annual harvest limit [optimum yield (OY), annual catch limit (ACL), annual catch target (ACT), recreational harvest guideline, or recreational harvest target] established in regulation by the NOAA Fisheries (National Marine Fisheries Service) for any species of federally-managed groundfish or aggregate group of federal groundfish species has been exceeded or is projected to be exceeded prior to the end of the year or that catches are less than predicted, the following rule changes may occur:

1. The department may modify the seasons and/or depth constraints for any species of federally-managed groundfish or aggregate group of federal groundfish species, California sheephead, ocean whitefish, and all greenlings of the genus Hexagrammos. Season and/or depth modifications may differ by Groundfish Management Area, time of year, mode of fishing, or gear utilized.

2. The department may adjust existing bag or sub-bag limits or establish additional bag or sub-bag limits as needed for any species of federally-managed groundfish or aggregate group of federal groundfish species, California sheephead, ocean whitefish, and all greenlings of the genus Hexagrammos. Bag limits may differ by Groundfish Management Area, time of year, mode of fishing, or gear utilized.

3. The department may adjust existing size limits or establish additional size limits as needed for any species of federally-managed groundfish or aggregate group of federal groundfish species, California sheephead, ocean whitefish, and all greenlings of the genus Hexagrammos. Size limits may differ by Groundfish Management Area, time of year, mode of fishing, or gear utilized.

**CCR T-14, SECTION 27.20(f)**

Describes how CDFW notifies the federal government and the public of in-season changes to groundfish fishing regulations:

“Notice of closure and/or rule change: The department shall give the public and the NOAA Fisheries no less than 10 calendar days’ notice of any fishery closure or rule change implemented pursuant to this Section via a department news release. Anglers and divers are advised to check the current rules before fishing. The latest fishing rules may be found on the department’s website at: www.wildlife.ca.gov/regions/marine, or by calling (831) 649-2801 for recorded information, or by contacting a department office.”

Note: “Federal Groundfish” is defined in CCR T-14, Section 1.91 (pg. 22).

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**BLACK ROCKFISH VS. BLUE ROCKFISH**

Black rockfish and blue rockfish are often misidentified. Use the features below to differentiate between the two species.

**Black Rockfish**
- Small knob at tip of lower jaw
- Black spots on dorsal fin membrane
- Body Color: mottled and blotched with BLACK to BLUE-BLACK and GRAY
- Maxillary extends to back of eye
- Rounded anal fin

**Blue Rockfish**
- 2 to 4 dark bands around front of head
- No black spots on dorsal fin membrane
- Body Color: mottled BLUE-BLACK to BRIGHT BLUE
- Maxillary extends to near mid-eye
- Straight-edged and slanted anal fin

For more fish identification information, please visit the CDFW website at wildlife.ca.gov/fishing/ocean/fish-ID
For regulations, call the Recreational Groundfish Fishing Regulations Hotline at (831) 649-2801
Groundfish regulations may change during the year. Before engaging in ocean sportfishing for groundfish and associated species, please access one of the sources listed on page 11 to obtain the most up-to-date groundfish fishing regulations.

Five recreational groundfish management areas have been established by the Fish and Game Commission and the Pacific Fishery Management Council. Each area has a different set of groundfish regulations tailored to meet regional needs.

### Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact

The Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact (IWVC) is an agreement between 26 states, which allows for the reciprocal recognition of hunting, fishing and trapping license suspensions. If your license privileges have been suspended by another state, the suspension may be recognized here in California. For example, if your sport fishing, hunting or trapping privileges have been suspended in Colorado for five years, your privileges may also be suspended for five years in California or any of the states participating in the IWVC.

The purchase of licenses or tags during the term of the suspension is a violation of the law and may result in prosecution. Licenses or tags purchased prior to or during a suspension are not refundable.

For further information contact the CDFW Law Enforcement Division at 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, or (916) 653-4094.

### Save Our Water

Now more than ever, it’s important to conserve our most precious resource. Find out how you can help.

Learn to conserve water. [www.SaveOurWater.com](http://www.SaveOurWater.com)
Ocean waters between 42°00' N. latitude (CA-OR Border) and 40°10' N. latitude (near Cape Mendocino). Includes all of Del Norte County and most of Humboldt County.

Note: Red text indicates regulations that were updated for 2017. Before engaging in ocean sportfishing for groundfish and associated species, please review one of the resources listed in Footnote 1 to receive the most up-to-date regulations.

### Groundfish Regulations Summary Table

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(includes all species of Rockfishes, Cabezon and Greenlings, Sections 1.91 and 28.55, 28.26, and 28.29) | Boat-based Anglers<sup>2</sup>:  
Open: May 1–Oct 31, and Nov 1–Dec 31  
Closed: Jan 1–Apr 30  
Divers, Shore-based Anglers<sup>3</sup>:  
Open year-round | May 1–Oct 31: Take is prohibited seaward of the 20 fathoms depth contour (180 feet), defined in Federal regulations (50 CFR Part 660, Subpart C)  
Nov 1–Dec 31: May be taken at any depth | 10 fish in combination per person EXCEPT:  
Canary rockfish: 1 fish per person  
Black rockfish: 3 fish per person | See individual species and groups below  
Cabezon: 15” total length  
Kelp and/or rock greenlings: 12” total length |
| **Leopard Shark**<sup>4</sup>  
(Section 28.56) | All Anglers:  
Same as RCG Complex outside of Humboldt Bay  
Open year-round within Humboldt Bay  
Divers, Shore-based Anglers:  
Open year-round | All Anglers: Same as RCG Complex outside of Humboldt Bay  
No depth limit within Humboldt Bay  
Divers, Shore-based Anglers: Same as RCG Complex | 3 fish per person | 36” total length |
| **Pacific Sanddabs**  
and *Other Flatfish)*<sup>5</sup>  
(Section 28.48) | Open year-round | No depth limit | Pacific sanddab: No limit  
All "Other Flatfish:"<sup>6</sup> 10 fish of each species, limit 20 fish total in combination per Section 27.60 | No size limit |
| **Petrale Sole and Starry Flounder**  
(Section 28.47) | Open year-round | No depth limit | Soupfin shark: 1 fish per person  
All Other Federal Groundfish: 10 fish of each species, limit 20 fish total in combination per Section 27.60 | No size limit |
| **Other Federal Groundfish**  
(Section 28.49) | Same as RCG Complex, above | | | |

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2. Divers and shore-based anglers are exempt from season restrictions affecting the RCG complex and other federally managed groundfish. However, when spear fishing during a boat-based closure, only spear fishing gear is allowed aboard any vessel or watercraft. Also, when angling from shore during a boat-based closure, no vessel or watercraft may be used to assist in taking or possessing species included in this table. The following definitions describe boat-based and shore-based anglers, and divers:
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3. Divers are spear fishermen entering the water either from the shore or from a boat or other floating object.

4. During the closed season, Pacific sanddab, butter sole, curtlin sole, flathead sole, rex sole, rock sole, and sand sole (defined as “Other Flatfish” in sub-section 1.91(a)(10)) may be taken.

5. See regulations for information on gear restrictions (Sections 28.65, 28.70, 28.90, 28.91, and 28.95) and fillet lengths (Section 27.65).

6. The sport fishery for leopard shark inside Humboldt Bay is exempt from season and depth restrictions that affect other federally managed groundfish (Section 28.56).

EXCEPTION: During the open season, groundfish may be possessed in closed areas and in water depths closed to fishing only aboard vessels in transit with no fishing gear in the water (Section 27.20(b)).
### MENDOCINO MANAGEMENT AREA

Ocean waters between 40°10’ N. latitude (near Cape Mendocino) and 38°57.5’ N. latitude (Point Arena). Includes a portion of Humboldt County and most of Mendocino County.

**Note:** Red text indicates regulations that have changed for 2017. Before engaging in ocean sportfishing for groundfish and associated species, please review one of the resources listed in Footnote 1 to receive the most up-to-date regulations.

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<td>10 fish in combination per person EXCEPT: Cabezon: 3 fish per person Canary rockfish: 1 fish per person Black rockfish: 3 fish per person</td>
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<td>2 fish per person</td>
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<td>All Anglers: Same as RCG Complex, above</td>
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**3.** During the closed season, Pacific sanddab, butter sole, curfin sole, flathead sole, rex sole, rock sole, and sand sole (defined as “Other Flatfish” in subsection 1.91(a)(10)) may be taken.

**4.** See regulations for information on gear restrictions (Sections 28.65, 28.70, 28.90, 28.91, and 28.95) and fillet lengths (Section 27.65).

**5.** Total length is the longest straight-line measurement from the tip of the head with the mouth closed to the end of the longest lobe of the tail. A measurement method illustration is available on pg. 23.

**EXCEPTION:** During the open season, groundfish may be possessed in closed areas and in water depths closed to fishing only aboard vessels in transit with no fishing gear in the water (Section 27.20(b)).

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**Fishing is closed year-round, at all depths. No retention at any time (zero fish per person).**
SAN FRANCISCO MANAGEMENT AREA

Ocean waters between 38°57.5' N. latitude (Point Arena) and 37°11' N. latitude (Pigeon Point). Includes a portion of Mendocino County, all of Sonoma, Marin, San Francisco, Alameda, and Contra Costa Counties, and most of San Mateo County.

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3. During the closed season, Pacific sanddab, butter sole, curlfin sole, flathead sole, rex sole, rock sole, and sand sole (defined as “Other Flatfish” in subsection 1.91(a)(10)) may be taken.

4. Per federal regulations, the waters of Cordell Bank less than 100 fathoms (600 ft.) in depth are closed at all times for all groundfish species except Pacific sanddab and “Other Flatfish”. Divers and shore-based anglers are not exempt from these area closures. See 50 CFR Part 660 Subpart G in federal regulations for more information.

5. See regulations for information on gear restrictions (Sections 28.65, 28.70, 28.75, 28.90, 28.91, and 28.95) and fillet lengths (Section 27.60).

6. Total length is the longest straight-line measurement from the tip of the head with the mouth closed to the end of the longest lobe of the tail. A measurement method illustration is available on pg. 25.

7. The sport fishery for leopard shark inside San Francisco Bay, Bodega Harbor, Tomales Bay, Bolinas Bay, and Drake's Bay is exempt from season and depth restrictions that affect other federally managed groundfish (Section 28.56).

 EXCEPTION: During the open season, groundfish may be possessed in closed areas and in water depths closed to fishing only aboard vessels in transit with no fishing gear in the water (Section 27.20(b)).

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These rockfishes may not be taken in California: Cowcod, Bronzespotted Rockfish, and Yelloweye Rockfish (Section 28.55). Fishing is closed year-round, at all depths. No retention at any time (zero fish per person).
### Central Management Area

**Ocean waters between 37°11’ N. latitude (Pigeon Point) and 34°27’ N. latitude (Point Conception). Includes all of Santa Cruz, Monterey, and San Luis Obispo Counties, and parts of Santa Barbara and San Mateo Counties.**

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<td><strong>California Scorpionfish</strong> (Section 28.54)</td>
<td><strong>Boat-based Anglers</strong>: Open: Apr 1-Aug 31 Closed: Jan 1 – Mar 31 and Sep 1-Dec 31</td>
<td>Same as RCG Complex, above</td>
<td>5 fish per person</td>
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<td><strong>Leopard Shark</strong> &lt;sup&gt;6&lt;/sup&gt; (Section 28.56)</td>
<td>All Anglers: Open-year-round within Elkhorn Slough &lt;br&gt;<strong>Same as RCG Complex outside of Elkhorn Slough</strong> &lt;br&gt;<strong>Divers, Shore-based Anglers</strong>: Open year-round</td>
<td>All Anglers: No depth limit within Elkhorn Slough &lt;br&gt;<strong>Same as RCG Complex outside of Elkhorn Slough</strong> &lt;br&gt;<strong>Divers, Shore-based Anglers</strong>: Same as RCG Complex, above</td>
<td>3 fish per person</td>
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<td><strong>Pacific Sanddabs and “Other Flatfish”</strong> &lt;sup&gt;3&lt;/sup&gt; (Section 28.48)</td>
<td>Open year-round</td>
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<td>Pacific sanddab: No limit &lt;br&gt;All “Other Flatfish”&lt;sup&gt;3&lt;/sup&gt;: 10 fish of each species, limit 20 fish total in combination, per Section 27.60</td>
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<td>Soupfin shark: 1 fish per person &lt;br&gt;All Other Federal Groundfish: 10 fish of each species, limit 20 fish total in combination, per Section 27.60</td>
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1. Subject to in-season change. Call the Recreational Groundfish Fishing Regulations Hotline at (831) 649-2801, visit the Marine Region Web site at www.wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Ocean/Regulations/Inseason, send an e-mail to AskMarine@wildlife.ca.gov, or call your nearest CDFW office for the latest information. Some marine protected areas (MPAs) restrict or prohibit sport fishing within MPAs. Check the current ocean sport fishing regulations booklet or the CDFW website at www.wildlife.ca.gov/MPAs/Central-California, send an e-mail to AskMPA@wildlife.ca.gov, or call your nearest CDFW office for more information.

2. Divers and shore-based anglers are exempt from season restrictions affecting the RCG complex and other federally managed groundfish. However, when spear fishing during a boat-based closure, only spear fishing gear is allowed aboard any vessel or watercraft. Also, when angling from shore during a boat-based closure, no vessel or watercraft may be used to assist in taking or possessing species included in this table. The following definitions describe boat-based and shore-based anglers, and divers:

   - **Boat-based anglers** are fishermen that fish from boats or vessels of any size or any other type of floating object, including kayaks and float tubes.

   - **Shore-based anglers** are fishermen that fish from beaches, banks, piers, jetties, breakwaters, docks and other manmade structures connected to the shore.

   - **Divers** are spear fishermen entering the water either from the shore or from a boat or other floating object.

3. During the closed season, Pacific sanddab, butter sole, curlfin sole, flathead sole, rex sole, rock sole, and sand sole (defined as “Other Flatfish” in subsection 1.91(a) (10)) may be taken.

4. See regulations for information on gear restrictions (Sections 28.65, 28.70, 28.90, 28.91, and 28.95) and fillet lengths (Section 27.65).

5. Total length is the longest straight-line measurement from the tip of the head with the mouth closed to the end of the longest lobe of the tail. A measurement method illustration is available on pg. 23.

6. The sport fishery for leopard shark inside Elkhorn Slough is exempt from season and depth restrictions that affect other federally managed groundfish (Section 28.56).

**EXCEPTION:** During the open season, groundfish may be possessed in closed areas and in water depths closed to fishing only aboard vessels in transit with no fishing gear in the water (Section 27.20(b)).

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These rockfishes may **not** be taken in California: Cowcod, Bronzespotted Rockfish, and Yelloweye Rockfish (Section 28.55)

**Fishing is closed** year-round, at all depths. **No retention** at any time (zero fish per person)
SOUTHERN MANAGEMENT AREA

Ocean waters between 34°27’ N. latitude (Point Conception) and the U.S.-Mexico Border, excluding the Cowcod Conservation Areas. Includes a portion of Santa Barbara County, and all of Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, and San Diego Counties.

Note: Red text includes regulations that have changed for 2017. Before engaging in ocean sportfishing for groundfish and associated species, please review one of the resources listed in Footnote 1 to receive the most up-to-date regulations.

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| RCG Complex  
(includes all species of Rockfishes, Cabezon and Greenlings, Sections 1.91 and 28.55, 28.28, and 28.29) | Boat-based Anglers:  
Open: Mar 1–Dec 31  
Closed: Jan 1–Feb 28 | Take is prohibited seaward of the 60 fathom depth contour (360 feet), defined in Federal regulations (50 CFR Part 660, Subpart C) | 10 fish in combination per person EXCEPT:  
Cabezon: 3 fish per person  
Canary rockfish: 1 fish per person  
Black rockfish: 3 fish per person | See individual species and groups below:  
Cabezon: 15” total length  
Kelp and/or rock greenlings: 12” total length |
| Lingcod (Section 28.27) | Same as RCG Complex, above | | 2 fish per person | 22” total length |
| Ocean Whitefish (Section 28.58) | Same as RCG Complex, above | | 10 fish per person | No size limit |
| California Sheephead (Section 28.26) | Same as RCG Complex, above | | 5 fish per person | No size limit |
| California Scorpionfish (Section 28.54) | Boat-based Anglers:  
Open: Jan 1–Aug 31  
Closed: Sep 1–Dec 31 | Same as RCG Complex, above | 5 fish per person | 10” total length |
| Leopard Shark* (Section 28.56) | All Anglers:  
Open year-round within Newport Bay, Alamitos Bay, San Diego Bay and Mission Bay  
Same as RCG Complex outside of those bays | All Anglers:  
No depth limit within Newport Bay, Alamitos Bay, San Diego Bay and Mission Bay  
Same as RCG Complex outside of those bays | 3 fish per person | 36” total length |
| Pacific Sanddabs and “Other Flatfish”** (Section 28.48) | Open year-round | No depth limit | Pacific sanddab: No limit  
All “Other Flatfish”: 10 fish of each species, limit 20 fish total in combination, per Section 27.60 | No size limit |
| Petrale Sole and Starry Flounder (Section 28.47) | Open year-round | No depth limit | | No size limit |
| Other Federal Groundfish (Section 28.49) | Same as RCG Complex, above | | Soupfin shark: 1 fish per person  
All Other Federal Groundfish: 10 fish of each species, limit 20 fish total in combination, per Section 27.60 | No size limit |

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1. Subject to in-season change. Call the Recreational Groundfish Fishing Regulations Hotline at (831) 649-2801, visit the Marine Region Web site at www.wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Ocean/Regulations/Inseason, or call your nearest CDFW office for the latest information. Some marine protected areas (MPAs) restrict or prohibit sport fishing within MPAs. Check the current ocean sportfishing regulations booklet or the CDFW website at www.wildlife.ca.gov/MPAs/Southern-California, send an e-mail to AskMPA@wildlife.ca.gov, or call your nearest CDFW office for more information.

2. Divers and shore-based anglers are exempt from season restrictions affecting the RCG complex and other federally managed groundfish. However, when spearfishing during a boat-based closure, only spear fishing gear is allowed aboard any vessel or watercraft. Also, when angling from shore during a boat-based closure, any other type of floating object, including kayaks and float tubes, may be used to assist in taking or possessing species included in this table. The following definitions describe boat-based and shore-based anglers, and divers:

   - Boat-based anglers: fishermen that fish from boats or vessels of any size or any other type of floating object, including kayaks and float tubes.
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3. Divers are spear fishermen entering the water either from the shore or from a boat or other floating object.

4. During the closed season, Pacific sanddab, butter sole, curfin sole, flathead sole, rex sole, rock sole, and sand sole (defined as “Other Flatfish” in subsection 1.91(a) (10) may be taken.

5. See regulations for information on gear restrictions (Sections 28.65, 28.70, 28.90, 28.91, and 28.95) and fillet lengths (Section 27.65).

6. Total length is the longest straight-line measurement from the tip of the head with the mouth closed to the end of the longest lobe of the tail. A measurement method illustration is available on pg. 23.

7. The sport fishery for leopard shark inside Newport Bay, Alamitos Bay, Mission Bay, and San Diego Bay is exempt from season and depth restrictions that affect other federally managed groundfish (Section 28.56).

EXCEPTION: During the open season, groundfish may be possessed in closed areas and in water depths closed to fishing only aboard vessels in transit with no fishing gear in the water (Section 27.20(b)).
## GROUND FISH REGULATION SUMMARY TABLES

### COWCOD CONSERVATION AREAS

Located in ocean waters between 34°27’ N latitude (Point Conception) and the U.S.-Mexico border. See map (right) and Section 27.50 for exact location coordinates. In these areas, within given depths, only the groundfish listed in this table may be taken or possessed (see exception at end of table).

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<td>Boat-based Anglers*: Open: Mar 1-Dec 31 Closed: Jan 1-Feb 28</td>
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The groundfish species listed below may not be taken or possessed in the Cowcod Conservation Areas. **Fishing is closed year-round, at all depths. No retention at any time (zero fish per person).**

1. “Nearshore rockfish” as described in subsection 1.91(a)(1) means black rockfish, black-and-yellow rockfish, blue rockfish, brown rockfish, calico rockfish, China rockfish, copper rockfish, gopher rockfish, grass rockfish, kelp rockfish, olive rockfish, quillback rockfish, and treefish.
2. “Shelf rockfish” as described in sub-section 1.91(a)(3) mean bocaccio, canary rockfish, chilipepper rockfish, dusky rockfish, flag rockfish, greenblotched rockfish, greenspotted rockfish, greenstriped rockfish, harlequin rockfish, honeycomb rockfish, Mexican rockfish, pink rockfish, redstripe rockfish, rosethorn rockfish, rosy rockfish, shortbelly rockfish, silvergray rockfish, speckled rockfish, squarespotted rockfish, starry rockfish, stripetail rockfish, tiger rockfish, vermillion rockfish, widow rockfish, and yellowtail rockfish. Take and possession of bronzespotted rockfish, cowcod rockfish and yelloweye rockfish is prohibited.
3. Subject to in-season change. Call the Recreational Groundfish Fishing Regulations Hotline at (831) 649-2801, visit the Marine Region Web site at [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Ocean/Regulations/Inseason](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Ocean/Regulations/Inseason), send an e-mail to AskMarine@wildlife.ca.gov, or call your nearest CDFW Office for the latest information. Some marine protected areas (MPAs) restrict or prohibit sport fishing within MPAs. Check the current ocean sport fishing regulations booklet or the CDFW website at [www.wildlife.ca.gov/MPAs/Southern-California](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/MPAs/Southern-California), send an e-mail to AskMPA@wildlife.ca.gov, or call your nearest CDFW office for more information.
4. Divers and shore-based anglers are exempt from season restrictions affecting the RCG complex and other federally managed groundfish. However, when spear fishing during a boat-based closure, only spear fishing gear is allowed aboard any vessel or watercraft. Also, when angling from shore during a boat-based closure, no vessel or watercraft may be used to assist in taking or possessing species included in this table. The following definitions describe boat-based and shore-based divers, and divers:

- **Boat-based anglers** are fishermen that fish from boats or vessels of any size and/or any other type of floating object, including kayaks and float tubes.
- **Shore-based anglers** are fishermen that fish from beaches, banks, piers, jetties, breakwaters, docks and other manmade structures connected to the shore.
- **Divers** are spear fishermen entering the water either from the shore or from a boat or other floating object.
5. In closed areas or during closed periods, Pacific sanddab, butter sole, curfin sole, flathead sole, rex sole, rock sole, and sand sole (defined as “Other flatfish” in subsection 1.91(a)(3)) may be taken.
6. See regulations for information on gear restrictions (Sections 28.65, 28.70, 28.90, 28.91, and 28.95) and fillet lengths (Section 27.65).
7. Total length is the longest straight-line measurement from the tip of the head to the mouth closed to the end of the longest lobe of the tail. A measurement method illustration is available on pg. 23.

**Exception:** During the open season, groundfish may be possessed in closed areas and in water depths closed to fishing only aboard vessels in transit with no fishing gear in the water (Section 27.20(b)).
COWCOD CONSERVATION AREA BOUNDARY COORDINATES (FROM SECTION 27.50)

Area 1
A. 33°50' N. Lat., 119°30' W. Long.
B. 33°50' N. Lat., 118°30' W. Long.
C. 32°20' N. Lat., 118°50' W. Long.
D. 32°20' N. Lat., 119°37' W. Long.
E. 33°00' N. Lat., 119°37' W. Long.
F. 33°00' N. Lat., 119°53' W. Long.
G. 33°33' N. Lat., 119°53' W. Long.
H. 33°33' N. Lat., 119°30' W. Long.
I. 33°50' N. Lat., 119°30' W. Long.

Area 2
J. 32°42' N. Lat., 118°02' W. Long.
K. 32°42' N. Lat., 117°50' W. Long.
L. 32°36'2" N. Lat., 117°50' W. Long.
M. 32°30' N. Lat., 117°53'30" W. Long.
N. 32°30' N. Lat., 118°02' W. Long.
O. 32°42' N. Lat., 118°02' W. Long.

This map is for informational purposes only and should not be used for navigational or legal purposes.

KNOW YOUR RESTRICTED GROUNDFISH... THEY CAN BE EASILY MISIDENTIFIED

THE TAKE AND POSSESSION OF THESE GROUNDFISH ARE PROHIBITED

Yelloweye Rockfish
- **Body Color:** Orange-red to red
- **Smooth chin when rubbed back to front**
- **Anal fin rounded**

Cowcod
- **Body Color:** Pink to orange-red
- **Wide gap between eye and mouth**
- **Relatively large head and mouth**
- **Dorsal fin has deeply notched spines**
- **Darker vertical bars, may fade with age**

Vermilion Rockfish
- **Body Color:** Orange-red to red with dark motting
- **May have black-tipped fins**
- **Tail fin straight**
- **Anal fin rounded**
- **Rough chin and Maxillary**

Canary Rockfish (Limited retention)
- **Body Color:** Bright orange
- **Black spots present on smaller fish**
- **Tail fin slightly forked**
- **Anal fin slanted**
- **Thick, gray-white band extends from head to tail**
- **Smooth chin and Maxillary**

For more information, please contact your local California Department of Fish and Wildlife office.

**ATTENTION:** Juvenile Yelloweye Rockfish
Yelloweye rockfish less than 12 in. long usually have two horizontal white stripes along the sides, which fade with age.
CHAPTER 1: GENERAL PROVISIONS AND DEFINITIONS

(Regulations seen in RED TEXT are new this year.)

All laws or regulations hereunder are either reproduced verbatim from the Fish and Game Code or from Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), as adopted by the Fish and Game Commission under authority of the Fish and Game Code.

1.04. Anadromous Waters.
Anadromous waters are inland waters that are accessible to fish migrating from the ocean.

1.05. Angling.
Angling means take of fish by hook-and-line with the line held in the hand, or with the line attached to a pole or rod held in the hand or closely attended in such manner that the fish voluntarily takes the bait or lure inside its mouth.

Fish, amphibians, reptiles, mollusks and crustaceans may be taken only in the amounts, only during the open season and only with the gear authorized and shall not be taken otherwise.

1.17. Bag and Possession Limit.
No more than one daily bag limit of each kind of fish, amphibian, reptile, mollusk or crustacean named in these regulations may be taken or possessed, by any one person unless otherwise authorized; regardless of whether they are fresh, frozen, or otherwise preserved. Exceptions: See Sections 7.00, 7.50(a), 27.60(c), and 195, Title 14, CCR.

A fish hook from which the barb or barbs have been removed or completely bent closed, or which is manufactured without barbs.

1.23. Bow and Arrow Fishing Tackle.
Such tackle must have the arrow shaft or the point, or both, attached by a line to the bow or to a fishing reel (includes crossbow).

1.32. Chumming.
Placing any material in the water, other than on a hook while angling, for the purpose of attracting fish to a particular area in order that they may be taken.

1.35. Closed or Closure.
Refers to waters or areas closed to all fishing unless otherwise authorized.

1.38. Closed Season.
That period during which the taking of fish, amphibians, reptiles, mollusks or crustaceans is prohibited.

Coastal pelagic species means any of the following: northern anchovy (Engraulis mordax), Pacific sardine (Sardina pilchardus), Pacific mackerel (Scomber japonicus), jack mackerel (Trachurus symmetricus), and market squid (Loligo (Doryteuthis) opalescens).

1.41. Dates.
Dates of seasons and closures are inclusive.

1.42. Dip Net.
Webbing supported by a frame, and hand held, not more than six feet in greatest dimension, excluding handle.

1.46. Finfish Defined.
Finfish are defined as any species of bony fish or cartilaginous fish (sharks, skates and rays). Finfish do not include amphibians, invertebrates, plants or algae.

1.49. Highly Migratory Species Defined.
Highly migratory species means any of the following: Albacore (Thunnus spp.), skipjack tuna (Katsuwonus pelamis), dorado (dolphinfish) (Coryphaena hippurus); striped marlin (Tetrapturus audax); thresher sharks (common, pelagic, and bigeye) (Alopias spp.); shortfin mako shark (Isurus oxyrinchus); blue shark (Prionace glauca), and Pacific swordfish (Xiphias gladius).

1.53. Inland Waters.
Inland waters are all the fresh, brackish and inland saline waters of the state, including lagoons and tidewaters upstream from the mouths of coastal rivers and streams. Inland waters exclude the waters of San Francisco Bay and the waters of Elkhorn Slough, west of Elkhorn Road between Castroville and Watsonville. See Section 27.00 for the description of San Francisco Bay.

1.59. Limit.
Refers to daily bag limit and possession limit per person, or boat limit authorized in Sections 27.60(c) and 195, Title 14, CCR.

1.62. Minimum and Maximum Size.
No fish, mollusks or crustaceans less than the legal minimum size or greater than the maximum legal size (total, fork or alternate) may be possessed, except as otherwise provided. Total length is the longest straight-line measurement from the tip of the head to the end of the longest lobe of the tail. Fork length is the straight-line distance from the tip of the head to the center of the tail fin. Tip of the head shall be the most anterior point on the fish with the mouth closed and the fish lying flat on its side. Alternate length is the straight-line distance from the base of the foremost spine of the first dorsal fin to the end of the longest lobe of the tail. Unless otherwise provided, all fish, mollusks or crustaceans less than the legal minimum size or greater than the maximum legal size must be returned immediately to the water from which they were taken. (Note: See Invertebrate section for definitions of minimum legal size for mollusks and crustaceans.)

1.63. Movement of Live Fish.
Except as provided in Sections 4.00 through 4.30 and 230, live fin fish may not be transported alive from the water where taken.

1.65. Multiple Hook.
A hook with two or more points.

1.68. Open Season.
That period of time during which the taking of fish, amphibians, reptiles, mollusks and crustaceans is authorized.

1.70. Opening Date and Bag Limit for Boundary Waters.
Waters, exclusive of their tributaries, on the boundary between areas or districts with different opening dates or limits shall open on the earlier date and have the larger limit unless otherwise specified.

1.72. Stream (Includes Creeks and Rivers).
A stream is a body of water that flows at least periodically or intermittently through a bed or channel having banks and that supports fish or other aquatic life. This includes watercourses having a surface or subsurface flow that supports or has supported riparian vegetation.

1.73. Salmon.
(a) Salmon includes Chinook, coho, pink, chum, and sockeye salmon.
(b) Any person in possession of a recreationally taken salmon with a missing adipose fin (the small, fleshy fin on the back of the fish between the back fin and tail) shall immediately relinquish the head of the salmon, upon request by an authorized agent or employee of the department, to facilitate the recovery of any coded-wire tag. The head may be removed by the fish owner or, if removed by the official department representative, the head shall be removed in a manner to minimize loss of salmon flesh and the salmon shall immediately be returned to the fish owner.

1.74. Sport Fishing Report Card and Tagging Requirements.
(a) Purpose. These regulations are designed to improve recreational fishing effort and catch information in some or all areas where the fisheries operate. Many of these species are of...
high commercial value, and therefore, additional enforcement mechanisms are needed to improve compliance with existing bag limits and other regulations, and to reduce the potential for poaching.

(b) Report card requirements apply to any person fishing for or taking the following species regardless of whether a sport fishing license is required:

1. Salmon, in the anadromous waters of the Klamath, Trinity, and Smith river basins. Anadromous waters are defined in Section 1.04 of these regulations.
2. Steelhead trout.
3. White sturgeon.
4. Red abalone.
5. California spiny lobster.

(c) General Report Card Requirements.

1. Report card holders shall return or report their lobster report cards pursuant to subsection 1.74(e) by April 30 following the close of the lobster season for which the card was issued.
2. Report card holders shall return or report their lobster report cards pursuant to subsection 1.74(e) by April 30 following the close of the lobster season for which the card was issued.
3. Any report card holder who fails to return or report his or her lobster report card by April 30 following the close of the lobster season specified on the card shall be subject to a nonrefundable non-return fee specified in Section 701, in addition to the annual report card fee, for the issuance of a lobster report card in the subsequent fishing season.
4. Any person fishing for or taking any of the species identified in this Section shall have in his immediate possession a valid non-transferable report card issued by the department for the particular species. See special exemption regarding possession of report cards for lobster divers in Section 29.91 of these regulations.
5. All entries made on any report card or tag shall be legible and in indelible ink.
6. A report card holder fishing with a one, two, or ten-day sport fishing license, may replace the expired fishing license without purchasing a new report card so long as the report card is still valid.
7. Report cards are not transferable and shall not be transferred to another person. No person shall possess any report card other than his own.
8. A person may only obtain one abalone report card and one sturgeon report card per report card period.
9. Any report card holder who fills in all available lines on his steelhead, salmon or lobster report card shall return or report the card to the department pursuant to subsection 1.74(e) prior to purchasing a second card.
10. Data recording and tagging procedures vary between report cards and species. See specific regulations in sections 5.79, 5.87, 5.88, 27.92, 29.16, and 29.91 that apply in addition to the regulations of this Section.

(d) Report Card Return and Reporting Requirements

1. Report card holders shall return or report their salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, or abalone report cards to the department pursuant to subsection 1.74(e) by January 31 of the following year.
2. Any report card holder who fails to return or report his salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, or abalone report card to the department by the deadline may be restricted from obtaining the same card in a subsequent license year or may be subject to an additional fee for the issuance of the same card in a subsequent license year.
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7. A report card holder fishing with a one, two, or ten-day sport fishing license, may replace the expired fishing license without purchasing a new report card so long as the report card is still valid.
8. Report cards are not transferable and shall not be transferred to another person. No person shall possess any report card other than his own.
9. A person may only obtain one abalone report card and one sturgeon report card per report card period.
10. Any report card holder who fills in all available lines on his steelhead, salmon or lobster report card shall return or report the card to the department pursuant to subsection 1.74(e) prior to purchasing a second card.
11. Data recording and tagging procedures vary between report cards and species. See specific regulations in sections 5.79, 5.87, 5.88, 27.92, 29.16, and 29.91 that apply in addition to the regulations of this Section.

(e) Report Card Return and Reporting Mechanisms:

1. By mail or in person at the address specified on the card. A report card returned by mail shall be postmarked by the date applicable to that card as specified in subsection 1.74(d)(1) or 1.74(d)(2).
2. Online through the department's license sales service website by the date applicable to that card as specified in subsection 1.74(d)(1) or 1.74(d)(2).
3. If a report card is submitted by mail and not received by the department, it is considered not returned unless the report card holder reports his or her report card as lost pursuant to subsection 1.74(f).
4. Any report card holder who loses his report card shall submit an affidavit, signed under penalty of perjury, in person to a sales service website by the date applicable to that card as specified in subsection 1.74(d)(1) or 1.74(d)(2).
5. By mail shall be postmarked by the date applicable to that card as specified in subsection 1.74(d)(1) or 1.74(d)(2).
6. Any report card holder who fills in all available lines on his steelhead, salmon or lobster report card shall return or report the card to the department pursuant to subsection 1.74(e) prior to purchasing a second card.
7. Data recording and tagging procedures vary between report cards and species. See specific regulations in sections 5.79, 5.87, 5.88, 27.92, 29.16, and 29.91 that apply in addition to the regulations of this Section.

(f) Lost report cards.

1. Any report card holder who loses his report card shall submit an affidavit, signed under penalty of perjury, in person to a sales office, by the date applicable to that card as specified in subsection 1.74(d)(1) or 1.74(d)(2).
2. Any report card holder who loses his report card shall submit an affidavit, signed under penalty of perjury, in person to a sales office, by the date applicable to that card as specified in subsection 1.74(d)(1) or 1.74(d)(2).
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7. Any report card holder who loses his report card shall submit an affidavit, signed under penalty of perjury, in person to a sales office, by the date applicable to that card as specified in subsection 1.74(d)(1) or 1.74(d)(2).
8. Any report card holder who loses his report card shall submit an affidavit, signed under penalty of perjury, in person to a sales office, by the date applicable to that card as specified in subsection 1.74(d)(1) or 1.74(d)(2).
9. Any report card holder who loses his report card shall submit an affidavit, signed under penalty of perjury, in person to a sales office, by the date applicable to that card as specified in subsection 1.74(d)(1) or 1.74(d)(2).
10. Any report card holder who loses his report card shall submit an affidavit, signed under penalty of perjury, in person to a sales office, by the date applicable to that card as specified in subsection 1.74(d)(1) or 1.74(d)(2).

1.76. Spearfishing.
The taking of fish by spear or hand by persons who are in the water and may be using underwater goggles, face plates, breathing tubes, SCUBA or other artificial underwater breathing device.

1.80. Take.
Hunt, pursue, catch, capture or kill fish, amphibians, reptiles, mollusks, crustaceans or invertebrates or attempting to do so.

1.84. Titles and Section Numbers.
All titles and headings used in these regulations are a part thereof. All section numbers cited refer to these regulations unless otherwise specified.

1.87. Waste of Fish.
It is unlawful to cause or permit any deterioration or waste of any fish taken in the waters of this state.

1.88. Public Pier.
A public pier is a publicly owned man-made structure that has the following characteristics: is connected, above the mean high tide, to the main coastline or to the landmass of a named and charted natural island; has unrestricted free access for the general public; and has been built or currently functions for the primary purpose of allowing angling access to ocean waters.

Additionally, publicly owned jetties or breakwaters that are connected to land, as described above, that have free unrestricted access for the general public and whose purpose is it to form the most seaward protective boundary of an ocean harbor are public piers. Jetties, breakwaters, promenades, sea walls, moles, docks, linings, barriers and other structures that are not the most seaward protective boundary of an ocean harbor, are not public piers.

1.90. Nearshore Fish Stocks, Nearshore Fisheries, Nearshore Waters, and Shallow Nearshore Rockfish Defined.

(a) Under the authority of Section 8587.1 of the Fish and Game Code, Section 8586 of the Fish and Game Code is made inoperative.

(b) “Nearshore fish stocks” means any of the following:

1. black rockfish (Sebastes melanops),
2. black-and-yellow rockfish (Sebastes chrysomelas),
3. blue rockfish (Sebastes mystinus),
4. brown rockfish (Sebastes auriculatus),
5. cabezon (Scorpaenichthys marmoratus),
6. calico rockfish (Sebastes dollisi),
7. California scorpionfish (sculpin) (Scorpnaea guttata),
8. California sheephead (Semicossyphus pulcher),
9. China rockfish (Sebastes nebulosus),
10. copper rockfish (Sebastes caurinus),
(11) gopher rockfish (Sebastes carnatus),
(12) grass rockfish (Sebastes rastrelliger),
(13) greenlings of the genus Hexagrammos,
(14) kelp rockfish (Sebastes atrovirens),
(15) monkeyface eel (Cebidichthys violaceus),
(16) olive rockfish (Sebastes serranoides),
(17) quillback rockfish (Sebastes maliger), and
(18) treefish (Sebastes serriceps).

(c) “Nearshore fisheries” means the commercial or recreational taking, possession, or landing of any species of nearshore fish stocks.

(d) “Nearshore waters” means ocean waters including only black-and-yellow rockfish, China rockfish, gopher rockfish, grass rockfish, and kelp rockfish.

1.91. Federal Groundfish and Rockfish, Cabezon and Greenling (RCG) Complex.

(a) The species or species groups listed in subsections 1.91(a)(1) through 1.91(a)(12) constitute “federal groundfish” and are managed under subsections 1.91(a)(1) through 1.91(a)(12) constitute “federal groundfish” and are managed under

(1) “Nearshore Rockfish,” which means the following species of rockfish: black rockfish (Sebastes melanops), black and yellow rockfish (S. chrysomelas), blue rockfish (S. mystinus), brown rockfish (S. auriculatus), calico rockfish (S. dalli), China rockfish (S. nebulosus), copper rockfish (S. caurinus), gopher rockfish (S. carnatus), grass rockfish (S. rastrelliger), kelp rockfish (S. atrovirens), olive rockfish (S. serranoides), quillback rockfish (S. maliger), treefish (S. serriceps).

(2) “California Scorpionfish” (Scorpaena guttata).

(3) “Shelf Rockfish” which means the following species of rockfish: bocaccio (S. paucispinis), brazespotted rockfish (S. galli), canary rockfish (S. pinninger), chilipepper (S. goodei), cowcod (S. levis), dusky rockfish (S. ciliatus), flag rockfish (S. rubrivinctus), greenblotched rockfish (S. ocellatus), greenstriped rockfish (S. elongatus), harlequin rockfish (S. variegatus), honeycomb rockfish (S. umbrosus), Mexican rockfish (S. macdonaldi), pink rockfish (S. coe), redstripe rockfish (S. proriger), rosethorn rockfish (S. helvomaculatus), rosy rockfish (S. rosaceus), shortbelly rockfish (S. jordani), silvergray rockfish (S. brevispinis), speckled rockfish (S. ovalis), squarespot rockfish (S. hopkinsii), starry rockfish (S. constellatus), stripefoot rockfish (S. saxicola), tiger rockfish (S. nigrocinclus), vermillion rockfish (S. miniatus), widow rockfish (S. entomelas), yelloweye rockfish (S. ruberrimus), yellowtail rockfish (S. flavus),

(4) “Slope Rockfish” which means the following species of rockfish: aurora rockfish (Sebastes aurora), bank rockfish (S. ruberrimus), blackgill rockfish (S. melanostomus), darkblotched rockfish (S. cromeri), Pacific ocean perch (S. alutus), redband rockfish (S. babcocki), rougheye rockfish (S. aleutianus), sharpchin rockfish (S. zacentrus), shorthorn rockfish (S. borealis), splitnose rockfish (S. diploproa), yellowmouth rockfish (S. reidi).

(5) “Sharks”, including only leopard shark (Triakis semifasciata), soupfin shark (Galeorhinus galeus), and spiny dogfish (Squalus acanthias).

(6) “Skates”, which means big skate (Raja binoculata), California skate (R. inornata), and longnose skate (R. rhina), roughtail/black skate (Bathyraja trachura), Aleutian skate (B. aleutica), Bering/sandpaper skate (R. interrupta) and all other genera and species of skates in the families Arhynchobatidae and Rajidae that occur off California.

(7) “Roundfish”, including only cabezon (Scorpaenichthys marmoratus), kelp greenling (Hexagrammos decagrammus), longcod (Ophiodon elongatus), Pacific cod (Gadus macrocephalus), Pacific whiting (Merluccius productus), and sablefish (Anoplopoma fimbria).

(8) “Thornyheads”, which means longspine thornyhead (Sebastolobus alivensis), and shortspine thornyhead (Sebastolobus alascanus).

(9) “Fedally Managed Flatfish”, including only arrowtooth flounder (arrowtooth turbot) (Atheresthes stomias), Dover sole (Microstomus pacificus), English sole (Parophrys vetulus), petrale sole (Eopsetta jordani), and starry flounder (Platichthys stellatus).

(10) “Other Flatfish”, including only butter sole (Eopsetta isolepis), curlin sole (Pleuronichthys decurrens), flathead sole (Hippoglossoides elassodon), Pacific sand dab (Citharichthys sordidus), rex sole (Glytocephalus zuchiris), rock sole (Lepidopsetta bilineata), and sand sole (Pactichthys melanostictus).

(11) “Other fish”, including only ratfish (Hydrolagus colliei), non-paying anglers.
(12) All genera and species of the family Scorpaenidae that occur off California and not specifically listed in (a)(1) through (a)(4) or (a)(8) above.

195. Report of Fish Taken to be Made by Owner of Barge or Vessel for Hire and Boat Limits.

(a) Records required by Sections 7923 and 8026 of the Fish and Game Code shall be made on forms provided by the department entitled COMMERICAL PASSENGER FISHING VESSEL, CENTRAL AND NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, DFW 195A (02/13), or COMMERICAL PASSENGER FISHING VESSEL LOG, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, DFW 195B (02/13), see Appendix A, and hereafter referred to as logbook for purposes of this section. The logbook shall include the following information and be completed and available for inspection as specified in this section:

(1) A full and correct record of fish taken, including species or specified species groups, filled out before the trip is completed as provided in Section 190(b). The names used for designating the species of fish shall be those in common usage unless otherwise designated by the department.

(A) Form DFW 195A shall be used when the vessel is engaged in fishing north of Point Conception.

(B) Form DFW 195B shall be used when the vessel is engaged in fishing south of Point Conception.

(2) The owner/operator copy of the logbook shall be maintained and kept on the vessel for a period of one year, and upon request, shall be made available for inspection by any authorized representative of the Department.

(3) The numbered logbook shall be completed sequentially. A voided log shall have the word “Void” plainly and noticeably written on the face of the log.

(4) For months when no fishing activity occurred, a log shall be completed on the last day of the month with an entry made clearly indicating that no fishing activity occurred for the month specified by the owner/operator. All logs shall be kept and delivered to the department as specified in Section 190.

(5) A commercial passenger fishing vessel shall keep and submit logbooks whether or not the fishing trip involves paying or non-paying anglers.

(b) The owner(s) and/or operator(s) of each vessel required to obtain a license under Section 7920 of the Fish and Game Code shall post a notice in a prominent place on the vessel giving information to fishermen on license requirements, bag limits, and other pertinent information. This notice shall be furnished by the department.

(c) Both the vessel owner(s) and/or operator(s) shall be responsible for keeping accurate records and insuring the vessel is in compliance with sub-sections (a) and (b) above.

(d) All fishing activity records are confidential pursuant to Fish and Game Code Sections 7923 and 8022 and Government Code Sections 6276 and 6276.10.
GENERAL PROVISIONS AND DEFINITIONS

(e) Boat Limits: When two or more persons licensed or otherwise authorized to sport fish in ocean waters off California or in the San Francisco Bay District, as defined in Section 27.00, are angling for finfish in these waters aboard a vessel licensed under Section 7920, fishing by these persons (to include vessel operator(s) and crew members where licensed to sportfish under their own individual limits) may continue until the passenger’s boat limits of those finfish are taken and possessed aboard the vessel as authorized under this section.

(1) For purposes of this section, the vessel operator(s) and crew members are not passengers and may not take fish towards obtaining boat limits for passengers except for casting, setting trolling gear, gaffing or netting fish, but may take fish during a fishing trip for their personal use only. Vessel operator(s) and crew members may assist passengers in other activities including, but not limited to, obtaining bait, chumming, baiting and untangling hooks and lines, identifying, dispatching, filleting, counting, bagging and otherwise handling fish taken by passengers. Upon completion of a fishing trip, the vessel operator(s) and crew members may only possess fish that are part of their own personal bag limit not to exceed authorized sportfishing daily bag and possession limits.

(2) Fish taken by operator(s) and crew members for personal use pursuant to (e)(1) above must be separated from fish taken under a boat limit and labeled in a manner that they can be identified as an individual operator’s or crew members fish. Operator(s) and crew members are also prohibited from giving all or part of their individual limit to any passenger during or after a trip.

(3) The authorization for boat limits aboard a vessel does not apply to fishing trips originating in California where fish are taken in other jurisdictions.

(4) A boat limit for a species or species group is equal to the number of passengers aboard the vessel that are licensed or otherwise authorized to sport fish in ocean waters off California multiplied by the individual daily bag limit authorized for a species or species group. For purposes of this section, the number of passengers shall not include the vessel operator(s) and crew members. It is unlawful to exceed the boat limit at any time.

(5) Prior to the departure on a fishing trip of a vessel that is licensed under Fish and Game Code Section 7920, the number of fishers, to include passengers, guests, operators and crew who will be fishing, shall be recorded under “number of fishers” on the logbook for that trip. In addition, the number of vessel operator(s) and crew members who will fish for that trip shall be recorded in the space to the right of the operator’s signature on the logbook.

(6) Upon completion of a sport fishing trip aboard a vessel reporting under this section, each licensed or otherwise authorized angler may not possess more than the daily bag and possession limits. For the purposes of this section, a fishing trip is completed at the time a person disembarks from the vessel and individual possession limits apply.

(7) Species for which no daily bag limit exists are not included in the boat limit.

(f) Where boat limits are provided for in this section, the vessel operator(s) and crew members may be cited for violations occurring aboard the vessel, including but not limited to violations of the following:

(1) Overlimits
(2) Possession of prohibited species
(3) Minimum size limits
(4) Fish taken out of season or in closed areas

(g) Boat limits are not authorized for sturgeon fishing and shall not apply to the take, possession or retention of sturgeon.

MEASUREMENT METHODS

ALTERNATE LENGTH: Base of foremost spine of dorsal fin, to longest tip of tail.

FORK LENGTH (FL): Tip of head with mouth closed, to fork of tail.

TOTAL LENGTH (FL): Tip of head with mouth closed, to longest tip of tail.

METHOD FOR CLAMS AND ABALONE

Greatest shell diameter

See Section 29.90(C)
See Section 29.85(a)(7) & 29.85(b)(3)

CALIFORNIA SALTWATER FISHING REGULATIONS
CHAPTER 4: OCEAN FISHING

27.00. Definition.
The Ocean and San Francisco Bay District consists of the Ocean and San Francisco Bay, as described herein. The Ocean is the open seas adjacent to the coast and islands and the waters of open or enclosed bays contiguous to the ocean, including the waters of Elkhorn Slough, west of Elkhorn Road between Castroville and Watsonville. San Francisco Bay is the waters of San Francisco and San Pablo bays plus all their tidal bays, sloughs, estuaries, and tidal portions of their rivers and streams between the Golden Gate Bridge and the west Carquinez Bridge. For purposes of this section, waters downstream of the Trancas Bridge on the Napa River, downstream of the Highway 121 Bridge on Sonoma Creek, and downstream of the Payran Street Bridge on the Petaluma River are tidal portions of the Napa River, Sonoma Creek, and Petaluma River, respectively. Also see Section 1.53.

27.05. Chumming.
Chumming, including chumming with live bait, is permitted.

27.10. Live Bait Restrictions.
Tilapia may not be used or possessed for use as bait in ocean waters.

27.15. Multi-Day Fishing Trips.
The following provisions apply to anglers and to boat owners and operators when a Declaration for a Multi-Day Fishing Trip has been filed with the department.

(a) Provisions related to the angler: Up to three daily bag and possession limits of saltwater fin fish, lobster and rock scallops and up to two daily bag and possession limits of abalone are allowed for a person fishing during a multi-day trip in ocean waters from a boat whose owner or operator has filed a Declaration for Multi-Day Fishing Trip, pursuant to the provisions of sub-section (b) below.

(1) The provisions of this section do not authorize any person to take more than one daily bag limit of fish during one calendar day.

(2) The provisions of this section do not apply to the taking and possession of salmon, steelhead, striped bass and sturgeon.

(b) Provisions related to the boat owner or operator who has filed for a Declaration for a Multi-Day Fishing Trip:

(1) The owner or operator of a boat shall submit to the nearest department office a Declaration for Multi-Day Fishing Trip and payment as specified in Section 701. The Declaration for Multi-Day Fishing Trip shall include the following information:

(A) Place, date and time of departure of the boat.

(B) Place, date and estimated time of return of the boat.

(C) Name of the boat.

(D) Date and hour Declaration mailed or delivered to the department.

(E) Additional requirements for Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessels:

1. The Commercial Boat Registration Number issued pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 7880.

2. Copy of passenger manifest if fishing within 10 miles of the mainland shore of California.

(2) The Declaration for Multi-Day Fishing Trip must be submitted to the nearest department office in order for any person aboard such boat to possess more than one bag limit of saltwater fin fish, abalone, lobster and rock scallops. If mailed, the Declaration for Multi-Day Fishing Trip must be received at least 48 hours prior to the date of the boat’s departure. If the 48-hours advance notice is not met, the original copy of the form signed by an authorized department representative must be aboard the vessel during the trip. Forms will be accepted for authorization only during business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

(3) A Declaration for Multi-Day Fishing Trip may not be filed for a trip unless the trip is continuous and extends for a period of 12 hours or more on the first and last days of the trip and no berthing or docking is permitted within five miles of the mainland shore.

(4) The owner or operator of a boat filing a Declaration for Multi-Day Fishing Trip shall prepare such form in duplicate, and shall require the duplicate to be posted in full view of the passengers aboard the boat.

(5) All passengers must disembark at place of return as stated on the Declaration for Multi-Day Fishing Trip.

FIN FISH – GENERAL

27.56. Take General.
Except as otherwise provided, there are no closed seasons, closed hours or minimum size limits on fin fish in the Pacific Ocean including all saltwater bays except that in San Francisco Bay between the Golden Gate Bridge and the Carquinez Bridge and in saltwater tributaries to the bay within the area bounded by Interstate 80 and Highways 17, 101 and 37. Finfish may not be taken between one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise except from shore or piers.

FIN FISH – MINIMUM SIZE LIMITS, BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS, AND SEASONS

Regulations that follow in sections 27.25 through 27.50 define fishing seasons and depth constraints that are effective within each Groundfish Management Area. These sections apply to take and possession of federally-managed groundfish species as defined in Section 1.91 and California sheephead, ocean whitefish, and all greenlings of the genus Hexagrammos, which are state-managed species known to associate with federal groundfish.

(a) Depth Constraints: A depth constraint means that during the open season, the aforementioned species may not be taken or possessed in water depths deeper than the specified depth. Two specific definitions of “depth” apply off California. In waters shallower than 30 fathoms, “depth” is defined by general depth contour lines. In waters equal to or deeper than 30 fathoms, “depth” is defined by approximating a particular depth contour by connecting the appropriate set of waypoints adopted in Federal regulations (50 CFR Part 660, Subpart C).

(b) General Provisions.

(1) Take and Possession: During any open season in any Groundfish Management Area, in waters deeper than where fishing is authorized or within special closure areas established within a Groundfish Management Area, it is unlawful to take or possess the aforementioned species except as provided in subsections (b)(1) through (b)(4)(D) below and sections 27.25 through 27.50 of these regulations.

(A) Transit: The aforementioned species may be possessed aboard a vessel in transit through a closed area with no fishing gear deployed in the water.

(B) “Other Flatfish” as defined in subsection 1.91(a)(10), petrale sole and starry flounder may be taken or possessed in all depths year-round.

(C) Shore Based Angling: When angling from shore (includes beaches, banks, piers, jetties, breakwaters, docks, and other man-made structures connected to the shore), all species may be taken or possessed year-round (See 27.50(b)(1) for exceptions in the Cowcod Conservation Areas). No vessel or watercraft (motorized or non-motorized) may be used to assist in taking or possessing these species while angling from shore under this provision.
(D) Diving or Spearfishing: When diving or spearfishing, as authorized in Section 28.90, all species may be taken or possessed year-round (See 27.50(b)(2)) for exceptions in the Cowcod Conservation Areas). When boat-based groundfish fishing is closed, all types of fishing gear, except spearfishing gear, are prohibited to be aboard the vessel or watercraft (motorized or non-motorized) while spearfishing for the purpose of taking or possessing these species under this provision.

(c) Closed Season: During any closed season in any Groundfish Management Area, it is unlawful to take or possess the aforementioned species regardless of depth, except as provided in subsections (b)(1)(A) through (b)(1)(D) above and sections 27.25 through 27.50 of these regulations.

(d) California Rockfish Conservation Area: Within any Groundfish Management Area, waters that are closed for these species during specified times and/or closed in specified depths shall be known as the California Rockfish Conservation Area. See Section 27.51.

(e) Fishery closure and/or rule change: When the department determines, based on the best available scientific information, that an annual harvest limit (optimum yield (OY)), annual catch limit (ACL), annual catch target (ACT), recreational harvest guideline, or recreational harvest target established in regulation by the NOAA Fisheries (National Marine Fisheries Service) for any species of federally-managed groundfish or aggregate group of federal groundfish species has been exceeded or is projected to be exceeded prior to the end of the year or that catches are less than predicted, the following rule changes may occur:

1. The department may modify the seasons and/or depth constraints for any species of federally-managed groundfish or aggregate group of federal groundfish species, California sheephead, ocean whitefish, and all greenlings of the genus Hexagrammos. Season and/or depth modifications may differ by Groundfish Management Area, time of year, mode of fishing, or gear utilized.

2. The department may adjust existing bag or sub-bag limits or establish additional bag or sub-bag limits as needed for any species of federally-managed groundfish or aggregate group of federal groundfish species, California sheephead, ocean whitefish, and all greenlings of the genus Hexagrammos. Bag limits may differ by Groundfish Management Area, time of year, mode of fishing, or gear utilized.

3. The department may adjust existing size limits or establish additional size limits as needed for any species of federally-managed groundfish or aggregate group of federal groundfish species, California sheephead, ocean whitefish, and all greenlings of the genus Hexagrammos. Size limits may differ by Groundfish Management Area, time of year, mode of fishing, or gear utilized.

(f) Notice of closure and/or rule change: The department shall give the public and the NOAA Fisheries no less than 10 calendar days' notice of any fishery closure or rule change implemented pursuant to this Section via a department news release. Anglers and divers are advised to check the current rules before fishing. The latest fishing rules may be found on the department's website at: www.wildlife.ca.gov/regions/marine or by calling (831) 649-2801 for recorded information, or by contacting a department office.

27.25. Northern Groundfish Management Area.
This Section applies to take and possession of federally-managed groundfish species as defined in Section 1.91, California sheephead, ocean whitefish, and all greenlings of the genus Hexagrammos. For specific definitions, applicability, and procedures, see sections 1.91 and 27.20. For size limits, possession limits, and other regulations that apply to individual species, see specific sections beginning with Section 27.60.

(a) The Northern Groundfish Management Area means ocean waters between 42°00'N. lat. (the Oregon/California border) and 40°10'N. lat. (near Cape Mendocino, Humboldt County).

(b) Seasons and depth constraints (except as provided in subsection (c) below):
1. January 1 through April 30: Closed.
2. May 1 through October 31: Take of all species is prohibited seaward of a line approximating the 30-fathom depth contour along the mainland coast and along islands and offshore seamounts. The 30-fathom depth contour is defined by straight lines connecting the set of 30-fathom waypoints as adopted in Federal regulations (50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G).
3. November 1 through December 31: Open for all species with no depth restrictions.

(c) Leopard shark may be taken or possessed in Humboldt Bay year-round.

27.30. Mendocino Groundfish Management Area.
This Section applies to take and possession of federally-managed groundfish species as defined in Section 1.91, California sheephead, ocean whitefish, and all greenlings of the genus Hexagrammos. For specific definitions, applicability, and procedures, see sections 1.91 and 27.20. For size limits, possession limits, and other regulations that apply to individual species, see specific sections beginning with Section 27.60.

(a) The Mendocino Groundfish Management Area means ocean waters between 40°10'N. lat. (near Cape Mendocino, Humboldt County) and 38°57.50'N. lat. (at Point Arena, Mendocino County).

(b) Seasons and depth constraints (except as provided in subsection (c) below):
1. January 1 through April 30: Closed.
2. May 1 through October 31: Take of all species is prohibited seaward of 20 fathoms in depth as described by general depth contour lines along the mainland coast and along islands and offshore seamounts.
3. November 1 through December 31: Open for all species with no depth restrictions.

(c) California scorpionfish
1. May 1 through August 31: Take is prohibited seaward of 20 fathoms in depth as described by general depth contour lines along the mainland coast and along islands and offshore seamounts.
2. September 1 through December 31: Closed.

27.35. San Francisco Groundfish Management Area.
This Section applies to take and possession of federally-managed groundfish species as defined in Section 1.91, California sheephead, ocean whitefish, and all greenlings of the genus Hexagrammos. For specific definitions, applicability, and procedures, see sections 1.91 and 27.20. For size limits, possession limits, and other regulations that apply to individual species, see specific sections beginning with Section 27.60.

(a) The San Francisco Groundfish Management Area means ocean waters between 38°57.50'N. lat. (at Point Arena, Mendocino County) and 37°11'N. lat. (at Pigeon Point, San Mateo County).

(b) Seasons and depth constraints (except as provided in subsection (c) below):
1. January 1 through April 14: Closed.
2. April 15 through December 31: Take of all species is prohibited seaward of a line approximating the 40-fathom depth contour along the mainland coast and along islands and offshore seamounts. The 40-fathom depth contour is defined by straight lines connecting the set of 40-fathom waypoints as adopted in Federal regulations (50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G).
3. November 1 through December 31: Open for all species with no depth restrictions.

(c) Leopard shark may be taken or possessed in Drake's Bay, Bolinas Bay, Tomales Bay, Bodega Harbor, and San Francisco Bay year-round.

(c) Special exceptions to subsection (b) above:
1. Leopard shark may be taken or possessed in Drake's Bay, Bolinas Bay, Tomales Bay, Bodega Harbor, and San Francisco Bay year-round.
2. California scorpionfish
(A) April 15 through August 31: Take is prohibited seaward of a line approximating the 40-fathom depth contour along the mainland coast and along islands and offshore seamounts. The 40-fathom depth contour is defined by straight lines connecting the set of 40-fathom waypoints as adopted...
in Federal regulations (50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G).

(B) September 1 through December 31: Closed.

27.40. Central Groundfish Management Area.

This Section applies to take and possession of federally-managed groundfish species as defined in Section 1.91, California sheephead, ocean whitefish, and all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*. For specific definitions, applicability, and procedures, see sections 1.91 and 27.20. For size limits, possession limits, and other regulations that apply to individual species, see specific sections beginning with Section 27.60.

(a) The Central Groundfish Management Area means ocean waters between 37° 11’ N. lat. (at Pigeon Point, San Mateo County) and 34° 27’ N. lat. (at Point Conception, Santa Barbara County).

(b) Seasons and depth constraints (except as provided in subsection (c) below):

1. January 1 through March 31: Closed.
2. April 1 through December 31: Take of all species is prohibited seaward of a line approximating the 50-fathom depth contour along the mainland coast and along islands and offshore seamounts. The 50-fathom depth contour is defined by straight lines connecting the set of 50-fathom waypoints as adopted in Federal regulations (50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G).

(c) Special exceptions to subsection (b) above:

1. Leopard shark may be taken or possessed in Elkhorn Slough year-round.
2. California scorpionfish
   (A) April 1 through August 31: Take is prohibited seaward of a line approximating the 50-fathom depth contour along the mainland coast and along islands and offshore seamounts. The 50-fathom depth contour is defined by straight lines connecting the set of 50-fathom waypoints as adopted in Federal regulations (50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G).
   (B) September 1 through December 31: Closed.

27.50. Cowcod Conservation Areas.

This Section applies to take and possession of federally-managed groundfish species as defined in Section 1.91, California sheephead, ocean whitefish, and all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*. For specific definitions, applicability, and procedures, see sections 1.91 and 27.20. For size limits, possession limits, and other regulations that apply to individual species, see specific sections beginning with Section 27.60.

(a) The Cowcod Conservation Areas are special closure areas within the Southern Groundfish Management Area.

(b) Seasons and depth constraints (except as provided in subsection (c) below)

1. January 1 through the last day in February: Closed.
2. March 1 through December 31: Take of all species is prohibited seaward of a line approximating the 60-fathom depth contour along the mainland coast and along islands and offshore seamounts. The 60-fathom depth contour is defined by straight lines connecting the set of 60-fathom waypoints as adopted in Federal regulations (50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G).

(c) Special exceptions to subsection (b) above:

1. California scorpionfish
   (A) January 1 through August 31: Take is prohibited seaward of a line approximating the 60-fathom depth contour along the mainland coast and along islands and offshore seamounts. The 60-fathom depth contour is defined by straight lines connecting the set of 60-fathom waypoints as adopted in Federal regulations (50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G).
   (B) September 1 through December 31: Closed.

27.45. Southern Groundfish Management Area.

This Section applies to take and possession of federally-managed groundfish species as defined in Section 1.91, California sheephead, ocean whitefish, and all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*. For specific definitions, applicability, and procedures, see sections 1.91 and 27.20. For size limits, possession limits, and other regulations that apply to individual species, see specific sections beginning with Section 27.60.

(a) The Southern Groundfish Management Area means ocean waters between 34° 27’ N. lat. (at Point Conception, Santa Barbara County) and the U.S./Mexico Border. The Cowcod Conservation Areas are special closure areas within the Southern Groundfish Management Area.

(b) Seasons and depth constraints (except as provided in subsection (c) below)

1. January 1 through the last day in February: Closed.
2. March 1 through December 31: Open for only the species or species groups listed in (A) through (G) below, and only in waters shallower than 20 fathoms in depth as described by general depth contour lines.
   (A) Nearshore rockfish, as defined in subsection 1.91(a)(1)
   (B) Cabezon
   (C) Greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*
   (D) California sheephead
   (E) Ocean whitefish
   (F) Lingcod
   (G) Shelf rockfish, as defined in subsection 1.91(a)(3), except bronzespot rockfish, cowcod, and yelloweye rockfish which may not be taken or possessed within the Cowcod Conservation Area.

(c) Special exceptions to subsection (b) above:

1. California scorpionfish
   (A) January 1 through August 31: Take is prohibited seaward of 20 fathoms in depth, as described by general depth contour lines along the mainland coast and along islands and offshore seamounts.
   (B) September 1 through December 31: Closed.

2. Notwithstanding subsection 27.20(b)(1)(C), when angling from shore (includes beaches, banks, piers, jetties, breakwaters, docks, and other man-made structures connected to the shore), only the species identified in (b)(2) above and California scorpionfish may be taken or possessed year-round. No vessel or watercraft (motorized or non-motorized) may be used to assist in taking or possessing these species while angling from shore under this provision.

3. Notwithstanding subsection 27.20(b)(1)(D), when diving or spearfishing, as authorized in Section 28.90, only the species identified in (b)(2) above and California scorpionfish may be taken or possessed year-round. Except for spearfishing gear, all other types of fishing gear are prohibited to be aboard the vessel or watercraft (motorized or non-motorized) while spearfishing for the purpose of taking or possessing these species under this provision.
27.51. California Rockfish Conservation Area.
California Rockfish Conservation Area (CRCA) means the ocean waters that are closed to recreational groundfish fishing at specified times, or closed in specified depths or areas. CRCAs serve to minimize interaction with particular species of overfished groundfish that cannot be selectively avoided and thus must be protected from overharvest by closing times, depths or areas to recreational fishing for federal groundfish and associated species managed by California. See Section 27.20.

(a) In the CRCA, take and possession is prohibited for federally-managed groundfish species as defined in Section 1.91, California sheephead, ocean whitefish, and all greenlings of the genus Hexagrammos.

(b) This regulation does not apply in cases where these species are possessed aboard a vessel in transit with no fishing gear deployed in the water.

27.60. Limit.

(a) General. No more than 20 finfish in combination of all species with not more than 10 of any one species, may be taken or possessed by any one person except as otherwise provided or as defined in sub-section (c) below or in Section 195. See sections 27.70 through 28.62 for special bag limits, minimum size limits and poundage restrictions for certain species that apply in addition to the general bag limit.

(b) There is no limit on the following species: anchovy, grunion, jacksmelt, topsmelt, Pacific butterfish (pompano), queenfish, sanddabs, skipjack, jack mackerel, Pacific mackerel, Pacific staghorn sculpin, round herring, Pacific herring, Pacific sardine, petrale sole and starry flounder.

(c) Boat limit. When two or more persons that are licensed or otherwise authorized to sport fish in ocean waters off California or in the San Francisco Bay District, defined in Section 27.00, are angling for finfish aboard a vessel in these waters, fishing by all authorized persons aboard may continue until boat limits of finfish are taken and possessed aboard the vessel as authorized under this section or Section 195, Title 14, CCR.

(1) The authorization for boat limits aboard a vessel does not apply to fishing trips originating in California where fish are taken in other jurisdictions.

(2) A boat limit for a species or species group is the number of persons aboard a vessel that are licensed or otherwise authorized to sport fish in ocean waters off California, or in waters of the San Francisco Bay District, (see special conditions of Section 195, Title 14, CCR, applicable to operator and crew members of vessels licensed pursuant to Fish and Game Code 7920) multiplied by the individual daily bag limit authorized for a species or species group in those waters. With the exception of species listed in sub-section (b) above, the total fish aboard a boat may not exceed the aggregate per-person daily bag limit of 20 finfish in combination of all species times the number of anglers licensed or otherwise authorized to sport fish aboard the vessel. It is unlawful to exceed the boat limit at any time.

(3) All persons aboard a vessel may be cited where violations involving boat limits are found, including, but not limited to the following violations:

(A) Over limits

(B) Possession of prohibited species

(C) Violation of size limits

(D) Fish taken out of season or in closed areas.

(4) Upon completion of a fishing trip aboard a vessel, each licensed angler or person otherwise authorized to sport fish may not possess more than the individual daily bag and possession limits. For purposes of this section, a trip is completed at the time a person disembarks from a vessel and individual possession limits apply. Special boat limit provisions apply to persons fishing aboard commercial passenger fishing vessels reporting pursuant to Section 195, Title 14, CCR.

(5) Species for which no daily bag limit exists are not counted as part of a boat limit.

(6) Boat limits are not authorized for sturgeon fishing and shall not apply to the take, possession or retention of sturgeon.

27.65. Filleting of Fish on Vessels.

(a) Definition of Fillet: For the purpose of this section a fillet is the flesh from one side of a fish extending from the head to the tail which has been removed from the body (head, tail and backbone) in a single continuous piece.

(b) Fish That May Be Filleted: No person shall fillet on any boat or bring ashore as fillets any fish, except in accordance with the following requirements:

(1) Kelp bass, barred sand bass, and spotted sand bass: All fillets shall be a minimum
of seven and one half inches in length. Each fillet shall bear intact a one-inch square patch of skin.

(2) Barracuda: Fillets must be a minimum of 17 inches in length. Each fillet shall bear intact a one-inch square patch of silver skin.

(3) Lingcod fillets must be a minimum of 14 inches in length. Each fillet shall bear intact a one-inch square patch of skin. The minimum size and minimum fillet size for lingcod may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). See sub-section 27.20(f) for additional information.

(4) White sea bass: Fillets must be a minimum of 19 inches in length. Each fillet shall bear intact a one-inch square patch of silver skin.

(5) Pacific bonito: No more than 10 fillets of any length may be possessed. All bonito fillets possessed shall be considered a part of the allowable undersized tolerance of five bonito per day less than 24 inches fork length or weighing less than five pounds as provided in Section 28.32 of these regulations. All fillets shall bear intact a one-inch square patch of skin.

(6) California halibut taken from or possessed aboard a vessel south of Point Arena (Mendocino County): Fillets must be a minimum of 16 and three-quarter inches in length and shall bear the entire skin intact. A fillet from a California halibut (flesh from one entire side of the fish with the entire skin intact) may not be cut in half fillets. However, a fillet may be cut lengthwise in a straight line along the midline of the fillet where the fillet was attached to the vertebra (backbone) of the fish only if the two pieces of a fillet remain joined along their midline for a length of at least two inches at one end of the fillet.

(7) Yellowtail: Fillets must be a minimum of 17 inches in length, except not more than 10 fillets may be less than 17 inches. Each fillet shall bear intact a one-inch square patch of skin.

(8) Rockfish: Fillets must have the entire skin attached. The minimum size and minimum fillet size for rockfish may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). See sub-section 27.20(f) for additional information.

(9) California scorpionfish (commonly termed “sculpin”): Fillets must be a minimum of 5 inches. Each fillet shall bear intact a one-inch square patch of skin. The minimum size and minimum fillet size for California scorpionfish may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of sub-section 27.20(e). See subsection 27.20(f) for additional information.

(10) Ocean whitefish: Fillets must be a minimum of 6 and one half inches in length and shall bear the entire skin intact.

(11) For all species of tuna filleted on any boat or brought ashore as fillets south of a line running due west true from Point Conception, Santa Barbara County (34° 27” N. lat.) each fish must be individually bagged as follows:

(A) The bag must be marked with the species’ common name.

(B) The fish must be cut into six pieces with all skin attached. These pieces are the four loins, the collar removed and a piece of skin attached and intact, and the belly fillet cut to include the vent and both pelvic fins attached and intact.

(12) All other species except those listed in subsection (c) of this section: Each fillet shall bear intact a one-inch square patch of skin. The fillets may be of any size.

(c) Fish That May Not Be Filleted, Steaked or Chunked: No person shall fillet, steak or cut into chunks on any boat or bring ashore as fillets, steaks or chunks the following; any species with a size limit unless a fillet size is otherwise specified in these regulations. California halibut may be filleted or brought ashore as fillets south of Point Arena (Mendocino County).

27.70. Trout in the Ocean.

(a) Methods of take: The trout must voluntarily take the bait or lure in its mouth.

(b) Limit: Three, except the take of steelhead rainbow trout in the ocean is prohibited.

27.75. Salmon Closures.

(a) No salmon may be taken at any time in ocean waters at the Smith River mouth bounded on the north by 41°59’36” N. lat. (approximately 3 nautical miles north of the Smith River mouth), on the west by 124°16’24” W. long. (approximately 3 nautical miles offshore), and on the south by 41°53’30” N. lat. (approximately 3 nautical miles south of the Smith River mouth).

(b) No salmon may be taken at any time in ocean waters at the Klamath River mouth bounded on the north by 41°35’30” N. lat. (approximately 3 nautical miles north of the Klamath River mouth), on the west by 124°08’54” W. long. (approximately 3 nautical miles offshore), and on the south by 41°29’24” N. lat. (approximately 3 nautical miles south of the Klamath River mouth). In August, the ocean salmon closure expands into the “Klamath Control Zone.” The Klamath Control Zone is defined in federal regulations as the ocean area at the Klamath River mouth bounded on the north by 41°38’48” N. lat. (approximately 6 nautical miles north of the Klamath River mouth), on the west by 124°23’00” W. long. (approximately 12 nautical miles offshore), and on the south by 41°26’48” N. lat. (approximately 6 nautical miles south of the Klamath River mouth).

(c) No salmon may be taken during the months of August and September in ocean waters at the Eel River mouth bounded on the north by 40°40’24” N. lat. (approximately 2 nautical miles north of the Eel River mouth), on the west by 124°21’24” W. long. (approximately 2 nautical miles offshore), and on the south by 40°36’24” N. lat. (approximately 2 nautical miles south of the Eel River mouth).

27.80. Salmon.

(a) Methods of take:

(1) General Provisions. Only by angling as defined in Section 1.05. No sinkers or weights exceeding four pounds may be used, except that a fishing line may be attached to a sinker or weight of any size if such sinker or weight is suspended by a separate line and the fishing line is released automatically by a mechanical device from the sinker or weight when any fish is hooked. See sections 28.65 and 28.70.
(2) Barbless Hooks. No more than two (2) single point, single shank barbless hooks shall be used in the ocean north of Point Conception (34° 27’00” N. lat.) when salmon fishing or fishing from any boat or floating device with salmon on board.

(3) Other Hook Restrictions. When fishing with bait in the ocean between Horse Mountain (40°05’00” N. lat.) and Point Conception, if angling by any means other than trolling, then no more than two (2) single point, single shank, barbless circle hooks shall be used. The distance between the two hooks must not exceed five inches when measured from the top of the eye of the top hook to the inner base of the curve of the lower hook, and both hooks must be permanently tied in place (hard tied). A circle hook is defined as a hook with a generally circular shape, and a point which turns inwards, pointing directly to the shank at a 90 degree angle. Trolling is defined as angling from a boat or floating device that is making way by means of a source of power, other than drifting by means of the prevailing water current or weather conditions. See Section 28.65(g).

(4) One Rod Restriction north of Point Conception. Salmon may be taken by angling with no more than one rod in ocean waters north of Point Conception. See Section 28.65(e).

(b) Statewide coho (silver) salmon restrictions: No coho (silver) salmon may be retained.

(e) Ocean salmon possession limit: No more than two daily bag limits may be possessed when on land. On a vessel in ocean waters, no person shall possess or bring ashore more than one daily bag limit. See Section 1.17 and 27.60(c) of these regulations.

27.85 Striped Bass.

(a) Open season: All year.

(b) Limit: Two.

(c) Minimum size:

(1) North of Pt. Conception, 18 inches total length.

(2) South of Pt. Conception, no minimum size limit.

(d) Methods of take: No striped bass may be taken while using a sinker weighing over four pounds, or while using any power-driven gurdy or winch. Striped bass may only be taken by angling as defined by Section 1.05, Title 14, CCR, spearfishing pursuant to Section 1.76, and bow and arrow fishing tackle; snagging is an illegal method of take.

(d) Methods of take: Only one single point, single shank, barbless hook may be used on a line when taking sturgeon. The sturgeon must voluntarily take the bait or lure in its mouth. No sturgeon may be taken by trolling, snagging or by the use of firearms. Sturgeon may not be gaffed, nor shall any person use any type of firearm or snare to take any sturgeon. For the purposes of this section, a snare is a flexible loop made from any material that can be tightened like a noose around any part of the fish.

(e) Removal from water. Any sturgeon greater than 68 inches fork length may not be removed from the water and shall be released immediately.

(f) Report card required: Any person fishing for or taking sturgeon shall have in their possession a non-transferable Sturgeon Fishing Report Card issued by the department and shall adhere to all reporting and tagging requirements for sturgeon defined in Sections 1.74 and 27.92, Title 14, CCR.

(g) For regulations on take and possession of sturgeon in inland waters as defined in Section 1.53, see Section 5.80 and Section 5.81.

(h) Boat limits, as defined in sub-section 27.60(e) and Section 195, are not authorized for sturgeon fishing and shall not apply to the take, possession or retention of white sturgeon.

27.91. Green Sturgeon.

(a) Green sturgeon may not be taken or possessed.

(b) Green sturgeon may not be removed from the water and shall be released immediately.

(c) Green sturgeon taken and released incidentally to white sturgeon fishing shall be reported on a Sturgeon Fishing Report Card issued by the department, in accordance with procedures defined in Sections 1.74 and 27.92, Title 14, CCR.

(4) Tags shall not be removed from the report card until immediately prior to affixing to a white sturgeon. Any tags detached from the report card and not affixed to a white sturgeon shall be considered used and therefore invalid. No person shall possess any used or otherwise invalid sturgeon tags.

(5) Records of Prior Activity. All tags must be accounted for at all times by entry of a record on the Sturgeon Fishing Report Card corresponding to all tags that are not in the cardholder’s possession. Any tag that was lost or destroyed shall be recorded as such on the corresponding line on the Sturgeon Fishing Report Card.

(6) If the sturgeon has a department reward disk attached, write the reward disk number in the space provided on the report card.

27.92. White Sturgeon Report Card and Tagging Requirements for Ocean Waters.

(a) Sturgeon Fishing Report Card Required. All anglers must have a valid Sturgeon Fishing Report Card in their possession while fishing for or taking white sturgeon. Cardholders must complete and return the card pursuant to regulations in this Section and in Section 1.74 of these regulations.

(b) Tagging and Recording Requirements for Retained Fish. A Sturgeon Fishing Report Card includes detachable tags that shall be used to tag any white sturgeon that is taken and retained in the sport fishery. Any white sturgeon possessed by any person shall be tagged.

(1) Upon taking and retaining a white sturgeon, the cardholder shall immediately record the following information:

(A) The fishing location, time of catch and length of the fish shall be recorded legibly and permanently in the appropriate spaces on the tag.

The cardholder shall immediately and completely punch out the date of catch (month and day) on the sturgeon tag. Tags shall be used in sequential order.

(b) The month, day, fishing location and length of the fish shall be recorded in the appropriate spaces on the Sturgeon Fishing Report Card which corresponds to the number on the tag.

(2) Immediately after recording the information above, the cardholder shall remove and completely detach the tag from the card and affix it to the white sturgeon. Cardholders shall not wait until completion of fishing activity to tag any white sturgeon in possession.

(3) The tag shall be securely fastened to the fish. To affix the tag, a “zip tie”, string, line or other suitable material shall be passed through the tag at the location specified on the sturgeon tag and attached to the fish.

(4) Tags shall not be removed from the report card until immediately prior to affixing to a white sturgeon. Any tags detached from the report card and not affixed to a white sturgeon shall be considered used and therefore invalid. No person shall possess any used or otherwise invalid sturgeon tags.

(5) Records of Prior Activity. All tags must be accounted for at all times by entry of a record on the Sturgeon Fishing Report Card corresponding to all tags that are not in the cardholder’s possession. Any tag that was lost or destroyed shall be recorded as such on the corresponding line on the Sturgeon Fishing Report Card.

(6) If the sturgeon has a department reward disk attached, write the reward disk number in the space provided on the report card.

(c) Reporting Requirements for Released Fish.

(1) Whenever the cardholder catches and releases a sturgeon, the cardholder shall immediately record the month, day, location code, and species of sturgeon.

(2) If all lines in the “sturgeon released” field of the report card are filled, any additional sturgeon caught and released need not be recorded on the card.

(3) If the sturgeon has a department reward disk attached, write the reward disk number in the space provided on the report card.

(d) Sturgeon tags must be left affixed to the fish in place, including while stored at a residence or non-transient location, until the fish is processed for immediate consumption.

(e) The annual fee for the Sturgeon Fishing Report Card is specified in Section 701 of these regulations.
27.95. Sturgeon Closure.
Green sturgeon and white sturgeon may not be taken in the following described area between January 1 and March 15: That portion of San Francisco Bay included within the following boundaries: A direct line between Pt. Chauncey (National Marine Fisheries Laboratory) and Pt. Richmond, the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge and a direct line between Pt. Lobos and Pt. Bonita.

28.00. Grunion, California.
May be taken June 1 through March 31.

28.05. Garibaldi.
May not be taken or possessed.

28.06. White Shark.
White shark may not be taken, except under permit issued by the Department pursuant to Section 1002 of the Fish and Game Code for scientific or educational purposes.

28.10. Giant (Black) Sea Bass.
(a) May not be taken off California. All fish taken incidental to other fishing activity shall be immediately returned to the water where taken.
(b) Limit: Two per angler per trip when fishing south of United States-Mexico border. A valid fishing permit or license from the Mexican government constitutes proof that fish were taken legally.

May not be taken or possessed.

28.15. Halibut, California.
(a) Limit: Five in waters south of a line extending due west magnetic from Point Sur, Monterey County, and three in waters north of a line extending due west magnetic from Point Sur, Monterey County.
(b) Minimum size: Twenty-two inches total length.

28.20 Halibut, Pacific.
(a) Season:
(1) Pacific halibut may be taken only from May 1 through June 15, July 1 through 15, August 1 through 15, and September 1 through October 31, or until the quota is reached, whichever is earlier. Pacific halibut take is regulated by a quota that is closely monitored each year in alignment with federal regulations.
(2) The Pacific halibut quota is published in the Federal Register 82 FR 18581, April 20, 2017. The department shall inform the commission, and the public via a press release, prior to any implementation of restrictions triggered by achieving or expecting to exceed the quota. Anglers and divers are advised to check the current rules before fishing. The latest fishing rules may be found on the department’s website at: wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Ocean, or by calling the Recreational Groundfish Fishing Regulations Hotline (831) 649-2801 or the National Marine Fisheries Service Area 2A Halibut Hotline (800) 662-9825 for recorded information, or by contacting a department office.
(b) Limit: One.
(c) Minimum size: None.
(d) Methods of Take:
(1) When angling, no more than one line with two hooks attached may be used.
(2) A harpoon, gaff, or net may be used to assist in taking a Pacific halibut that has been legally caught by angling. See Section 27.20(e) or Section 52.10. See subsection 27.20(f) for additional information.

28.25. Barracuda, California.
Minimum size: Twenty-eight inches total length or seventeen inches alternate length.

(a) Open areas, seasons, and depth constraints: See Section 27.20 through Section 27.50 for definitions, special closure areas, and exceptions. Take and possession is authorized as follows:
(1) Northern Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.25.
(2) Mendocino Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.30.
(3) San Francisco Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.35.
(4) Central Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.40.
(5) Southern Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.45.
(6) Cowcod Conservation Areas: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.50.
(b) Limit: Five.
(c) Minimum size: 12 inches total length.
(d) Fishing rules for California sheephead may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e) or Section 52.10. See subsection 27.20(f) for additional information.

28.27. Lingcod.
(a) Open areas, seasons, and depth constraints: See Section 27.20 through Section 27.50 for definitions, special closure areas, and exceptions. Take and possession is authorized as follows:
(1) Northern Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.25.
(2) Mendocino Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.30.
(3) San Francisco Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.35.
(4) Central Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.40.
(5) Southern Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.45.
(6) Cowcod Conservation Areas: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.50.
(b) Limit: Two.
(c) Minimum size: 22 inches total length.
(d) Method of take: When angling, gear is restricted to not more than two hooks and one line. For purposes of this section, a hook is a single hook, or double or treble hook with multiple points connected to a common shank.
(e) Fishing rules for lingcod may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). See subsection 27.20(f) for additional information.

**PACIFIC HALIBUT IN-SEASON INFORMATION**

During the open season, CDFW and the National Marine Fisheries Service coordinate weekly to determine if the Pacific halibut quota is projected to be taken. The fishery is subject to in-season closure at any time during the open season if the quota is projected to be reached, so please call or check one of the following information sources for the most up-to-date regulations before engaging in fishing for Pacific halibut:

**National Marine Fisheries Service Halibut Hotline**
(800) 662-9825

**CDFW Recreational Groundfish Fishing Regulations Hotline**
(831) 649-2801

**CDFW Pacific Halibut Web Page**
wildlife.ca.gov/conservationmarine/pacific-halibut
28.28. Cabezon.
(a) Open areas, seasons, and depth constraints: See Section 27.20 through Section 27.50 for definitions, special closure areas, and exceptions. Take and possession is authorized as follows:
(1) Northern Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.25.
(2) Mendocino Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.30.
(3) San Francisco Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.35.
(4) Central Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.40.
(5) Southern Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.45.
(6) Cowcod Conservation Areas: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.50.
(b) Limit: Three fish, within a Rockfish, Cabezon, and Greenling complex (RCG complex, as defined in Section 1.91) bag limit of 10 fish.
(c) Minimum size: 15 inches total length.
(d) Method of take: When angling, gear is restricted to not more than two hooks and one line. For purposes of this section, a hook is a single hook, or double or treble hook with multiple points connected to a common shank.
(e) Fishing rules for cabezon may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e) or Section 52.10. See subsection 27.20(f ) for additional information.

(a) Open areas, seasons, and depth constraints for greenlings of the genus Hexagrammos (including kelp and rock greenlings): See Section 27.20 through Section 27.50 for definitions, special closure areas, and exceptions. Take and possession is authorized as follows:
(1) Northern Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.25.
(2) Mendocino Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.30.
(3) San Francisco Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.35.
(4) Central Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.40.
(5) Cowcod Conservation Areas: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.45.
(b) Limit: For greenlings of the genus Hexagrammos, ten fish within a Rockfish, Cabezon, and Greenling complex (RCG complex, as defined in Section 1.91) bag limit of 10 fish.
(c) Minimum size: 12 inches total length.
(d) Method of take: When angling, gear is restricted to not more than two hooks and one line. For purposes of this section, a hook is a single hook, or double or treble hook with multiple points connected to a common shank.
(e) Fishing rules for greenlings of the genus Hexagrammos may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e) or Section 52.10. See subsection 27.20(f ) for additional information.

(a) Minimum size: Fourteen inches total length or ten inches alternate length.
(b) Limit: Five in any combination of species.

28.32. Pacific Bonito.
(a) Limit: Ten.
(b) Minimum size: Twenty-four inches fork length or five pounds except that: Five fish less than twenty-four inches fork length or weighing less than five pounds may be taken and possessed.
(c) The provisions of this section shall only remain operative if the provisions of Section 8377 of the Fish and Game Code, pertaining to the commercial take of Pacific bonito, become operative on March 1, 1982 and remain operative.

28.35. White Seabass.
(a) Minimum size: Twenty-eight inches total length.
(b) Season: Open all year.
(c) Limit: Three, except that only one fish may be taken in waters south of Pt. Conception between March 15 and June 15.

(a) Limit: Ten.
(b) Minimum size: Twenty-four inches fork length except that: Five fish less than twenty-four inches fork length may be taken or possessed.

28.38. Tunas.
The following daily bag limits apply:
(a) Albacore:
(1) South of a line running due west true from 34°27’N. lat. (at Point Conception, Santa Barbara County) – The special limit for albacore is 10, which may be taken or possessed in addition to the overall general daily bag limit of 20 finfish specified in sub-section 27.60(a). The limit applies to all albacore possessed, regardless of where taken.
(2) North of a line running due west true from 34°27’N. lat. (at Point Conception, Santa Barbara County) – The special limit for albacore is 25, which may be taken or possessed in addition to the overall general daily bag limit of 20 finfish specified in sub-section 27.60(a).
(b) Bluefin tuna - The special limit for bluefin tuna is 2, which may be taken or possessed in addition to the overall general daily bag limit of 20 finfish specified in subsection 27.60(a).
(c) There is no limit on skipjack tuna.
(d) For yellowfin tuna, bigeye tuna, and other tunas not listed above, the limit is 10. Unlike albacore and bluefin tuna, fish taken under this limit shall apply toward the overall general daily bag limit of 20 finfish specified in sub-section 27.60(a).

28.40. Broadbill Swordfish.
(a) Limit: Two.

28.41. Sixgill Shark, Sevengill Shark.
Limit: One of each species.

28.42. Shortfin Makos Shark, Thresher Shark, and Blue Shark.
Limit: Two of each species.

28.45. Surf Smelt (Night Smelt, Day Fish, Whitebait Smelt).
(a) Limit: Twenty-five pounds in combination.

28.47. Petrale Sole and Starry Flounder.
Petrale sole and starry flounder are federal groundfish, as defined in subsection 1.91(a), and are subject to special regulations as follows.
Regulations of this Section do not apply to other species of flounders or sole.
(a) Open year-round
(b) There is no limit on petrale sole or starry flounder.
(c) Petrale sole and starry flounder may be taken in all depths.
(d) Fishing rule for petrale sole and starry flounder may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e) or subsection 27.20(f ) for additional information.

Pacific sanddab, rock sole, sand sole, butter sole, curlfin sole, rex sole, and flathead sole are federal groundfish, also known in the aggregate as “other flatfish” pursuant to subsection 1.91(a)(10) and are subject to special regulations as follows.
Regulations of this Section do not apply to other species of sanddabs, flounders, or sole.
(a) Open year-round.
(b) Limit: There is no limit on Pacific sanddab. The general bag limit of not more than 20 finfish in combination of all species with not more than 10 of any one species applies to rock sole, sand sole, butter sole, curlfin sole, rex sole, and flathead sole.
(c) Fishing rules for Pacific sanddab, rock sole, sand sole, butter sole, curlfin sole, rex sole, and flathead sole may be changed during the year...
or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). See subsection 27.20(f) for additional information.

28.49. Soupfin Shark, Dover Sole, English Sole, Arrowtooth Flounder, Spiny Dogfish, Skates, Ratfish, Grenadiers, Finescale Codling, Pacific Cod, Pacific Whiting, Sablefish and Thornyheads.

Soupfin shark, Dover sole, English sole, arrowtooth flounder, spiny dogfish, all skates, ratfish, all grenadiers, finescale codling, Pacific cod, Pacific whiting, sablefish, longspine thornyhead, and shortspine thornyhead are federal groundfish, as defined in subsection 1.91(a), and are subject to special regulations as follows.

Regulations of this Section do not apply to other species of flounders, sole, sharks, or codlings unless otherwise specified.

(a) Open areas, seasons, and depth constraints: See Section 27.20 through Section 27.50 for definitions, special closure areas, and exceptions. Take and possession is authorized as follows:

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(b) Limit: Five.

(c) Minimum size: 10 inches total length.

(d) Fishing rules for California scorpionfish may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). See subsection 27.20(f) for additional information.

28.54. California Scorpionfish (Sculpin).

(a) Open areas, seasons, and depth constraints: See Section 27.20 through Section 27.50 for definitions, special closure areas, and exceptions. Take and possession is authorized as follows:

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(b) Limit: Five.

(c) Minimum size: 10 inches total length.

(d) Fishing rules for California scorpionfish may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). See subsection 27.20(f) for additional information.

28.56. Leopard Shark.

(a) Open areas, seasons, and depth constraints: See Section 27.20 through Section 27.50 for definitions, special closure areas, and exceptions. Take and possession is authorized as follows:

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(b) Limit: Five.

(c) Minimum size: 36 inches total length.

(d) Fishing rules for leopard shark may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). See subsection 27.20(f) for additional information.

(a) Open areas, seasons, and depth constraints: See Section 27.20 through Section 27.50 for definitions, special closure areas, and exceptions. Take and possession is authorized as follows:

(1) Northern Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.25.
(2) Mendocino Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.30.
(3) San Francisco Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.35.
(4) Central Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.40.
(5) Southern Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.45.
(6) Cowcod Conservation Areas: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.50.

(b) Limit: The general bag limit of not more than 20 finfish in combination of all species with not more than 10 of any one species applies to ocean whitefish.

(c) Fishing rules for ocean whitefish may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). See subsection 27.20(f) for additional information.


(a) For the purposes of this section, the term “surperch” refers to all species of the family Embiotocidae, in any combination.

(b) Open Season: Open all year, except surperch may not be taken or possessed by a person in San Francisco Bay and San Pablo Bay between April 1 and July 31, inclusive. Shiner surperch (Cymatogaster aggregata) are exempt from this seasonal closure and may be taken and possessed up to their daily bag limit in these areas during the closure period.

(c) Daily bag limits:

(1) In San Francisco Bay and San Pablo Bay, the aggregate limit is five surperch, not including shiner surperch. For all other areas, the aggregate limit is 20 surperch, not including shiner surperch. Not more than 10 surperch may be of any one species.

(2) The special limit for shiner surperch is 20, which may be taken or possessed in addition to the overall daily bag limit of 20 finfish specified in sub-section 27.60(a).

(d) Minimum size: redtail surperch, ten and one-half inches total length. All other surperch: none.

28.60. Herring Eggs.

(a) Limit: Twenty-five pounds (including plants) wet weight.

GEAR RESTRICTIONS

28.65. General.

Except as provided in this article, fin fish may be taken only on hook-and-line or by hand. Any number of hooks and lines may be used in all ocean waters and bays except:

(a) San Francisco Bay, as described in Section 27.00, where only one line with not more than three hooks may be used.

(b) On public piers, no person shall use more than two rods and lines, two hand lines, or two nets, traps or other appliances used to take crabs.

(c) When rockfish (genus Sebastes), lingcod (Ophiodon elongatus), cabezon (Scorpaenichthys marmoratus), or kelp or rock greenlings (Hexagrammos decagrammus and Hexagrammos lagocephalus) are aboard or in possession, where only one line with not more than two hooks may be used pursuant to Sections 28.55, 28.27, 28.28 or 28.29, respectively.

(d) No gaff hook shall be used to take or assist in landing any finfish shorter than the minimum size limit. For the purpose of this section a gaff hook is any hook with or without a handle used to assist in landing fish or to fish in such a manner that the fish does not take the hook voluntarily in its mouth. No person shall take finfish from any boat or other floating device in ocean waters without having a landing net in possession or available for immediate use to assist in landing undersize fish of species having minimum size limits; the opening of any such landing net shall not be less than eighteen inches in diameter.

(e) North of Point Conception (34°27’00” N. lat.), where only one rod and line may be used by each angler fishing for salmon, or fishing from any boat or floating device with salmon on board.

(f) Mousetrap gear prohibited: It is unlawful to use, assist in using, or to possess aboard any vessel, hook-and-line gear commonly termed “mouse traps” constructed of a hook(s) or lure(s), attached to one end of a line that is attached to a float, or floats at the other end, and that when fished, is not attached directly to a person or vessel. Possession of such gear aboard a vessel shall be prima facie evidence that the gear is being used in violation of this regulation.

(g) North of Point Conception to Horse Mountain, Section 27.80(a)(3) applies to each angler fishing for salmon, or fishing from any boat or floating device with salmon on board.

28.70. Weight, Power Driven Gurdies or Power Driven Winches.

(a) No sinker or weight weighing more than four pounds, nor any power driven gurdy or power driven winch, may be used in any ocean waters or saltwater bays north of Point Arguello. This regulation does not apply to:

(1) Power gurdies or power winches used solely for handling crab nets or traps; (2) The use of downriggers where the downrigger line is not used as a fishing line but is attached to the fishing line by a breakaway line; or (3) The use of electric fishing reels manufactured for sport fishing use.

28.75. Baited Traps for Shiner Surperch, Pacific Staghorn Sculpin and Longjaw Mud Suckers.

In San Francisco and San Pablo bays and their saltwater tributaries, and in the open ocean and the contiguous bays of Mendocino, Sonoma and Marin counties, traps not over three feet in greatest dimension may be used to take shiner surperch, Pacific staghorn sculpin and longjaw mudsuckers. Any other species taken shall be returned to the water immediately.

28.80. Dip Nets and Hawaiian Type Throw Nets.

Dip nets of any size and baited hoop nets not greater than 36 inches in diameter may be used to take herring, Pacific staghorn sculpin, shiner surperch, surf smelt, topsmelt, anchovies, shrimp and squid. Hawaiian type throw nets may be used north of Point Conception to take such species.

28.85. Beach Nets.

Beach nets not over 20 feet in length with meshes at least 7/8 of an inch in length may be used to take surf smelt north of Point Conception.

28.90. Diving, Spearfishing.

Persons who are floating or swimming in the water may use spearfishing gear and skin or SCUBA diving equipment to take fin fish other than giant (black) sea bass, garibaldi, gulf grouper, broomtail grouper, trout, salmon, or broadbill, except that:

(a) No person may possess or use a spear within 100 yards of the mouth of any stream in any ocean waters north of Ventura County.

(b) When spearfishing for or in possession of federal groundfish species or associated species as authorized pursuant to subsection 27.20(b) (1)(D), in an area or during a season closed to the take of these species, no fishing gear except spearfishing gear may be aboard the vessel or watercraft.

28.91. Slurp Guns.

Slurp guns may be used to take finfish except that bag and possession limits shall not be exceeded wherever they apply and no species of finfish may be taken for which a minimum size limit has been established (see Sections 27.60 and 28.00-28.55).

28.95. Spears, Harpoons and Bow and Arrow Fishing Tackle.

Spears, harpoons and bow and arrow fishing tackle may be used for taking all varieties of skates, rays, and sharks, except white sharks. Harpoons may be used to assist in taking Pacific halibut as specified in Section 28.20. Such gear may not be possessed or used within 100 yards of the mouth of any stream in any ocean waters north of Ventura County, nor
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29.00. Gear Used in Taking Grunion.
No appliances of any kind may be used to take grunion, and no holes may be dug in the beach to entrap them.

INVERTEBRATES

29.05. General.
(a) Except as provided in this article there are no closed seasons, closed hours or minimum size limits for any invertebrate. The bag limit on all invertebrates for which the take is authorized and for which there is not a bag limit otherwise established in this article is 35. In San Francisco and San Pablo bays and saltwater tributaries east of the Golden Gate Bridge invertebrates may not be taken at night except from the shore.
(b) Take of all invertebrates is prohibited within state marine reserves. Take of certain invertebrates may be prohibited within state marine parks and state marine conservation areas as per sub-section 632(b). In addition, tidal invertebrates may not be taken in any tidepool or other areas between the high tide mark (defined as Mean Higher High Tide) and 1,000 feet seaward and lateral to the low tide mark (defined as Mean Lower Low Water) except as follows:

(c) Measuring Devices. Every person while taking invertebrates which have a size limit shall carry a device which is capable of accurately measuring the minimum legal size of the invertebrates which have a size limit shall carry a device which is capable of accurately measuring the minimum legal size taken.
(d) In all ocean waters skin and Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus (SCUBA) divers may take invertebrates as provided in this article except that in all ocean waters north of Yankee Point (Monterey Co.), SCUBA may be used only to take sea urchins, rock scallops and crabs of the genus Cancer. For the purpose of this section, breathing tubes (snorkels) are not SCUBA.

MOLLUSKS

29.10. General.
(a) Except as otherwise provided in this article, saltwater mollusks, including octopus, may be taken only on hook-and-line or with the hands.
(b) The size of a mollusk is measured in greatest shell diameter.

29.15. Abalone.
(a) Open Area: Except in the area described in subsection (a)(1) below, abalone may only be taken north of a line drawn due west magnetic from the center of the mouth of San Francisco Bay. No abalone may be taken, landed, or possessed if landed south of this line.
(b) Open Season and Hours:
(1) Open Season: Abalone may be taken only during the months of May, June, August, September, and October.
(2) Open Hours: Abalone may be taken only from 8:00 AM to one-half hour after sunset.
(c) Bag Limit and Yearly Trip Limit: Three red abalone, Haliotis rufescens, may be taken per day. No more than three abalone may be possessed at any time. No other species of abalone may be taken or possessed. Each person taking abalone shall stop detaching abalone when the limit of three is reached. No person shall take more than 12 abalone during a calendar year. In the Open Area as defined in subsections 29.15(a) and 29.15(a)(1) above, not more than 9 abalone of the yearly trip limit may be taken south of the boundary between Sonoma and Mendocino counties.
(d) Minimum Abalone Size: All red abalone must be seven inches or greater measured along the longest shell diameter. All legal-sized abalone detached must be retained. No undersize abalone may be brought ashore or aboard any boat, placed in any type of receiver, kept on the person, or retained in any person’s possession or under his control. Undersize abalone must be replaced immediately to the same surface of the rock from which detached. Abalone brought ashore shall be in such a condition that the size can be determined.
(e) Special Gear Provisions: The use of SCUBA gear or surface-supplied air to take abalone is prohibited. Abalone may not be taken or possessed aboard any boat, vessel, or floating device in the water containing SCUBA or surface-supplied air. Abalone may be taken only aboard any vessel on any day or on any trip when broadbill swordfish or marlin have been taken.
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IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT ABALONE:

Abalone Report Cards are Required for Children Under the Age of 16 and on Free Fishing Days

Abalone divers and rock-pickers must have their report card in their immediate possession while diving and rock-picking. Each abalone taken must be tagged and recorded on the report card immediately after exiting the water. By January 31 of the following year, submit harvest data online at wildlife.ca.gov/reportcards or return your report card to:

Calif. Department of Fish and Wildlife
32330 N. Harbor Dr.
Fort Bragg, CA 95437-5554

Every abalone taken must be tagged. Each tag must be securely fastened to the shell by passing a “zip tie”, string, line or other suitable material through a siphon hole on the shell and also through the tag itself."

HEALTH ADVISORY: DOMOIC ACID

For health advisories related to domoic acid in California crab and other advisories for crustaceans, finfish, and shellfish:

Call CDPH at 1-800-553-4133

When circumstances arise, warnings, quarantine information and health advisories generated by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) concerning consumption of California’s ocean finfish, shellfish and crustaceans will also be posted online at: wildlife.ca.gov/fishing/ocean/health-advisories
by hand or by devices commonly known as abalone irons. Abalone irons must be less than 36 inches long, straight or with a curve having a radius of not less than 18 inches, and must not be less than 3/4 inch wide nor less than 1/16 inch thick. All edges must be rounded and free of sharp edges. Knives, screwdrivers and sharp instruments are prohibited.

(f) Measuring Device: Every person while taking abalone shall carry a fixed-caliper measuring gauge capable of accurately measuring seven inches. The measuring device shall have fixed opposing arms of sufficient length to measure the abalone by placing the gauge over the shell.

(g) Abalone Possession and Transportation: Abalones shall not be removed from their shell, except when being prepared for immediate consumption.

(1) Individuals taking abalone shall maintain separate possession of their abalone. Abalone may not be commingled in a float tube, dive board, dive bag, or any other container or device, until properly tagged. Only after abalones are properly tagged, as described in Section 29.16 (b), Title 14, CCR, may they be commingled with other abalone taken by another person.

(h) Report Card Required: Any person fishing for or taking abalone shall have in their immediate possession a non-transferable Abalone Report Card issued by the department and shall adhere to all reporting and tagging requirements for abalone defined in Sections 1.74 and 29.16, Title 14, CCR.


(a) Abalone Report Card Required. All individuals including divers must have an Abalone Report Card in their immediate possession while fishing for or taking red abalone. Individuals must complete and return the card pursuant to regulations in this Section and in Section 1.74.

(b) Tagging Requirements. An Abalone Report Card includes detachable tags that shall be used to tag any abalone that is taken and retained in the sport fishery. Any red abalone possessed by any person shall be tagged.

(1) Cardholders shall tag any red abalone either immediately upon exiting the water or immediately upon boarding a vessel, whichever occurs first. For the purposes of this section a vessel is defined as any watercraft used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water (reference Section 9840(a) CVC). Cardholders shall not wait to return to their vehicle, beach site or other location to tag any abalone in possession.

Exception: Cardholders who dive from a non-motorized vessel such as a kayak that is in the water may wait until immediately after disembarking from the non-motorized vessel to tag and record any abalone in possession, but shall not transfer any abalone from his or her immediate possession unless they are first tagged and recorded on the report card.

(2) The cardholder shall fill in the month, day, time of catch, and fishing location on the abalone tag, remove and completely detach the tag from the card, and affix it to the shell of the abalone.

(3) The tag shall be securely fastened to the shell of the abalone. To affix the tag, a “zip tie”, string, line or other suitable material shall be passed through a siphon hole on the abalone shell and through the tag at the location specified on the abalone tag.

(4) Tags shall be used in sequential order, and shall not be removed from the report card until immediately prior to affixing to an abalone. Any tags detached from the report card and not affixed to an abalone shall be considered used and therefore invalid.

(5) No person shall possess any used or otherwise invalid abalone tags not attached to an abalone shell.

(c) Reporting Requirements. Immediately upon tagging all abalone in possession, the cardholder shall record the month, day, time of catch, and fishing location in the appropriate spaces on the numbered line on the Abalone Report Card which corresponds to the number on the tag attached to the abalone.

(d) Records of Prior Activity. All tags must be accounted for at all times by entry of a record on the Abalone Report Card corresponding to all tags that are not in possession. Any tag that was lost or destroyed shall be recorded as such on the corresponding line on the Abalone Report Card. Any tag that was inadvertently removed and is still in possession shall be recorded as void on both the tag and the corresponding line on the Abalone Report Card.

(e) Abalone tags must be left affixed to the shell, including while stored at a residence or non-transient location, until the abalone is processed for immediate consumption.

(f) The annual fee for the Abalone Report Card is specified in Section 7149.8 of the Fish and Game Code.

29.17. Kellet’s Whelk

(a) Open Season: From July 1 through the first Wednesday after the 15th of March.

29.20. Clams General.

(a) Except as provided in this article, there are no closed seasons, bag limits or size limits on saltwater clams.

(b) Fishing hours: One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

(c) Special gear provisions: Spades, shovels, hoes, rakes or other appliances operated by hand, except spears or gaff hooks, may be used to take clams. No instrument capable of being used to dig clams may be possessed between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise, on any beach of this state, except tools and implements used in the work of cleaning, repairing or maintaining such beach when possessed by a person authorized by appropriate authority to perform such work.

(d) Clams ashore: Clams which have a size limit when being taken must be brought ashore above the high water mark in such a condition that the size can be determined. Such clams not in the shell may not be transported or possessed, except when being prepared for immediate consumption. Clams which have a size limit and are not retained shall be immediately reburied in the area from which dug.

29.25. Gaper Clams (Horse Clams and Horseneck Clams) and Washington Clams.

(a) Limit: Ten of each species, except in Humboldt Bay the limit is fifty in combination; however, no more than 25 gaper clams may be taken or possessed. In Elkhorn Slough the limit is twelve in combination. All gaper clams and Washington clams dug, regardless of size or broken condition, must be retained until the bag limit is reached. For purposes of this section, clams commonly termed horse clams or horseneck clams are gaper clams, not geoduck clams regulated pursuant to Section 29.30.

29.30. Geoduck Clams.

(a) Limit: Three. The first three geoduck clams dug must be retained as the bag limit regardless of size or broken condition. For purposes of this section, clams commonly termed horse clams or horseneck clams are not geoduck clams.

29.35. Littleneck Clams, Soft-Shell Clams, Chiones, Northern Quahogs, and Cockles.

(a) Limit: Fifty in combination.

(b) Minimum size: One and one-half inches in greatest diameter, except there is no size limit for soft-shell clams. All soft-shell clams dug, regardless of size or broken condition, must be retained until the bag limit is reached.

29.40. Pismo Clams.

(a) Open season: May be taken in Santa Cruz and Monterey counties September 1 through April 30. In all other counties, except in state marine reserves or other marine protected areas which prohibit the take of clams (see Section 632), Pismo clams may be taken at any time of the year.

(b) Limit: Ten.

(c) Minimum size: Five inches in greatest shell diameter north of the boundary between San Luis Obispo and Monterey counties; four and one-half inches in greatest shell diameter south of the boundary, between San Luis Obispo and Monterey counties.

(d) Clam preserves: No clams shall be taken within state marine reserves or other marine protected areas which prohibit the take of clams (see Section 632).

29.45. Razor Clams.
29.65. Speckled (Bay) Scallops. 
May not be taken or possessed.

29.70. Market Squid, Jumbo Squid. 
Squid may be taken with hand-held dip nets. 
There is no limit.

29.71. Moon Snails. 
(a) Limit: Five. 
(b) Open season: All year except that moon snails 
may not be taken north of the Golden Gate Bridge.

CRUSTACEANS

29.80. Gear Restrictions. 
(a) General Provisions: 
(1) Saltwater crustaceans may be taken by hand. 
(2) Nets, traps or other appliances may not be 
used except as provided in this Section. 
(3) It is unlawful to disturb, move, or damage 
any trap; or remove any saltwater crusta-
cean from a trap, that belongs to another 
person without written permission in 
possession from the owner of the trap. 
(b) Hoop nets may be used to take spiny lob-
sters and all species of crabs. Between Point 
Arguello, Santa Barbara County, and the 
United States-Mexico border, not more than 
five hoop nets, as defined in (b)(1)(A) or (b) 
(1)(B), shall be possessed by a person when 
taking spiny lobster or crab, not to exceed a 
total of 10 hoop nets possessed when taking 
spiny lobster or crab, per vessel. The owner 
of the hoop net or person who placed the hoop 
net into the water shall raise the hoop net to 
the surface and inspect the contents of the 
hoop net or person who placed the hoop 
net shall collapse and lie flat when 
entrap or restrict the free movement 
of crustaceans until lifted. 

(c) Crab traps: 
(1) Crab traps shall have at least two rigid 
circular openings of not less than four 
and one-quarter inches inside diameter 
so constructed that the lowest portion of 
each opening is no lower than five inches 
from the top of the trap. 
(2) Starting August 1, 2016, crab traps shall 
contain at least one destruct device of a 
single strand of untreated cotton twine 
size No. 120 or less that creates an un-
obstructed escape opening in the top 
or upper half of the trap of at least five 
inch in diameter when the destruct 
attachment material corrodes or fails. 
(3) Starting August 1, 2016, every crab trap 
except those used under authority of sub-
section 29.85(a)(5) of these regulations 
shall be marked with a buoy. Each buoy
shall be legibly marked to identify the operator’s GO ID number as stated on his/her sport fishing license.

(4) Starting August 1, 2016, crab traps shall not be deployed and used in ocean waters seven days prior to the opening of the Dungeness crab season.

(d) Crab loop traps may have up to six loops.

(e) Crab trap areas: Crab traps, including crab loop traps, may be used north of Point Ar- guello, Santa Barbara County to take all species of crabs (see regulations for take of Dungeness crabs in traps from commercial passenger fishing vessels in Section 29.85, Title 14, CCR).

(f) Shrimp and prawn traps may be used to take shrimp and prawns only. Trap openings may not exceed ½ inch in any dimension on traps used south of Point Conception nor five inches in any dimension on traps used north of Point Conception.

(g) Diving for crustaceans: In all ocean waters, except as provided in Section 29.05, skin and scuba divers may take crustaceans by the use of the hands only. Divers may not possess any hooked device while diving or attempting to dive. Divers may be in possession of spearfishing equipment so long as possession of such equipment is otherwise lawful and is not being used to aid in the take of crustaceans.

(h) Hand-operated appliances: Spades, shovels, hoes, rakes or other appliances operated by hand may be used to take sand crabs and shrimp.

(i) Dip nets and Hawaiian-type throw nets: Shrimp may be taken with dip nets and Hawaiian type throw nets north of Point Conception.

(j) Shrimp trawls: Shrimp beam trawls may be used to take shrimp only in San Francisco Bay waters east of the Golden Gate Bridge, and in San Pablo Bay. The beam trawl frame from which the net is hung may not exceed 24 inches by 18 inches. The trawl may be towed by motorized vessels but may not be retrieved by mechanical devices. Any fish, other than shrimp, caught in the trawl must be returned immediately to the water.

29.85. Crabs.

(a) Dungeness crabs (Cancer magister):

(1) Closure: Dungeness crab may not be taken from or possessed if taken from San Francisco Bay and San Pablo Bay, plus all their tidal bays, sloughs and estuaries between the Golden Gate Bridge and Carquinez Bridge.

(2) Open season:
   (A) Del Norte, Humboldt and Mendocino counties: From the first Saturday in November through July 30.
   (B) All other counties: From the first Saturday in November through June 30.

(3) Limit: Ten.

(4) Not more than 60 crab traps are authorized to be used to take Dungeness crab from a vessel operating under authority of a Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessel License issued pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 7920.

(5) Traps and trap buoys used by a commercial passenger fishing vessel to take Dungeness crab under authority of this Section and Section 29.80 shall have the commercial boat registration number of that vessel affixed to each trap and buoy.

(6) No vessel that takes Dungeness crabs under authority of this Section and Section 29.80 shall be used to take Dungeness crabs for commercial purposes.

(7) Minimum size: Five and three-quarter inches measured by the shortest distance through the body, from edge of shell to edge of shell directly in front of and excluding the points (lateral spines).

(b) All crabs of the Cancer genus except Dungeness crabs, but including: yellow crabs, rock crabs, red crabs and slender crabs:

(1) Open season: All year.

(2) Limit: Thirty-five.

(3) Minimum size: Four inches measured by the shortest distance through the body, from edge of shell to edge of shell at the widest part, except there is no minimum size in Fish and Game Districts 8 and 9.

(c) All crabs of the genus Cancer, including Dungeness crabs, yellow crabs, rock crabs, red crabs and slender crabs, may be brought to the surface of the water for measuring, but no undersize crabs may be placed in any type of receiver, kept on the person or retained in any person’s possession or under his direct control; all crabs shall be measured immediately and any undersize crabs shall be released immediately into the water.

(d) Sand crabs (Emerita analoga): Limit: Fifty.

29.86. Bay Shrimp (Grass Shrimp).

(a) Limit: Five pounds.

29.87. Ghost Shrimp and Blue Mud Shrimp.

(a) Limit: Fifty in combination.
29.88. Coonstripe shrimp (Pandalus danae).
Twenty pounds (in the shell, heads on) per day. The first 20 pounds taken, regardless of size or condition, shall constitute a daily bag and possession limit.

29.90. Spiny Lobsters.
(a) Open season: From 6:00 a.m. on the Saturday preceding the first Wednesday in October through the first Wednesday after the 15th of March.
(b) Limit: Seven.

SPINY LOBSTER OPENERS AND CLOSURES THROUGH THE 2018–2019 SEASON

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29.91. Spiny Lobster Report Card Requirements for Ocean Waters.
(a) Spiny Lobster Report Card Required. All individuals must have a Spiny Lobster Report Card in their possession while fishing for or taking lobster. In the case of a person diving from a boat, the report card may be kept in the boat, or in the case of a person diving from the shore, the report card may be kept within 500 yards from the point of entry. Individuals must complete and return the card pursuant to regulations in this Section and in Section 1.74.
(b) Prior to beginning fishing activity, the cardholder must record the month, day, location, and gear code on the first available line on the report card.
(c) When the cardholder moves to another location, or finishes fishing for the day, he or she must immediately record on the card the number of lobster kept from that location.
(d) In the event an individual fills in all lines and returns a Spiny Lobster Report Card, an additional card may be purchased. See Section 1.74.
(e) The annual fee for the Spiny Lobster Report Card is specified in Section 701, Title 14, CCR.

NEW CALIFORNIA SPINY LOBSTER REGULATIONS

New recreational California spiny lobster regulations will be in effect as of April 1, 2017. Changes include a new opening time of 6:00 a.m. on the first day of the season, and clarification of measuring procedures and rules regarding possession of spearfishing gear while diving for crustaceans. Also, hoop nets used to take crustaceans south of Point Arguello must be marked with a surface buoy, and the surface buoy must have the operator’s GO ID number on it. Hoop nets deployed from shore or piers are not required to be marked with a surface buoy.

SPINY LOBSTER REPORT CARD

$21.60 Non-Return Fee

Any person fishing for or taking spiny lobster must have a Spiny Lobster Report Card (including children, those who are fishing from a public pier, and those who are fishing on Free Fishing Days). All Spiny Lobster Report Cards must be returned, either by mail to the address printed on the card, or reported online at wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/online-sales, by April 30 following the end of the spiny lobster season.

Important: If you report your catch online, retain the confirmation number generated by a successful online report as proof of submittal. If you do not receive a confirmation number, it means that the report was not successfully recorded in the database; please try resubmitting the report. Successfully submitted reports will display in your reporting history on the main harvest reporting list page.

You must report even if no lobster were taken. If a card was purchased but not used, report it online or write ‘Did Not Lobster Fish’ across the card and return it by mail. If you report online you are not required to return your card by mail.

A $21.60 non-return fee will be charged when purchasing a Spiny Lobster Report Card if the previous year’s report card is not returned or reported by the April 30 deadline. To avoid the fee, you may either return or report your card by the deadline, or skip one lobster fishing season. After skipping one season, you can purchase a spiny lobster report card the following season at no extra cost.

NON-COMMERCIAL USE OF MARINE PLANTS

30.00. Kelp General.
(a) Except as provided in this section and in Section 30.10 there is no closed season, closed hours or minimum size limit for any species of marine aquatic plant. The daily bag limit on all marine aquatic plants for which the take is authorized, except as provided in Section 28.60, is 10 pounds wet weight in the aggregate.
(b) Marine aquatic plants may not be cut or harvested in state marine reserves. Regulations within state marine conservation areas and state marine parks may prohibit cutting or harvesting of marine aquatic plants per sub-section 632(b).

30.10. Prohibited Species.
No eel grass (Zostera), surf grass (Phyllospadix), or sea palm (Postelsia) may be cut or disturbed.
Every time you purchase a fishing license or register your boat, a portion of the proceeds go toward preserving our nation's coastlines, lakes, rivers and streams. Protecting our memories on the water for generations to come.

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SELECTED SALTWATER FISH OF CALIFORNIA

Barred sand bass  Spotted sand bass  Kelp bass  (also known as calico bass)  White seabass

Redtail surfperch  Barred surfperch  Calico surfperch  Striped surfperch

Lingcod  Kelp greenling  Female  Male  Rock greenling

California scorpionfish  (also known as sculpin)  Cabezon  Ocean whitefish  California corbina

California halibut  Pacific halibut  California sheephead  Female  Male

Giant sea bass  (also known as black sea bass)  Juvenile giant seabass  Garibaldi

Yellowtail  Monkeyface prickleback  (also known as monkeyface eel)

TAKE AND POSSESSION OF THESE SPECIES IS NOT ALLOWED
See Section 28.10(b) for possession requirements for giant sea bass taken off Mexico

SEE SECTIONS 28.05 and 28.10 — BAG LIMIT: ZERO FISH

Note to Anglers: The illustrations in this booklet do not show all color variations or characteristics for each type of fish. Anglers are ultimately responsible for identifying the fish they catch.
Illustrations are not to scale
SELECTED ROCKFISH OF CALIFORNIA

Gopher
- Pinkish blotches

Copper
- White band on lateral line
- Bright white belly

Black-and-yellow
- Yellow blotches

China
- Bluish-white speckles
- Bright yellow strip

Yellowtail
- Light brown to gray mottling on side

Starry
- Color varies from orange to deep red
- Rough chin when rubbed back to front

Greenspotted
- Whish blotches on back

Rosy
- Color varies from orange to deep red

Vermillion
- Color varies from orange to deep red
- Rough chin when rubbed back to front

Vermillion
- Color varies from orange to deep red

Olive
- Whish blotches on back

Quillback
- High, spiny dorsal fin

Blue
- Mouth extends to mid-eye
- Straight-edged anal fin

Treefish
- Color varies from orange to deep red
- Rough chin when rubbed back to front

Canary
- Lateral line clear/white
- Straight-edged tail fin

Yellowtail
- Light brown to gray mottling

Grass
- Black or gray mottling

Brown
- Dark brown spot

Chilipepper
- Mouth extends to mid-eye
- Straight-edged anal fin

Bocaccio
- Mouth extends to mid-eye
- Smooth chin

Chili pepper
- Mouth extends to mid-eye
- Smooth chin

Brown
- Mouth extends to mid-eye

Greenspotted
- Jaw upturned
(Barely seen in recreational catch)

Cowcod
- Deeply notched dorsal fin

Bronzespotted
- Bronze spots on sides

Yelloweye
- Slightly forked tail fin

Canary
- Lateral line clear/white

Black
- Black spots on dorsal fin

STATE WIDE BAG LIMIT: 1 FISH
STATE WIDE BAG LIMIT: THREE FISH

TAKE AND POSSESSION OF THESE SPECIES IS NOT ALLOWED

Canary
- Lateral line clear/white

Black
- Slightly forked tail fin

Yelloweye
- Rolled fin edges

Juvenile yelloweye
- Smooth chin

Cowcod
- Jaw upturned

Bronzespotted
- Bronze spots on sides

STATE WIDE BAG LIMIT: 1 FISH
STATE WIDE BAG LIMIT: THREE FISH

SEE SECTIONS 28.55(b)(1) — BAG LIMIT: ZERO FISH

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CALIFORNIA’S MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

632. Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) Marine Managed Areas (MMAs) and Special Closures.

(a) General Rules and Regulations: The areas specified in this section have been declared by the commission to be marine protected areas (MPAs), marine managed areas (MMAs), or special closures. Public use of marine protected areas, marine managed areas, or special closures shall be compatible with the primary purposes of such areas. MPAs, MMAs, and special closures are subject to the following general rules and regulations in addition to existing Fish and Game Code statutes and regulations of the commission, except as otherwise provided for in sub-section 632(b), areas and special regulations for use. Nothing in this section expressly or implicitly precludes, restricts or requires modification of current or future uses of the waters identified as marine protected areas, special closures, or the lands or waters adjacent to these designated areas by the Department of Defense, its allies or agents.

(i) Protection of Resources in MPAs and MMAs, as defined in Public Resources Code Section 36710:

(A) State Marine Reserves: In a state marine reserve, it is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource, except under a scientific collecting permit issued by the department pursuant to Section 650 or specific authorization from the commission for research, restoration, or monitoring purposes.

(B) State Marine Parks: In a state marine park, it is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living or nonliving marine resource for commercial purposes. Any human use that would compromise protection of the species of interest, natural community or habitat, or geological, cultural, or recreational features, may be restricted by the commission as specified in sub-section 632(b), areas and special regulations for use. The department may issue scientific collecting permits pursuant to Section 650. The commission may authorize research, monitoring, and educational activities and certain recreational harvest in a manner consistent with protecting resource values.

(C) State Marine Conservation Areas: In a state marine conservation area, it is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for commercial or recreational purposes, or a combination of commercial and recreational purposes except as specified in sub-section 632(b), areas and special regulations for use. The department may issue scientific collecting permits pursuant to Section 650. The commission may authorize research, education, and recreational activities, and certain commercial and recreational harvest of marine resources, provided that these uses do not compromise protection of the species of interest, natural community, habitat, or geological features.

(D) State Marine Recreational Management Areas: In a state marine recreational management area, it is unlawful to perform any activity that would compromise the recreational values for which the area may be designated. Recreational opportunities may be protected, enhanced, or restricted, while preserving basic resource values of the area. No other use is restricted unless specified in sub-section 632(b), areas and special regulations for use.

(2) Finfish. Finfish, for the purpose of this section, are defined as any species of bony fish or cartilaginous fish (sharks, skates and rays). Finfish do not include amphibians, invertebrates, plants or algae. The definition of finfish provided in Section 159 does not apply to this Section.

(3) Pelagic Finfish. Pelagic finfish, for the purpose of this section, are a subset of finfish defined as: northern anchovy (Engraulis mordax), barracudas (Sphyraena spp.), billfishes* (family Istiophoridae), dolphinfish (Coryphaena hippurus), Pacific herring (Clupea pallasii), shortfin mako shark (Isurus oxyrinchus), thresher sharks (Alopias spp.), swordfish (Xiphias gladius), tunas (family Scombridae) including Pacific bonito (Sarda chilensis), and yellowtail (Seriola lalandii). *Marlin is not allowed for commercial take.

(4) Access. Access into marine protected areas or marine managed areas for non-consumptive uses including but not limited to swimming, surfing, diving, boating, hiking and walking is allowed unless otherwise specified in sub-section 632(b), areas and special regulations for use.

(5) Introduction of Species. Unless authorized by the commission or as a result of authorized fishing activities, the release of any fish or wildlife species, including domestic or domesticated species, or the introduction of any plant species, is prohibited. The department may reintroduce endemic species to marine protected areas or marine managed areas for management purposes.

(6) Feeding of Fish and Wildlife. The feeding of fish and wildlife is prohibited except permitted scientific collection pursuant to Section 650 or as a result of authorized fishing within state marine conservation areas, state marine parks, and state marine recreational management areas, or unless feeding of fish is specifically authorized in sub-section 632(b) for purposes of marine life viewing.

(7) Anchover: Vessels shall be allowed to anchor in any marine protected area or marine managed area with catch onboard unless otherwise specified in sub-section 632(b), areas and special regulations for use. Fishing gear shall not be deployed in the water while anchored in a state marine reserve. Fishing gear, except legal fishing gear used to take species identified as allowed for take in sub-section 632(b), shall not be deployed in the water while anchored in a state marine recreational management area, state marine park or state marine conservation area. Anchoring regulations shall be consistent with federal law and allowances made for anchoring required by emergency or severe weather.

(8) Transit or Drifting. (A) Vessels shall be allowed to transit through MPAs and MMAs with catch onboard. Fishing gear shall not be deployed in the water while transiting through a state marine reserve. Fishing gear, except legal fishing gear used to take species identified as allowed for take in sub-section 632(b), shall not be deployed in the water while transiting through a state marine recreational management area, state marine park or state marine conservation area.

(B) Spearfishermen with or without catch shall be allowed to transit through MPAs and MMAs. While transiting MPAs and MMAs that prohibit spearfishing or while in possession of species not identified as allowed for take in the MPA or MMA being transited, spearfishing gear...
shall be in an unloaded condition, not carried in hand, and the diver shall remain at the surface.

(9) Water Quality Monitoring. Sampling of water, sediment and marine life, for water quality monitoring or pollution research, or as required in a Monitoring and Reporting Program of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements issued by the State or Regional Water Boards pursuant to the United States Clean Water Act and the California Water Code, is allowed within state marine reserves, state marine conservation areas, state marine parks, and state marine recreational management areas pursuant to a valid scientific collecting permit issued by the department.

(10) Public Safety. Public safety activities, including installation, maintenance and/or seasonal placement and removal of safety-related artificial structures, including but not limited to lifeguard towers, are allowed within any MPA classification pursuant to any required federal, state and local permits, or as otherwise authorized by the department.

(11) Tribal Take. For purposes of this regulation, “federally recognized tribe” means any tribe on the List of Indian Entities Recognized and Eligible to Receive Services from the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs, published annually in the Federal Register. Any member of a federally recognized tribe authorized to take living marine resources from an area with area-specific take restrictions in sub-section 632(b), when engaging in take within an authorized area shall possess on his person, in his immediate possession, or where otherwise specifically required by law to be kept, any valid license, report card, tag, stamp, validation, permit, or any other entitlement that is required in the Fish and Game Code, or required by other state, federal, or local entities, in order to take living marine resources. Members shall possess a valid photo identification card issued by a federally recognized tribe that contains expiration date, tribal name, tribal member number, name, signature, date of birth, height, color of eyes, color of hair, weight, and sex; and display any of the items listed above upon demand to any peace officer. Members taking living marine resources under this provision are subject to current seasonal, bag, possession, gear and size limits in existing Fish and Game Code statutes and regulations of the commission, except as otherwise provided for in sub-section 632(b). No member, while taking living marine resources pursuant to this section, may be assisted by any person who does not possess a valid tribal identification card and is not properly licensed to take living marine resources. Nothing in the regulation is intended to conflict with, or supersede, any state or federal law regarding the take of protected, threatened or endangered species.

(12) Shore Fishing. Take from shore, or shore fishing, for purposes of this section, means take of living marine resources from shore, including beaches, banks, piers, jetties, breakwaters, docks, and other man-made structures connected to the shore. Unless specifically authorized in sub-section 632(b), no vessel, watercraft (motorized or non-motorized), or floating device may be used to assist in the take, transport or possession of species taken while shore fishing, except that a float tube or similar flotation device may be used when taking abalone only.
CALIFORNIA’S MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

There are numerous areas along the California coast that have regulations more restrictive than the general fishing regulations. These areas, known as marine protected areas (MPAs) are designated in part to protect, conserve, or enhance marine life. The following table lists all existing MPAs in ocean and estuarine waters that regulate sport fishing, species permitted or prohibited for take, and detailed boundary descriptions.

Only regulations that pertain to sport fishing are included here. For further information, please contact the CDFW’s Marine Region in Eureka at (707) 445-6493, Monterey at (831) 649-2870 or Los Alamitos at (562) 342-7100, or email AskMPA@wildlife.ca.gov.

Note: The following regulations are from CCR T-14, Section 632(b). Within each county, the areas are arranged generally from north to south. Special closures and marine managed areas are also included in this table. While technically they do not meet the definition of a marine protected area, their restrictions differ significantly from the surrounding areas, so they are included here for ease of identification by the public. For more information please see the CDFW website at wildlife.ca.gov/MPAs.

### Prohibited and Permitted Recreational Take, and Boundary Coordinates

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<td>This area is bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: (A) a special closure is designated from the mean high tide line to a distance of 300 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of Southwest Seal Rock; (B) no vessel shall be operated or anchored at any time from the mean high tide line to a distance of 300 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of Southwest Seal Rock; and (C) no person except department employees or employees of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or United States Coast Guard, in performing their official duties, or unless permission is granted by the department, shall enter the area defined in subsection 632(b)(4)(B).</td>
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<td>Special restrictions on boating and access apply to Southwest Seal Rock as follows. (A) a special closure is designated from the mean high tide line to a distance of 300 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of Southwest Seal Rock, located in the vicinity of 41° 48.810’ N. lat. 124° 21.099’ W. long. (B) no vessel shall be operated or anchored at any time from the mean high tide line to a distance of 300 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of Southwest Seal Rock; and (C) no person except department employees or employees of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or United States Coast Guard, in performing their official duties, or unless permission is granted by the department, shall enter the area defined in subsection 632(b)(4)(B).</td>
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<td><strong>Castle Rock Special Closure</strong></td>
<td>Special restrictions on boating and access apply to Castle Rock as follows. (A) a special closure is designated from the mean high tide line to a distance of 300 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of Castle Rock, located in the vicinity of 41° 45.706’ N. lat. 124° 14.949’ W. long. (B) no vessel shall be operated or anchored at any time from the mean high tide line to a distance of 300 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of Castle Rock; and (C) no person except department employees or employees of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or United States Coast Guard, in performing their official duties, or unless permission is granted by the department, shall enter the area defined in subsection 632(b)(4)(B).</td>
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| False Klamath Rock Special Closure      | Special restrictions on boating and access apply to False Klamath Rock as follows.                                  | (A) A special closure is designated from the mean high tide line to a distance of 300 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of False Klamath Rock, located in the vicinity of 41° 35.633’ N. lat. 124° 06.699’ W. long. during the period of March 1 to August 31.  
(B) Except as permitted by federal law or emergency caused by hazardous weather, or as authorized by subsection (C), no vessel shall be operated or anchored from the mean high tide line to a distance of 300 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of False Klamath Rock during the period of March 1 to August 31.  
(C) No person except department employees or employees of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or United States Coast Guard, in performing their official duties, or unless permission is granted by the department, shall enter the area defined in subsection ... (B) during the period of March 1 to August 31. |
| Reading Rock State Marine Conservation Area | It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions:  
1. The recreational take of salmon by trolling [subsection 27.80(a)(3)]; surf smelt [Section 28.45] by dip net or Hawaiian-type throw net [Section 28.80]; and Dungeness crab by trap, hoop net or hand is allowed.  
2. The following federally recognized tribes are exempt from the area and take regulations for Reading Rock State Marine Conservation Area [subsection 632(b)(6)] and shall comply with all other existing regulations and statutes: Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria, Resighini Rancheria, and Yurok Tribe of the Yurok Reservation. | This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:  
41° 20.100’ N. lat. 124° 10.000’ W. long.;  
41° 20.100’ N. lat. 124° 14.655’ W. long.;  
41° 17.600’ N. lat. 124° 10.000’ W. long.; and  
41° 17.600’ N. lat. 124° 08.399’ W. long. |
| Reading Rock State Marine Reserve        | It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions:  
1. The recreational take of salmon by trolling [subsection 27.80(a)(3)]; surf smelt [Section 28.45] by dip net or Hawaiian-type throw net [Section 28.80]; and Dungeness crab by trap, hoop net or hand is allowed.  
2. The following federally recognized tribe is exempt from the area and take regulations for Reading Rock State Marine Conservation Area [subsection 632(b)(6)] and shall comply with all other existing regulations and statutes: Wiyot Tribe. | This area is bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted:  
41° 20.100’ N. lat. 124° 10.000’ W. long.;  
41° 20.100’ N. lat. 124° 14.655’ W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to  
41° 17.600’ N. lat. 124° 11.963’ W. long.;  
41° 17.600’ N. lat. 124° 10.000’ W. long.; and  
41° 20.100’ N. lat. 124° 10.000’ W. long. |
| Samoa State Marine Conservation Area     | It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions:  
1. The recreational take of salmon by trolling [subsection 27.80(a)(3)]; surf smelt [Section 28.45] by dip net or Hawaiian-type throw net [Section 28.80]; and Dungeness crab by trap, hoop net or hand is allowed.  
2. The following federally recognized tribe is exempt from the area and take regulations for Samoa State Marine Conservation Area [subsection 632(b)(6)] and shall comply with all other existing regulations and statutes: Wiyot Tribe. | This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted:  
40° 55.000’ N. lat. 124° 08.432’ W. long.;  
40° 55.000’ N. lat. 124° 12.677’ W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to  
40° 52.000’ N. lat. 124° 14.225’ W. long.; and  
40° 52.000’ N. lat. 124° 09.803’ W. long. |

### SPORT FISHING SPECIAL ALERT FOR CALIFORNIA SALMON FISHERIES

The California coast coho (silver) salmon has been designated as an endangered species under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA). It is unlawful to fish for, capture, keep, or possess under any circumstances any (marked or unmarked) coho salmon. Violation of the ESA may result in civil or criminal penalties.

Large numbers of coho salmon have been contacted in California’s ocean waters. Although it is likely that many of these salmon originated from hatcheries in the Northwest, some of the fish are California coast coho salmon which are protected under the ESA. Thus, the retention of any coho salmon is PROHIBITED in all California ocean fisheries. Please take the time to correctly identify each salmon caught before removing it from the water.

To avoid contact with Coho salmon:
- Fish near shore for Chinook – coho are usually more offshore.
- Use larger lures that select for large Chinook and reduce the coho catch.
### PROHIBITED AND PERMITTED RECREATIONAL TAKE, AND BOUNDARY COORDINATES (CONT.)

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| South Humboldt Bay State Marine Recreational Management Area | It is unlawful to perform any activity that would compromise the recreational values for which the area may be designated. Recreational opportunities may be protected, enhanced, or restricted, while preserving basic resource values of the area.  
  1. The following federally recognized tribe is exempt from the area and take regulations for South Humboldt Bay State Marine Recreational Management Area [subsection 632(b)(9)] and shall comply with all other existing regulations and statutes: Wiyot Tribe.  
  2. Waterfowl may be taken in accordance with the general waterfowl regulations (sections 502, 550, 551, and 552). | This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:  
  40° 43.000’ N. lat. 124° 15.527’ W. long.;  
  40° 43.000’ N. lat. 124° 15.000’ W. long.;  
  40° 42.000’ N. lat. 124° 15.000’ W. long.; and  
  40° 42.000’ N. lat. 124° 16.141’ W. long.                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Sugarloaf Island Special Closure                             | Special restrictions on boating and access apply to Sugarloaf Island as follows.  
  (A) A special closure is designated from the mean high tide line to a distance of 300 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of Sugarloaf Island, located in the vicinity of 40° 26.326’ N. lat. 124° 24.827’ W. long.  
  (B) Except as permitted by federal law or emergency caused by hazardous weather, or as authorized by subsection...(C), no vessel shall be operated or anchored at any time from the mean high tide line to a distance of 300 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of Sugarloaf Island.  
  (C) No person except department employees or employees of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or United States Coast Guard, in performing their official duties, or unless permission is granted by the department, shall enter the area defined in subsection ...(B). | This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted:  
  40° 26.100’ N. lat. 124° 24.340’ W. long.;  
  40° 26.100’ N. lat. 124° 31.958’ W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to  
  40° 24.900’ N. lat. 124° 31.084’ W. long.; and  
  40° 24.900’ N. lat. 124° 23.800’ W. long.                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| South Cape Mendocino State Marine Reserve                    | It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes.                                                                                                                                                                           | This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted:  
  40° 20.000’ N. lat. 124° 22.500’ W. long.;  
  40° 20.000’ N. lat. 124° 25.902’ W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to  
  40° 17.000’ N. lat. 124° 25.869’ W. long.;  
  40° 17.000’ N. lat. 124° 22.500’ W. long.; and  
  40° 20.000’ N. lat. 124° 22.500’ W. long.                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Steamboat Rock Special Closure                               | Special restrictions on boating and access apply to Steamboat Rock as follows.  
  (A) A special closure is designated from the mean high tide line to a distance of 300 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of Steamboat Rock, located in the vicinity of 40° 24.919’ N. lat. 124° 24.241’ W. long. during the period of March 1 to August 31.  
  (B) Except as permitted by federal law or emergency caused by hazardous weather, or as authorized by subsection...(C), no vessel shall be operated or anchored from the mean high tide line to a distance of 300 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of Steamboat Rock during the period of March 1 to August 31.  
  (C) No person except department employees or employees of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or United States Coast Guard, in performing their official duties, or unless permission is granted by the department, shall enter the area defined in subsection ...(B) during the period of March 1 to August 31. | This area is bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted:  
  40° 14.400’ N. lat. 124° 19.983’ W. long.;  
  40° 14.400’ N. lat. 124° 25.943’ W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to  
  40° 12.800’ N. lat. 124° 24.809’ W. long.; and  
  40° 12.800’ N. lat. 124° 18.155’ W. long.                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Mattole Canyon State Marine Reserve                          | It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes.                                                                                                                                                                           | This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted:  
  40° 20.000’ N. lat. 124° 22.500’ W. long.;  
  40° 20.000’ N. lat. 124° 25.902’ W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to  
  40° 17.000’ N. lat. 124° 25.869’ W. long.;  
  40° 17.000’ N. lat. 124° 22.500’ W. long.; and  
  40° 20.000’ N. lat. 124° 22.500’ W. long.                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Sea Lion Gulch State Marine Reserve                          | It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes.                                                                                                                                                                           | This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted:  
  40° 14.400’ N. lat. 124° 19.983’ W. long.;  
  40° 14.400’ N. lat. 124° 25.943’ W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to  
  40° 12.800’ N. lat. 124° 24.809’ W. long.; and  
  40° 12.800’ N. lat. 124° 18.155’ W. long.                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Big Flat State Marine Conservation Area                      | It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions:  
  1. The recreational take of salmon by trolling [subsection 27.80(a)(3)]; and Dungeness crab by trap, hoop net or hand is allowed.  
  2. The following federally recognized tribes (listed alphabetically) are exempt from the area and take regulations for Big Flat State Marine Conservation Area [subsection 632(b)(15)] and shall comply with all other existing regulations and statutes: SEE FOOTNOTE 1 | This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted:  
  40° 09.400’ N. lat. 124° 12.671’ W. long.;  
  40° 09.400’ N. lat. 124° 19.366’ W. long.; and  
  40° 07.500’ N. lat. 124° 10.313’ W. long.                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
## California's Marine Protected Areas

### Mendocino County

#### Double Cone Rock State Marine Conservation Area

- **Permitted/Prohibited Uses for Recreational Take**: It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions:
  1. The recreational take of salmon by trolling [subsection 27.80(a)(3)] and Dungeness crab by trap, hoop net or hand is allowed.
  2. The following federally recognized tribes (listed alphabetically) are exempt from the area and take regulations for Double Cone Rock State Marine Conservation Area [subsection 632(b)(16)] and shall comply with all other existing regulations and statutes: SEE FOOTNOTE 2

- **Boundary Coordinates**: This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted:
  - 39° 48.500' N. lat. 123° 50.712' W. long.;
  - 39° 48.500' N. lat. 123° 55.875' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to
  - 39° 44.300' N. lat. 123° 54.178' W. long.; and
  - 39° 44.300' N. lat. 123° 50.055' W. long.

#### Vizcaino Rock Special Closure

- **Permitted/Prohibited Uses for Recreational Take**: It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for recreational purposes.

- **Boundary Coordinates**: This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted:
  - 39° 43.618' N. lat. 123° 49.950' W. long.

#### Ten Mile State Marine Reserve

- **Permitted/Prohibited Uses for Recreational Take**: It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for recreational purposes.

#### Ten Mile Beach State Marine Conservation Area

- **Permitted/Prohibited Uses for Recreational Take**: It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions:
  1. The following federally recognized tribes (listed alphabetically) are exempt from the area and take regulations for Ten Mile Beach State Marine Conservation Area [subsection 632(b)(20)] and shall comply with all other existing regulations and statutes: SEE FOOTNOTE 2
  2. Waterfowl may be taken in accordance with the general waterfowl regulations [sections 502, 550, 551, and 552].

- **Boundary Coordinates**: This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted:
  - 39° 35.900' N. lat. 123° 47.243' W. long.;
  - 39° 35.900' N. lat. 123° 51.479' W. long.; and
  - 39° 35.900' N. lat. 123° 46.015' W. long.

#### Ten Mile Estuary State Marine Conservation Area

- **Permitted/Prohibited Uses for Recreational Take**: It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions:
  1. The following federally recognized tribes (listed alphabetically) are exempt from the area and take regulations for Ten Mile Estuary State Marine Conservation Area [subsection 632(b)(21)] and shall comply with all other existing regulations and statutes: SEE FOOTNOTE 2
  2. Waterfowl may be taken in accordance with the general waterfowl regulations [sections 502, 550, 551, and 552].

- **Boundary Coordinates**: This area consists of waters below the mean high tide line within the Ten Mile Estuary, eastward of a line connecting the following two points:
  - 39° 33.199' N. lat. 123° 45.666' W. long.
  - 39° 33.098' N. lat. 123° 46.003' W. long.; and
  - 39° 33.098' N. lat. 123° 46.015' W. long.
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| MacKerricher State Marine Conservation Area  | It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions:  
1. All recreational take is allowed in accordance with current regulations. | This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:  
39° 30.000' N. lat. 123° 47.327' W. long.;  
39° 27.120' N. lat. 123° 49.000' W. long.; and  
39° 27.120' N. lat. 123° 48.830' W. long. |
| Point Cabrillo State Marine Reserve          | It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes. | This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:  
39° 21.400' N. lat. 123° 49.418' W. long.;  
39° 21.400' N. lat. 123° 50.000' W. long.; and  
39° 20.800' N. lat. 123° 49.266' W. long. |
| Russian Gulch State Marine Conservation Area | It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions:  
1. All recreational take is allowed in accordance with current regulations. | This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:  
39° 19.860' N. lat. 123° 48.840' W. long.;  
39° 19.860' N. lat. 123° 49.000' W. long.; and  
| Big River Estuary State Marine Conservation Area | It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions:  
1. The recreational take of surfperch (family Embiotocidae) by hook-and-line from shore only; and Dungeness crab by hoop net or hand is allowed.  
2. The following federally recognized tribes (listed alphabetically) are exempt from the area and take regulations for Big River Estuary State Marine Conservation Area [subsection 632(b)(25)] and shall comply with all other existing regulations and statutes: SEE FOOTNOTE 2  
3. Waterfowl may be taken in accordance with the general waterfowl regulations [sections 502, 550, 551, and 552]. | This area consists of waters below the mean high tide line within the Big River Estuary, eastward of a line connecting the following two points:  
39° 18.134' N. lat. 123° 47.517' W. long.; and  
39° 18.070' N. lat. 123° 47.543' W. long. and westward of a line connecting the following two points:  
39° 18.222' N. lat. 123° 46.242' W. long.; and  
39° 18.150' N. lat. 123° 46.240' W. long. |
| Van Damme State Marine Conservation Area     | It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions:  
1. All recreational take is allowed in accordance with current regulations. | This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and a straight line connecting the following points:  
39° 16.335' N. lat. 123° 47.712' W. long.; and  
39° 16.147' N. lat. 123° 47.429' W. long. |
| Navarro River Estuary State Marine Conservation Area | It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions:  
1. The recreational take of salmonids by hook-and-line is allowed consistent with salmonid regulations in Section 7.50.  
2. The following federally recognized tribes (listed alphabetically) are exempt from the area and take regulations for Navarro River Estuary State Marine Conservation Area [subsection 632(b)(27)] and shall comply with all other existing regulations and statutes: SEE FOOTNOTE 2  
3. Waterfowl may be taken in accordance with the general waterfowl regulations [sections 502, 550, 551, and 552]. | This area consists of waters below the mean high tide line within the Navarro River Estuary, eastward of a line connecting the following two points:  
39° 11.536' N. lat. 123° 45.918' W. long.; and  
39° 11.489' N. lat. 123° 45.818' W. long. and westward of a line connecting the following two points  
39° 11.846' N. lat. 123° 44.809' W. long.; and  
39° 11.803' N. lat. 123° 44.843' W. long. |
| Point Arena State Marine Reserve             | It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes. | This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:  
38° 57.350' N. lat. 123° 44.500' W. long.;  
38° 59.000' N. lat. 123° 44.500' W. long.; and  
38° 56.400' N. lat. 123° 47.350' W. long. |
| Point Arena State Marine Conservation Area   | It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions  
1. The recreational take of salmon by trolling [subsection 27.80(a)(3)] is allowed. | This area is bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted:  
38° 59.000' N. lat. 123° 46.000' W. long.;  
38° 59.000' N. lat. 123° 48.162' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to  
38° 56.400' N. lat. 123° 48.350' W. long.; and  
38° 59.000' N. lat. 123° 46.000' W. long. |
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<td><strong>Sea Lion Cove State Marine Conservation Area</strong></td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: the recreational... take of finfish [subsection 632(a)(2)] is allowed.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 38° 56.400' N. lat. 123° 43.820' W. long.; 38° 56.400' N. lat. 123° 44.000' W. long.; and 38° 55.790' N. lat. 123° 44.000' W. long.; and 38° 55.790' N. lat. 123° 43.740' W. long.</td>
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<td><strong>Saunders Reef State Marine Conservation Area</strong></td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take of salmon by trolling [subsection 27.80(a)(3)] is allowed.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 38° 51.800' N. lat. 123° 39.230' W. long.; 38° 51.800' N. lat. 123° 44.780' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 38° 50.000' N. lat. 123° 37.600' W. long.; and 38° 50.000' N. lat. 123° 37.600' W. long.</td>
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<td><strong>Del Mar Landing State Marine Reserve</strong></td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 38° 44.706' N. lat. 123° 31.000' W. long.; 38° 44.200' N. lat. 123° 30.300' W. long.; and 38° 44.430' N. lat. 123° 30.300' W. long.</td>
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<td><strong>Stewarts Point State Marine Conservation Area</strong></td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 38° 40.500' N. lat. 123° 25.345' W. long.; 38° 40.500' N. lat. 123° 25.500' W. long.; 38° 37.500' N. lat. 123° 23.500' W. long.; and 38° 37.543' N. lat. 123° 22.924' W. long.</td>
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<td><strong>Stewarts Point State Marine Reserve</strong></td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 38° 37.543' N. lat. 123° 22.924' W. long.; 38° 37.500' N. lat. 123° 23.500' W. long.; 38° 40.500' N. lat. 123° 25.500' W. long.; and 38° 40.500' N. lat. 123° 30.243' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 38° 35.800' N. lat. 123° 26.016' W. long.; and 38° 35.800' N. lat. 123° 20.800' W. long.</td>
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<td><strong>Salt Point State Marine Conservation Area</strong></td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: the recreational take of abalone and finfish [subsection 632(a)(2)] is allowed.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 38° 35.600' N. lat. 123° 20.800' W. long.; 38° 33.500' N. lat. 123° 21.000' W. long.; 38° 33.500' N. lat. 123° 18.910' W. long.; except that Gerstle Cove as described in subsection 632(b)(36)(A) is excluded.</td>
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<td><strong>Gerstle Cove State Marine Reserve</strong></td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes.</td>
<td>This area lies within the Salt Point State Marine Conservation Area and is bounded by the mean high tide line and a straight line connecting the following points: 38° 33.950' N. lat. 123° 19.920' W. long.; and 38° 33.950' N. lat. 123° 19.760' W. long.</td>
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<td><strong>Russian River State Marine Recreational Management Area</strong></td>
<td>Waterfowl may be taken in accordance with the general waterfowl regulations [sections 502, 550, 551, and 552]. It is unlawful to perform any activity that would compromise the recreational values for which the area may be designated. Recreational opportunities may be protected, enhanced, or restricted, while preserving basic resource values of the area.</td>
<td>This area includes the waters below the mean high tide line eastward of the mouth of the Russian River estuary defined as a line connecting the following points: 38° 27.160' N. lat. 123° 07.910' W. long.; and 38° 27.010' N. lat. 123° 19.920' W. long.; and westward of the US Highway 1 Bridge.</td>
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<td><strong>Russian River State Marine Conservation Area</strong></td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take of Dungeness crab by trap, and surf smelt using hand-held dip net or beach net is allowed.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line, the mouth of the Russian River estuary as defined in sub-section 632(b)(37)(A), and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 38° 26.380' N. lat. 123° 08.580' W. long.; 38° 26.380' N. lat. 123° 08.580' W. long.; and 38° 26.380' N. lat. 123° 07.700' W. long.</td>
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### CALIFORNIA’S MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

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<td>Bodega Head State Marine Reserve</td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with specified exceptions for scientific research. Additionally, within the Bodega Marine Life Refuge (a small nearshore area within Bodega Head SMR): No anchoring except as permitted by federal law, or during hazardous weather. CDFW and the Bodega Marine Life Refuge director may permit access, anchoring, and take for scientific or educational purposes. See Section 632(a)(39)</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 38° 20.100’ N. lat. 123° 04.123’ W. long.; 38° 20.100’ N. lat. 123° 08.448’ W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 38° 18.000’ N. lat. 123° 08.140’ W. long.; and 38° 18.000’ N. lat. 123° 03.680’ W. long.</td>
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<td>Bodega Head State Marine Conservation Area</td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take of pelagic finfish* [subsection 632(a)(3)] by trolling [subsection 27.80(a)(3)], Dungeness crab by trap, and market squid by hand-held dip net, is allowed.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 38° 18.00’ N. lat. 123° 03.680’ W. long.; 38° 18.00’ N. lat. 123° 08.140’ W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 38° 13.340’ N. lat. 123° 03.510’ W. long.; and 38° 17.930’ N. lat. 123° 03.510’ W. long.</td>
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<td>Estero Americano State Marine Recreational Management Area</td>
<td>Waterfowl may be taken in accordance with the general waterfowl regulations [sections 502, 550, 551, and 552]. It is unlawful to perform any activity that would compromise the recreational values for which the area may be designated. Recreational opportunities may be protected, enhanced, or restricted, while preserving basic resource values of the area.</td>
<td>This area includes the waters below the mean high tide line within Estero Americano westward of longitude 122° 59.250’ W.</td>
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<td>Fagan Marsh State Marine Park (estuarine)</td>
<td>Any human use that would compromise protection of the species of interest, natural community or habitat, or geological, cultural, or recreational features, may be restricted, with the following specified exceptions: the recreational hook-and-line take of species other than marine aquatic plants is allowed. Only lightweight, hand-carried boats may be launched or operated within the park. Other restrictions apply. See subsection 632(a)(1)(B) on pg. 42</td>
<td>This area consists of waters below the mean high tide line within the Fagan Marsh Ecological Reserve.</td>
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<td>Estero de San Antonio State Marine Recreational Management Area</td>
<td>Waterfowl may be taken in accordance with the general waterfowl regulations [sections 502, 550, 551, and 552]. It is unlawful to perform any activity that would compromise the recreational values for which the area may be designated. Recreational opportunities may be protected, enhanced, or restricted, while preserving basic resource values of the area.</td>
<td>This area includes the waters below the mean high tide line within Estero de San Antonio westward of longitude 122° 57.400’ W.</td>
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<td>Point Reyes State Marine Reserve</td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 37° 59.900’ N. lat. 123° 01.278’ W. long.; 37° 59.900’ N. lat. 123° 02.000’ W. long.; 37° 59.000’ N. lat. 123° 02.000’ W. long.; 37° 59.000’ N. lat. 122° 55.000’ W. long.; thence westward along the mean high tide line onshore boundary to 38° 01.783’ N. lat. 122° 55.286’ W. long.; and 38° 01.941’ N. lat. 122° 56.364’ W. long.</td>
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<td>Point Reyes State Marine Conservation Area</td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take of salmon by trolling [subsection 27.80(a)(3)] and Dungeness crab by trap is allowed.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 37° 59.000’ N. lat. 123° 02.000’ W. long.; 37° 56.712’ N. lat. 123° 02.000’ W. long.; thence eastward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 37° 56.370’ N. lat. 122° 57.340’ W. long.; 37° 59.000’ N. lat. 122° 57.340’ W. long.; and 37° 59.000’ N. lat. 123° 02.000’ W. long.</td>
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<td>Point Reyes Headlands Special Closure</td>
<td>Special restrictions on boating and access apply to the Point Reyes Headlands as follows. (A) A special closure is designated on the south side of the Point Reyes Headlands from the mean high tide line to a distance of 1,000 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline between lines extending due south from each of the following two points: 37° 59.650’ N. lat. 123° 01.000’ W. long. and 37° 59.390’ N. lat. 122° 57.800’ W. long. (B) No person except department employees or employees of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, or United States Coast Guard, in performing their official duties, or unless permission is granted by the department, shall enter this area at any time.</td>
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<td>Estero de Limantour State Marine Reserve</td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes.</td>
<td>This area consists of waters below the mean high tide line within Estero de Limantour and within Drakes Estero, southward of a line connecting the following two points: 38° 02.660' N. lat. 122° 56.900' W. long.; and 38° 02.660' N. lat. 122° 56.150' W. long. and northward of a line connecting the following two points: 38° 01.783' N. lat. 122° 55.286' W. long.; and 38° 01.941' N. lat. 122° 56.364' W. long.</td>
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<td>Drakes Estero State Marine Conservation Area</td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exception: 1. The recreational take of clams is allowed.</td>
<td>This area includes the waters below the mean high tide line within Drakes Estero northward of a line connecting the following two points: 38° 02.660' N. lat. 122° 56.900' W. long.; and 38° 02.660' N. lat. 122° 56.150' W. long.</td>
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| Point Resistance Rock Special Closure | Special restrictions on boating and access apply to Point Resistance Rock as follows:  
(A) A special closure is designated from the mean high tide line to a distance of 300 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of Point Resistance Rock, located in the vicinity of 37° 59.916' N. lat. 122° 49.759' W. long.  
(B) No person except department employees or employees of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, or United States Coast Guard, in performing their official duties, or unless permission is granted by the department, shall enter this area at any time. |  |
| Double Point/Stormy Stack Rock Special Closure | Special restrictions on boating and access apply to Stormy Stack Rock as follows.  
(A) A special closure is designated from the mean high tide line to a distance of 300 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of Stormy Stack Rock, located in the vicinity of 37° 56.830' N. lat. 122° 47.140' W. long.  
(B) No person except department employees or employees of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, or United States Coast Guard, in performing their official duties, or unless permission is granted by the department, shall enter this area at any time. |  |
| Duxbury Reef State Marine Conservation Area | It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: the recreational take of finfish [subsection 632(a)(2)] from shore and abalone is allowed. | This area is bounded by the mean high tide line, a distance of 1,000 feet seaward of mean lower low water, and the following points: 37° 55.514' N. lat. 122° 44.179' W. long.; 37° 55.420' N. lat. 122° 44.310' W. long.; 37° 53.650' N. lat. 122° 41.910' W. long.; and 37° 53.770' N. lat. 122° 42.020' W. long. |
| Corte Madera Marsh State Marine Park (estuarine) | Any human use that would compromise protection of the species of interest, natural community or habitat, or geological, cultural, or recreational features, may be restricted, with the following specified exceptions: the recreational take of species other than marine aquatic plants from shore only is allowed. Only lightweight, hand-carried boats may be launched or operated within the park. Swimming, wading, and diving are prohibited within the park. Other restrictions apply. See subsection 632(a)(1)(B) on pg. 42 | This area consists of waters below the mean high tide line within the Corte Madera Marsh Ecological Reserve. |
| Marin Islands State Marine Park | Any human use that would compromise protection of the species of interest, natural community or habitat, or geological, cultural, or recreational features, may be restricted, with the following specified exceptions: the recreational hook-and-line take of species other than marine aquatic plants from shore only is allowed. Boating, swimming, wading, and diving are prohibited within the park. Other restrictions apply. See subsection 632(a)(1)(B) on pg. 42 | This area consists of waters below the mean high tide line within the Marin Islands Ecological Reserve. |
| San Francisco County | |  |
| North Farallon Islands State Marine Reserve | It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource. | This area is bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 37° 45.700' N. lat. 122° 59.085' W. long.; thence northwestward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 37° 49.344' N. lat. 123° 7.00' W. long.; 37° 45.700' N. lat. 123° 7.00' W. long.; and 37° 45.700' N. lat. 122° 59.085' W. long. |
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<td>(B) Except as permitted by federal law or emergency caused by hazardous weather, or as authorized by subsection ... (C), no vessel shall be operated or anchored at any time from the mean high tide line to a distance of 1,000 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of North Farallon Island, or to a distance of 300 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of the remaining three southern islets, including the Island of St. James, in the vicinity of 37° 46.025' N. lat. 123° 06.018' W. long.</td>
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<td>(C) No person except department employees or employees of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or United States Coast Guard, in performing their official duties, or unless permission is granted by the department, shall enter the area defined in subsection ... (B).</td>
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<td>(D) All vessels shall observe a five (5) nautical mile per hour speed limit within 1,000 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of the islets defined in subsection ... (B).</td>
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<td><strong>Southeast Farallon Island State Marine Reserve</strong></td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 37° 42.600' N. lat. 123° 02.000' W. long.; 37° 42.600' N. lat. 123° 06.041' W. long.; 37° 40.500' N. lat. 122° 59.500' W. long.; and 37° 40.500' N. lat. 122° 59.500' W. long.</td>
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<td><strong>Southeast Farallon Island State Marine Conservation Area</strong></td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions:</td>
<td>This area is bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 37° 42.600' N. lat. 123° 02.000' W. long.; 37° 42.600' N. lat. 123° 06.461' W. long.; thence south-eastward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 37° 38.654' N. lat. 122° 59.500' W. long.; 37° 40.500' N. lat. 122° 59.500' W. long.; 37° 40.500' N. lat. 122° 02.000' W. long.; and 37° 42.600' N. lat. 122° 02.000' W. long.</td>
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<td><strong>Southeast Farallon Islands Special Closure</strong></td>
<td>Special regulations on boating and access apply to the island and islets comprising the Southeast Farallon Islands as follows.</td>
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<td>(A) A special closure is established at Southeast Farallon Island.</td>
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<td>(B) Except as permitted by federal law or emergency caused by hazardous weather, or as authorized by subsection ... (D), no vessel shall be operated or anchored at any time from the mean high tide line to a distance of 300 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of the Southeast Farallon Island year-round EXCEPT:</td>
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<td>1. The area north of Fisherman's Bay, from a line extending due west from 37° 42.260' N. lat.; 123° 00.160' W long., following clockwise around the island (including Fisherman's Bay) to a line extending due east from 37° 42.050' N lat. 123° 00.070' W. long.</td>
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<td>2. At East Landing from a line extending due east from 37° 41.830' N. lat. 122° 59.980' W. long., following clockwise around the island to a straight line connecting the following two points: 37° 41.720' N. lat. 123° 00.050' W. long. and 37° 41.680' N. lat. 123° 00.070' W. long.</td>
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<td>(C) This closure as defined in subsection ... (B) exists year-round, except for the following areas, which are closed only from December 1 through September 14 of each year.</td>
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<td>1. From Fisherman's Bay to East Landing, from a line extending due east from 37° 42.050' N. lat. 123° 00.070' W. long., following clockwise around the island to a line extending due east from 37° 41.830' N. lat. 122° 59.980' W. long.</td>
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<td>2. The area southwest of East Landing from a straight line connecting the following two points: 37° 41.720' N. lat. 123° 00.050' W. long., and 37° 41.680' N. lat. 123° 00.070' W. long. Following clockwise around the main island to a straight line extending due south from 37° 41.760' N. lat. 123° 00.160' W. long. to 37° 41.640' N. lat. 123° 00.160' W. long. and on the southeast side of Saddle (Seal) Rock from a straight line extending due south from 37° 41.760' N. lat. 123° 00.160' W. long. following clockwise around Saddle (Seal) Rock to a line extending due west from 37° 41.600' N. lat 123° 00.260' W. long.</td>
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<td>(D) No person except department employees or employees of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or United States Coast Guard, in performing their official duties, or unless permission is granted by the department, shall enter the area defined in subsection ... (B) or ... (C) during the closure period.</td>
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<td>(E) All vessels shall observe a five (5) nautical mile per hour speed limit 1,000 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of the Southeast Farallon Island.</td>
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<td>Peytonia Slough State Marine Park (estuarine)</td>
<td>Any human use that would compromise protection of the species of interest, natural community or habitat, or</td>
<td>This area consists of waters below the mean high tide line within the Peytonia Slough</td>
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<td>geographical, or recreational features, may be restricted, with the following specified exceptions: the</td>
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<td>recreational hook-and-line take of species other than marine aquatic plants is allowed. Only lightweight,</td>
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<td>hand-carried boats may be launched or operated within the park. Other restrictions apply. See subsection</td>
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<td><strong>Alameda County</strong></td>
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<td>Albany Mudflats State Marine Park (estuarine)</td>
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<td>Boating, swimming, wading, and diving are prohibited within the park. Other restrictions apply. See subsection</td>
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<td>recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions:</td>
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<td>1. The recreational take of finfish by hook-and-line only is allowed.</td>
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<td>Egg (Devil’s Slide) Rock to Devil’s Slide Special Closure</td>
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<td>mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of any of the three rocks comprising Egg (Devil’s Slide) Rock,</td>
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<td>34.630’ N. lat. 122° 31.290’ W. long.; and the area bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines</td>
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<td>122° 31.330’ W. long.; and 37° 34.520’ N. lat. 122° 31.210’ W. long.</td>
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<td>(B) Transit in between the rock and the mainland between these points is prohibited at any time.</td>
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<td>(C) No person except department employees or employees of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S.</td>
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<td>Bureau of Land Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or United States Coast Guard,</td>
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<td>in performing their official duties, or unless permission is granted by the department, shall enter this area.</td>
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<td><strong>Montara State Marine Reserve</strong></td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geographical, or cultural marine resource.</td>
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<td>Dungeness crab by trap, and market squid by hand-held dip net is allowed.</td>
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<td>This area consists of waters below the mean high tide line within the Redwood Shores Ecological Reserve.</td>
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<td>Any human use that would compromise protection of the species of interest, natural community or habitat, or geological, cultural, or recreational features, may be restricted, with the following specified exceptions: the recreational hook-and-line take of species other than kelp from shore only is allowed. Boating, swimming, wading, and diving are prohibited within the park. No person, except state and local law enforcement officers, fire suppression agencies and employees of the department in the performance of their official duties or persons possessing written permission from the department, shall enter this park during the period February 15 through May 20. Waterfowl may be taken in accordance with the general waterfowl regulations [sections 502, 550, 551, and 552]. Other restrictions apply. See subsection 632(a)(1)(B) on pg. 42.</td>
<td>This area consists of waters below the mean high tide line within the Bair Island Ecological Reserve.</td>
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### Año Nuevo State Marine Reserve

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### Santa Cruz County

### Greyhound Rock State Marine Conservation Area

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<td>Greyhound Rock State Marine Conservation Area</td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take of giant kelp (<em>Macrocystis pyrifera</em>) by hand harvest only, market squid, salmon, and, by hook-and-line from shore only, other finfish is allowed.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and a distance of 200 feet seaward of mean lower low water between the following two points: 37° 10.000' N. lat. 122° 21.800' W. long.; and 37° 08.725' N. lat. 122° 21.000' W. long. The area then continues southward bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 37° 08.725' N. lat. 122° 21.000' W. long.; 37° 04.700' N. lat. 122° 21.000' W. long.; 37° 04.700' N. lat. 122° 16.062' W. long.; and 37° 04.742' N. lat. 122° 16.026' W. long.</td>
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<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line, the three nautical mile offshore boundary and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 37° 04.742' N. lat. 122° 16.026' W. long.; 37° 04.700' N. lat. 122° 16.062' W. long.; 37° 04.700' N. lat. 122° 21.000' W. long.; 37° 03.520' N. lat. 122° 21.000' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 37° 02.570' N. lat. 122° 18.963' W. long.; and 37° 02.570' N. lat. 122° 13.989' W. long.</td>
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### Monterey County

### Elkhorn Slough State Marine Reserve

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<td>Elkhorn Slough State Marine Reserve</td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.</td>
<td>This area includes the waters below mean high tide within Elkhorn Slough lying east of longitude 121° 46.400' W. and south of latitude 36° 50.500' N.</td>
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<td>Elkhorn Slough State Marine Conservation Area</td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take of finfish by hook-and-line only and clams is allowed. Clams may only be taken on the north shore of the slough in the area adjacent to the Moss Landing State Wildlife Area [subsection 550(a)].</td>
<td>This area includes the waters below mean high tide within Elkhorn Slough east of the Highway 1 Bridge and west of longitude 121° 46.400' W.</td>
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<td>Moro Cojo Slough State Marine Reserve</td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.</td>
<td>This area includes the waters within Moro Cojo Slough below mean high tide and east of the Highway 1 Bridge and west of the crossing of the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks.</td>
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<td><strong>Soquel Canyon State Marine Conservation Area</strong></td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: the... recreational take of pelagic finfish° [subsection 632(a)(3)] is allowed.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 36° 51.000' N. lat. 121° 56.000' W. long.; 36° 51.000' N. lat. 122° 03.652' W. long.; 36° 48.000' N. lat. 122° 02.767' W. long.; 36° 48.000' N. lat. 121° 56.000' W. long.; and 36° 51.000' N. lat. 121° 56.000' W. long.</td>
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<td><strong>Portuguese Ledge State Marine Conservation Area</strong></td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: the... recreational take of pelagic finfish° [subsection 632(a)(3)] is allowed.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 36° 43.000' N. lat. 121° 56.000' W. long.; 36° 43.000' N. lat. 121° 01.294' W. long.; 36° 41.000' N. lat. 122° 00.706' W. long.; 36° 41.000' N. lat. 121° 56.000' W. long.; and 36° 43.000' N. lat. 121° 56.000' W. long.</td>
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<td><strong>Edward F. Ricketts State Marine Conservation Area</strong></td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take of finfish by hook-and-line is allowed.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 36° 36.508' N. lat. 121° 53.379' W. long.; 36° 37.250' N. lat. 121° 53.780' W. long.; and 36° 37.100' N. lat. 121° 54.093' W. long.</td>
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<td><strong>Lovers Point-Julia Platt State Marine Reserve</strong></td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line, and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 36° 37.100' N. lat. 121° 54.093' W. long.; 36° 37.250' N. lat. 121° 53.780' W. long.; and 36° 37.100' N. lat. 121° 54.093' W. long.</td>
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<td><strong>Pacific Grove Marine Gardens State Marine Conservation Area</strong></td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take of finfish is allowed.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 36° 37.600' N. lat. 121° 54.919' W. long.; 36° 37.600' N. lat. 121° 54.750' W. long.; 36° 38.700' N. lat. 121° 55.400' W. long.; 36° 38.900' N. lat. 121° 56.000' W. long.; 36° 38.314' N. lat. 121° 56.292' W. long.; and 36° 38.226' N. lat. 121° 56.159' W. long.</td>
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<td><strong>Asilomar State Marine Reserve</strong></td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 36° 38.314' N. lat. 121° 56.292' W. long.; 36° 38.900' N. lat. 121° 56.600' W. long.; and 36° 36.554' N. lat. 121° 57.518' W. long.</td>
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<td><strong>Carmel Pinnacles State Marine Reserve</strong></td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 36° 33.650' N. lat. 121° 56.159' W. long.; 36° 38.226' N. lat. 121° 56.159' W. long.; 36° 38.226' N. lat. 121° 56.159' W. long.; and 36° 38.226' N. lat. 121° 56.159' W. long.</td>
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<td><strong>Carmel Bay State Marine Conservation Area</strong></td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take of finfish is allowed.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 36° 36.633' N. lat. 121° 57.117' W. long.; 36° 31.700' N. lat. 121° 56.300' W. long.; and 36° 31.700' N. lat. 121° 55.550' W. long.</td>
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<td><strong>Point Lobos State Marine Reserve</strong></td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource. Within the portion of the Point Lobos State Marine Reserve which also falls within the boundary of the Point Lobos State Reserve (State Park Unit), restrictions on boating and diving activities exist. Contact the California Department of Parks and Recreation for current restrictions.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 36° 31.700' N. lat. 121° 55.550' W. long.; 36° 31.700' N. lat. 121° 58.250' W. long.; 36° 28.880' N. lat. 121° 00.480' W. long.; 36° 28.880' N. lat. 121° 58.250' W. long.; and 36° 31.700' N. lat. 121° 58.250' W. long.</td>
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<td><strong>Point Lobos State Marine Conservation Area</strong></td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take of salmon and albacore is allowed.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 36° 31.700' N. lat. 121° 58.250' W. long.; 36° 31.700' N. lat. 122° 01.267' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 36° 28.880' N. lat. 121° 58.250' W. long.; and 36° 31.700' N. lat. 121° 58.250' W. long.</td>
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<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 36° 18.400' N. lat. 121° 54.150' W. long.; 36° 18.400' N. lat. 121° 56.000' W. long.; 36° 15.000' N. lat. 121° 52.500' W. long.; and 36° 15.000' N. lat. 121° 50.250' W. long.</td>
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<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: the ...recreational take of salmon and albacore is allowed.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 36° 18.400' N. lat. 121° 56.000' W. long.; 36° 18.400' N. lat. 121° 57.932' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 36° 15.000' N. lat. 121° 55.955' W. long.; and 36° 18.400' N. lat. 121° 56.000' W. long.</td>
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<td>Big Creek State Marine Reserve</td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource. Except as pursuant to Federal law or emergency caused by hazardous weather, it is unlawful to anchor or moor a vessel in waters shallower than 10 fathoms in the Big Creek State Marine Reserve.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line, and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 36° 07.200' N. lat. 121° 39.000' W. long.; 36° 07.200' N. lat. 121° 42.869' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 36° 05.200' N. lat. 121° 41.222' W. long.; and 36° 07.200' N. lat. 121° 39.000' W. long.</td>
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<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified: 1. The recreational take of salmon and albacore is allowed.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line, and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 36° 07.200' N. lat. 121° 37.968' W. long.; 36° 07.200' N. lat. 121° 39.000' W. long.; 36° 05.200' N. lat. 121° 38.000' W. long.; and 36° 05.200' N. lat. 121° 39.000' W. long.</td>
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<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 35° 42.850' N. lat. 121° 18.850' W. long.; 35° 42.850' N. lat. 121° 21.000' W. long.; 35° 39.150' N. lat. 121° 18.500' W. long.; and 35° 39.150' N. lat. 121° 14.519' W. long.</td>
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<td>Cambria State Marine Conservation Area/State Marine Park</td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: recreational take is allowed.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 35° 37.100' N. lat. 121° 09.225' W. long.; 35° 37.100' N. lat. 121° 10.700' W. long.; 35° 32.850' N. lat. 121° 06.700' W. long.; and 35° 32.850' N. lat. 121° 05.855' W. long.</td>
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<td>White Rock State Marine Conservation Area</td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resources.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 35° 32.850 N. lat. 121° 05.855 W. long.; 35° 32.850 N. lat. 121° 06.700 W. long.; 35° 30.500 N. lat. 121° 05.000 W. long.; and 35° 30.500 N. lat. 121° 03.423 W. long.</td>
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<td>Morro Bay State Marine Recreational Management Area³</td>
<td>Recreational hunting of waterfowl is allowed unless otherwise restricted by hunting regulations [sections 502, 550, 551, and 552]. It is unlawful to perform any activity that would compromise the recreational values for which the area may be designated. Recreational opportunities may be protected, enhanced, or restricted, while preserving basic resource values of the area, with the following specified exceptions allowed north of latitude 35° 19.700’ N: 1. The recreational take of finfish. ...3. Storing finfish taken outside the Morro Bay State Marine Recreational Management Area in a receiver for bait purposes.</td>
<td>This area includes the area below mean high tide within Morro Bay east of the Morro Bay entrance breakwater and west of longitude 120° 50.340’ W.</td>
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<td>Morro Bay State Marine Reserve</td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.</td>
<td>This area includes the area below mean high tide line within Morro Bay east of longitude 120° 50.340’ W.</td>
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<td>Point Buchon State Marine Reserve</td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 35° 15.250’ N. lat. 120° 56.000’ W. long.; 35° 11.000’ N. lat. 120° 52.400’ W. long.; and 35° 13.348’ N. lat. 120° 52.400’ W. long.</td>
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<td>Point Buchon State Marine Conservation Area</td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: the recreational take of salmon and albacore is allowed.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 35° 15.250’ N. lat. 120° 56.000’ W. long.; 35° 11.000’ N. lat. 120° 52.400’ W. long.; and 35° 15.250’ N. lat. 120° 56.000’ W. long.</td>
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<td>Vandenberg State Marine Reserve</td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource. Public entry into the Vandenberg State Marine Reserve may be restricted at the discretion of the department to protect wildlife, aquatic life, or habitat, or by the Commander of Vandenberg Air Force Base to protect and provide safety for base operations.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 34° 44.650’ N. lat. 120° 37.750’ W. long.; 34° 44.650’ N. lat. 120° 40.000’ W. long.; 34° 33.250’ N. lat. 120° 40.000’ W. long.; and 34° 33.250’ N. lat. 120° 37.407’ W. long.</td>
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<td>Point Conception State Marine Reserve</td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 34° 27.000’ N. lat. 120° 28.280’ W. long.; 34° 27.000’ N. lat. 120° 28.280’ W. long.; 34° 27.000’ N. lat. 120° 28.280’ W. long.; and 34° 27.000’ N. lat. 120° 28.280’ W. long.</td>
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<td>Kashtayit State Marine Conservation Area³</td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take of finfish [subsection 632(a)(2)], invertebrates except rock scallops and mussels, and giant kelp (Macrocystis pyrifera) by hand harvest is allowed.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 34° 28.130’ N. lat. 119° 58.000’ W. long.; 34° 28.130’ N. lat. 119° 58.000’ W. long.; 34° 28.130’ N. lat. 119° 58.000’ W. long.; and 34° 28.130’ N. lat. 119° 58.000’ W. long.</td>
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<td>Naples State Marine Conservation Area³</td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take by spearfishing [Section 1.76] of white seabass and pelagic finfish [subsection 632(a)(3)] is allowed.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 34° 26.517’ N. lat. 119° 58.000’ W. long.; 34° 26.517’ N. lat. 119° 58.000’ W. long.; 34° 26.517’ N. lat. 119° 58.000’ W. long.; and 34° 26.140’ N. lat. 119° 56.000’ W. long.</td>
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<td><strong>Campus Point State Marine Conservation Area</strong>&lt;sup&gt;3, 5&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 34° 25.207' N. lat. 119° 53.600' W. long.; 34° 21.475' N. lat. 119° 53.600' W. long.; thence eastward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 34° 21.212' N. lat. 119° 50.650' W. long.; and 34° 24.300' N. lat. 119° 50.650' W. long.</td>
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<td><strong>Goleta Slough State Marine Conservation Area</strong>&lt;sup&gt;3, 5&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource. In waters below the mean high tide line inside the Goleta Slough Ecological Reserve as defined within Section 630, the following restrictions apply: 1. Boating, swimming, wading, and diving are prohibited. 2. No person shall enter this area and remain therein except on established trails, paths or other designated areas except department employees or designated employees of Santa Barbara Airport, City of Santa Barbara, Goleta Sanitary District and Goleta Valley Vector Control District for the purposes of carrying out official duties.</td>
<td>This area includes the waters below the mean high tide line within Goleta Slough.</td>
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<td><strong>Richardson Rock State and Federal Marine Reserves (San Miguel Island)</strong></td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.</td>
<td>This area includes Richardson Rock State Marine Reserve and the adjoining federal Richardson Rock Marine Reserve. Coordinates are provided for outer boundaries of the joined state and federal areas*. This area is bounded by the mean high tide line of Richardson Rock and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 34° 02.211' N. lat. 120° 28.200' W. long.; 34° 02.211' N. lat. 120° 36.290' W. long.; 34° 10.400' N. lat. 120° 36.290' W. long.; 34° 10.400' N. lat. 120° 28.200' W. long.; and 34° 02.211' N. lat. 120° 28.200' W. long.</td>
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<td><strong>Harris Point State and Federal Marine Reserves (San Miguel Island)</strong></td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource. An exemption to the state reserve, where …recreational take of living marine resources is allowed, exists between the mean high tide line in Cuyler Harbor and a straight line between the following points: 34° 03.554' N. lat. 120° 21.311' W. long.; and 34° 02.908' N. lat. 120° 20.161' W. long.</td>
<td>This area includes Harris Point State Marine Reserve and the adjoining federal Harris Point Marine Reserve. Coordinates are provided for outer boundaries of the joined state and federal areas*. This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 34° 03.160' N. lat. 120° 23.300' W. long.; 34° 12.295' N. lat. 120° 23.300' W. long.; 34° 12.295' N. lat. 120° 18.400' W. long., and 34° 01.755' N. lat. 120° 18.400' W. long.</td>
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<td><strong>Judith Rock State Marine Reserve (San Miguel Island)</strong></td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 34° 01.802' N. lat. 120° 26.600' W. long.; 33° 58.513' N. lat. 120° 26.600' W. long.; thence eastward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 33° 58.518' N. lat. 120° 25.300' W. long; and 34° 01.689' N. lat. 120° 25.300' W. long.</td>
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<td>Special restrictions on recreational boating and access apply to San Miguel Island as follows.</td>
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<td>(A) Boating is allowed at San Miguel Island except west of a line drawn between Judith Rock (34° 01.500’ N. lat. 120° 25.300’ W. long.) and Castle Rock (34° 03.300’ N. lat. 120° 26.300’ W. long.) where boats are prohibited closer than 300 yards from shore.</td>
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<td>1. Notwithstanding the 300-yard boating closure between Judith Rock and Castle Rock, ...boats may approach San Miguel Island no nearer than 100 yards from shore during the period(s) from March 15 through April 30, and October 1 through December 15.</td>
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<td>2. The department may rescind permission for boats to enter waters within 300 yards between Judith Rock and Castle Rock upon finding that impairment to the island marine mammal resource is imminent. Immediately following such closure, the department will request the commission to hear, at its regularly scheduled meeting, presentation of documentation supporting the need for such closure.</td>
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<td>(B) Other Requirements:</td>
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<td>2. Except as permitted by federal law or emergency caused by hazardous weather, boats may be anchored overnight only at Tyler Bight and Cuyler Harbor.</td>
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<td>3. Landing is allowed on San Miguel Island only at the designated landing beach in Cuyler Harbor.</td>
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<td>4. No person shall have access to all other offshore rocks and islands at San Miguel Island.</td>
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<td>This area includes the Scorpion State Marine Reserve and the adjoining federal Scorpion Marine Reserve. Coordinates are provided for outer boundaries of the joined state and federal areas*. This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 34° 02.958' N. lat. 119° 35.500' W. long.; 34° 09.270' N. lat. 119° 35.500' W. long.; 34° 09.270' N. lat. 119° 32.800' W. long.; and 34° 02.700' N. lat. 119° 32.800' W. long.</td>
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<td>Santa Barbara Island State and Federal Marine Reserves</td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.</td>
<td>This area includes the Santa Barbara Island State Marine Reserve and the adjoining federal Santa Barbara Island Marine Reserve. Coordinates are provided for outer boundaries of the joined state and federal areas*. This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 33° 28.500' N. lat. 119° 01.813' W. long.; 33° 28.500' N. lat. 118° 54.527' W. long.; 33° 21.792' N. lat. 118° 54.527' W. long.; 33° 21.792' N. lat. 119° 02.200' W. long.; and 33° 27.911' N. lat. 119° 02.200' W. long.</td>
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<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: the recreational take of spiny lobster and pelagic finfish** [subsection 632(a)(3)] is allowed.</td>
<td>This area includes the Anacapa Island State Marine Conservation Area and the adjoining federal Anacapa Island Marine Conservation Area. Coordinates are provided for outer boundaries of the joined state and federal areas*. This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 34° 00.828' N. lat. 119° 26.623' W. long.; 34° 00.800' N. lat. 119° 26.700' W. long.; 34° 04.998' N. lat. 119° 26.700' W. long.; 34° 04.998' N. lat. 119° 24.600' W. long.; and 34° 00.411' N. lat. 119° 24.600' W. long.</td>
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<td>Anacapa Island State and Federal Marine Reserves</td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.</td>
<td>This area includes the Anacapa Island State Marine Reserve and the adjoining federal Anacapa Island Marine Reserve. Coordinates are provided for outer boundaries of the joined state and federal areas*. This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 34° 00.411' N. lat. 119° 24.600' W. long.; 34° 04.998' N. lat. 119° 24.600' W. long.; 34° 04.998' N. lat. 119° 21.400' W. long.; 34° 01.000' N. lat. 119° 21.400' W. long.; and 34° 00.960' N. lat. 119° 21.463' W. long.</td>
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<td>Anacapa Island Special Closure</td>
<td>(A) No net or trap may be used in waters less than 20 feet deep off the Anacapa Islands, commonly referred to as Anacapa Island. (B) A brown pelican fledgling area is designated from the mean high tide mark seaward to a water depth of 20 fathoms (120 feet) on the north side of West Anacapa Island between a line extending 000° True off Portuguese Rock (34° 00.910' N. lat. 119° 25.260' W. long.) to a line extending 000° True off the western edge of Frenchy’s Cove (34° 00.411' N. lat. 119° 24.600' W. long.), a distance of approximately 4,000 feet. No person except department employees or employees of the National Park Service in the performance of their official duties shall enter this area during the period January 1 to October 31.</td>
<td>This area includes the Footprint State Marine Reserve and the adjoining federal Footprint Marine Reserve. Coordinates are provided for outer boundaries of the joined state and federal areas*. This area is bounded by the straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 33° 59.300' N. lat. 119° 30.965' W. long.; 33° 54.119' N. lat. 119° 30.985' W. long.; 33° 54.119' N. lat. 119° 25.987' W. long.; 33° 59.300' N. lat. 119° 25.987' W. long., and 33° 59.300' N. lat. 119° 30.965' W. long.</td>
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<td>Footprint State and Federal Marine Reserves (Anacapa Channel)</td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.</td>
<td>This area includes the Footprint State Marine Reserve and the adjoining federal Footprint Marine Reserve. Coordinates are provided for outer boundaries of the joined state and federal areas*. This area is bounded by the straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 33° 59.300' N. lat. 119° 30.965' W. long.; 33° 54.119' N. lat. 119° 30.985' W. long.; 33° 54.119' N. lat. 119° 25.987' W. long.; 33° 59.300' N. lat. 119° 25.987' W. long., and 33° 59.300' N. lat. 119° 30.965' W. long.</td>
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<td>Begg Rock State Marine Reserve (San Nicholas Island Quad)</td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.</td>
<td>This area includes all state waters below the mean high tide line surrounding Begg Rock, located in the vicinity of 33° 21.743' N. lat. 119° 41.716' W. long.</td>
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<td><strong>Point Dume State Marine Conservation Area</strong></td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take by spearfishing [Section 1.76] of white seabass and pelagic finfish [subsection 632(a)(3)] is allowed.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 34° 02.306’ N. lat. 118° 53.000’ W. long.; 33° 59.140’ N. lat. 118° 53.000’ W. long.; thence south-eastward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 33° 56.960’ N. lat. 118° 49.200’ W. long.; and 34° 00.780’ N. lat. 118° 49.200’ W. long.</td>
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<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 34° 00.780’ N. lat. 118° 49.200’ W. long.; 33° 56.860’ N. lat. 118° 49.200’ W. long.; thence eastward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 33° 57.061’ N. lat. 118° 47.260’ W. long.; and 34° 01.178’ N. lat. 118° 47.260’ W. long.</td>
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<td><strong>Point Vicente State Marine Conservation Area</strong></td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 33° 44.800’ N. lat. 118° 24.807’ W. long.; 33° 44.800’ N. lat. 118° 28.931’ W. long.; thence southeastward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 33° 41.155’ N. lat. 118° 23.800’ W. long.; and 33° 44.198’ N. lat. 118° 23.800’ W. long.</td>
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<td><strong>Abalone Cove State Marine Conservation Area</strong></td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take by spearfishing [Section 1.76] of white seabass and pelagic finfish [subsection 632(a)(3)] and market squid by hand-held dip net [Section 1.42] is allowed.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 33° 44.198’ N. lat. 118° 23.800’ W. long.; 33° 41.155’ N. lat. 118° 23.800’ W. long.; thence southeastward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 33° 40.851’ N. lat. 118° 22.500’ W. long.; and 33° 44.240’ N. lat. 118° 22.500’ W. long.</td>
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<td><strong>Arrow Point to Lion Head Point State Marine Conservation Area (Catalina Island)</strong></td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. All recreational take is allowed in accordance with current regulations, except the recreational take of invertebrates is prohibited.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line to a distance of 1,000 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline southeastward of a line connecting the following two points: 33° 28.652’ N. lat. 118° 32.310’ W. long.; and 33° 28.620’ N. lat. 118° 32.310’ W. long. and northwestward of a line connecting the following two points: 33° 27.240’ N. lat. 118° 29.900’ W. long.; and 33° 27.174’ N. lat. 118° 30.089’ W. long.</td>
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<td><strong>Blue Cavern Onshore State Marine Conservation Area</strong></td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource. Except as pursuant to federal law, emergency caused by hazardous weather, or as provided in subsection 632(b)(124)(D), it is unlawful to anchor or moor a vessel in the formerly designated Catalina Marine Science Center Marine Life Refuge. The director of the Catalina Marine Science Center Marine Life Refuge, or any person that the director of the refuge has authorized may anchor or moor a vessel or take, for scientific purposes, any fish or specimen of marine plant life in the formerly designated Catalina Marine Science Center Marine Life Refuge under the conditions prescribed in a scientific collecting permit issued by the department (Section 10655, Fish and Game Code).</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 33° 25.960’ N. lat. 118° 27.000’ W. long.; 33° 27.500’ N. lat. 118° 27.000’ W. long.; 33° 27.500’ N. lat. 118° 29.300’ W. long.; 33° 26.640’ N. lat. 118° 29.300’ W. long.</td>
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<td>This area is bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 33° 27.500’ N. lat. 118° 27.000’ W. long.; 33° 29.970’ N. lat. 118° 27.000’ W. long.; thence north-westward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 33° 30.810’ N. lat. 118° 29.300’ W. long.; 33° 27.500’ N. lat. 118° 29.300’ W. long.; and 33° 27.500’ N. lat. 118° 27.000’ W. long.</td>
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<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 33° 24.380’ N. lat. 118° 21.980’ W. long.; 33° 25.500’ N. lat. 118° 21.980’ W. long.; 33° 25.500’ N. lat. 118° 24.000’ W. long.; and 33° 25.102’ N. lat. 118° 24.000’ W. long.</td>
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<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource. Feeding of fish for marine life viewing is allowed.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 33° 20.900’ N. lat. 118° 19.430’ W. long.; 33° 20.900’ N. lat. 118° 19.420’ W. long.; 33° 20.910’ N. lat. 118° 19.420’ W. long.; 33° 20.970’ N. lat. 118° 19.470’ W. long.; 33° 21.000’ N. lat. 118° 19.520’ W. long.; and 33° 20.960’ N. lat. 118° 19.560’ W. long.</td>
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<td>Lover’s Cove State Marine Conservation Areaa (Catalina Island)</td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take by hook-and-line from the Cabrillo Mole is allowed. Feeding of fish for marine life viewing is allowed.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 33° 20.460’ N. lat. 118° 18.900’ W. long.; 33° 20.711’ N. lat. 118° 18.900’ W. long.; and 33° 20.711’ N. lat. 118° 19.321’ W. long.</td>
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<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 33° 23.000’ N. lat. 118° 29.080’ W. long.; 33° 23.000’ N. lat. 118° 29.000’ W. long.; 33° 19.000’ N. lat. 118° 29.000’ W. long.; 33° 19.000’ N. lat. 118° 27.900’ W. long.; and 33° 19.560’ N. lat. 118° 27.900’ W. long.</td>
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<td>This area is bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 33° 33.000’ N. lat. 118° 27.900’ W. long.; and 33° 31.980’ N. lat. 118° 27.900’ W. long.</td>
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<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take of finfish [subsection 632(a)(2)] by hook-and-line or by spearfishing [Section 1.76], market squid by hook-and-line, and spiny lobster and sea urchin is allowed.</td>
<td>This area includes the waters below the mean high tide line on the west side of Catalina Island northward of a straight line connecting Pin Rock (33° 25.486’ N. lat. 118° 29.294’ W. long.) and Cat Head Point (33° 25.320’ N. lat. 118° 30.760’ W. long.).</td>
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<td>This area includes the waters below the mean high tide line within Bolsa Bay estuary southward of a line that approximates the Warner Avenue bridge located between the following two points: 33° 42.707’ N. lat. 118° 03.633’ W. long.; and 33° 42.707’ N. lat. 118° 03.604’ W. long.; and northward of a line that approximates the pedestrian bridge located between the following two points: 33° 42.219’ N. lat. 118° 03.167’ W. long.; and 33° 42.177’ N. lat. 118° 03.186’ W. long.</td>
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<td><strong>Bolsa Chica Basin State Marine Conservation Area</strong></td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource. Boating, swimming, wading, and diving are prohibited within the conservation area. No person, except state and local law enforcement officers, fire suppression agencies and employees of the department in the performance of their official duties or persons possessing written permission from the department or employees of Signal Corporation and its invitees for the purpose of carrying out oil and gas operations, shall enter this conservation area and remain therein except on established trails, paths, or other designated areas. No person shall enter this conservation area between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.</td>
<td>This area includes the waters below the mean high tide line within the Bolsa Chica Basin estuary northeastward of the Pacific Coast Highway Bridge, approximated by a straight line between the following two points: 33° 41.028’ N. lat. 118° 02.153’ W. long.; and 33° 40.981’ N. lat. 118° 02.109’ W. long.; and southeastward of a straight line between the following two points: 33° 42.219’ N. lat. 118° 03.167’ W. long.; and 33° 42.177’ N. lat. 118° 03.186’ W. long.</td>
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<td><strong>Upper Newport Bay State Marine Conservation Area</strong></td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exception: The recreational take of finfish (subsection 632(a)(2)) by hook-and-line from shore only is allowed. In waters below the mean high tide line inside the Upper Newport Bay Ecological Reserve, northeastward of a line connecting Shellmaker Island (33° 37.200’ N. lat. 117° 53.510’ W. long.) and North Star Beach (33° 37.380’ N. lat. 117° 53.600’ W. long.) the following restrictions apply: Swimming is allowed only in the area between North Star Beach and mid-channel. Boats are limited to speeds less than five miles per hour. Shoreline access is limited to established trails, paths, or other designated areas.</td>
<td>This area includes the waters below the mean high tide line within Upper Newport Bay northeastward of the Pacific Coast Highway approximated by a line between the following two points: 33° 37.014’ N. lat. 117° 54.237’ W. long.; 33° 37.014’ N. lat. 117° 54.336’ W. long.; and southwestward of Jamboree Road approximated by a line between the following two points: 33° 39.071’ N. lat. 117° 52.021’ W. long.; and 33° 39.027’ N. lat. 117° 52.014’ W. long.</td>
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<td><strong>Crystal Cove State Marine Conservation Area</strong></td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take of finfish (subsection 632(a)(2)) by hook-and-line or by spearfishing [Section 1.76], and spiny lobster and sea urchin is allowed. Take of all living marine resources from inside tidepools is prohibited. For purposes of this section, tidepools are defined as the area encompassing the rocky pools that are filled with seawater due to retracting tides between the mean higher high tide line and the mean lower low tide line.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 33° 35.372’ N. lat. 117° 52.645’ W. long.; 33° 35.065’ N. lat. 117° 52.692’ W. long.; 33° 32.400’ N. lat. 117° 49.200’ W. long.; 33° 33.211’ N. lat. 117° 49.200’ W. long.; and 33° 33.224’ N. lat. 117° 45.184’ W. long.</td>
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<td><strong>Laguna Beach State Marine Reserve</strong></td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 33° 33.224’ N. lat. 117° 49.200’ W. long.; 33° 33.211’ N. lat. 117° 49.200’ W. long.; and 33° 30.713’ N. lat. 117° 45.264’ W. long.</td>
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<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 33° 30.713’ N. lat. 117° 45.264’ W. long.; 33° 30.713’ N. lat. 117° 49.200’ W. long.; 33° 30.050’ N. lat. 117° 49.200’ W. long.; and 33° 30.050’ N. lat. 117° 44.762’ W. long.</td>
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<td><strong>Dana Point State Marine Conservation Area</strong></td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take of finfish (subsection 632(a)(2)) by hook-and-line or by spearfishing [Section 1.76], and spiny lobster and sea urchin is allowed. Take of all living marine resources from inside tidepools is prohibited. For purposes of this section, tidepools are defined as the area encompassing the rocky pools that are filled with seawater due to retracting tides between the mean higher high tide line and the mean lower low tide line.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 33° 30.050’ N. lat. 117° 44.762’ W. long.; 33° 30.050’ N. lat. 117° 46.000’ W. long.; 33° 30.000’ N. lat. 117° 46.000’ W. long.; 33° 27.300’ N. lat. 117° 43.300’ W. long.; 33° 27.478’ N. lat. 117° 42.276’ W. long.; and 33° 27.622’ N. lat. 117° 42.425’ W. long.</td>
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| Batiquitos Lagoon State Marine Conservation Area<sup>3,6</sup> | It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.  
2. The recreational take by spearfishing [Section 1.76] of white seabass and pelagic finfish<sup>5</sup> [subsection 632(a)(3)] is allowed. | This area overlaps a portion of the Batiquitos Lagoon Ecological Reserve. Ecological reserve rules are in effect as defined in Section 630 or as posted.  
This area includes the waters below the mean high tide line within Batiquitos Lagoon eastward of the Interstate Highway 5 Bridge, approximated by a line between the following two points:  
33° 02.900' N. lat. 117° 17.927' W. long.; and  
33° 02.900' N. lat. 117° 21.743' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to  
33° 00.000' N. lat. 117° 20.398' W. long.; and  
33° 00.000' N. lat. 117° 16.698' W. long., thence northward along the mean high tide line onshore boundary to  
33° 00.962' N. lat. 117° 16.850' W. long.; and  
33° 00.960' N. lat. 117° 16.857' W. long. |
| Swami's State Marine Conservation Area<sup>3</sup>         | It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions:  
1. Recreational take by hook-and-line from shore is allowed.  
2. The recreational take by spearfishing [Section 1.76] of white seabass and pelagic finfish<sup>5</sup> [subsection 632(a)(3)] is allowed. | This area overlaps a portion of the San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve. Ecological Reserve rules are in effect as defined in Section 630 or as posted.  
This area includes the waters below the mean high tide line within San Elijo Lagoon southeastward of a straight line between the following two points:  
33° 00.980' N. lat. 117° 16.857' W. long.; and  
33° 00.962' N. lat. 117° 16.850' W. long. |
| San Elijo Lagoon State Marine Conservation Area<sup>3, 5</sup> | It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource. Boating, swimming, wading, and diving are prohibited within the conservation area.                                                                                                                   | This area overlaps a portion of the San Dieguito Lagoon Ecological Reserve. Ecological reserves rules are in effect as defined in Section 630 or as posted.  
In addition, access to the ecological reserve shoreline is currently closed to the public, as authorized under subsection 630(a)(10).  
This area consists of waters below the mean high tide line within the San Dieguito Lagoon Ecological Reserve south-eastward of a straight line between the following two points:  
32° 58.066' N. lat. 117° 15.579' W. long.; and  
32° 58.072' N. lat. 117° 15.548' W. long. |
| San Dieguito Lagoon State Marine Conservation Area<sup>3</sup> | It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions:  
1. The recreational take of coastal pelagic species<sup>6</sup> [Section 1.39], except market squid, by hook-and-line only is allowed. | This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:  
32° 53.000' N. lat. 117° 15.166' W. long.;  
32° 53.000' N. lat. 117° 16.400' W. long.;  
32° 51.964' N. lat. 117° 16.400' W. long.; and  
32° 51.964' N. lat. 117° 15.252' W. long. |
| San Diego-Scripps Coastal State Marine Conservation Area<sup>3</sup> | It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource. Boats may be launched and retrieved only in designated areas and may be anchored within the reserve only during daylight hours. | This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:  
32° 51.964' N. lat. 117° 15.252' W. long.;  
32° 51.964' N. lat. 117° 16.400' W. long.; and  
32° 51.067' N. lat. 117° 16.400' W. long. |
| Matlahuayl State Marine Reserve                            | It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource. Boats may be launched and retrieved only in designated areas and may be anchored within the reserve only during daylight hours. | This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:  
32° 49.573' N. lat. 117° 16.781' W. long.;  
32° 49.573' N. lat. 117° 19.000' W. long.;  
32° 47.945' N. lat. 117° 19.000' W. long.; and  
32° 47.945' N. lat. 117° 15.495' W. long. |
| South La Jolla State Marine Reserve                        | It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.                                                                                                                                     | This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:  
32° 58.066' N. lat. 117° 15.579' W. long.; and  
32° 58.072' N. lat. 117° 15.548' W. long. |
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<td>This area is bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 32° 32.064' N. lat. 117° 07.428' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 32° 49.573' N. lat. 117° 09.000' W. long.; and 32° 49.573' N. lat. 117° 19.000' W. long.</td>
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<td>Tijuana River Mouth State Marine Conservation Area</td>
<td>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take of coastal pelagic species ((\text{Section 1.39})), except market squid, by hand-held dip net ((\text{Section 1.42})) only is allowed.</td>
<td>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 32° 34.000' N. lat. 117° 07.980' W. long.; 32° 34.000' N. lat. 117° 09.000' W. long.; 32° 31.970' N. lat. 117° 09.000' W. long.; thence eastward along the U.S.-Mexico Border to 32° 32.064' N. lat. 117° 07.428' W. long.</td>
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* This area includes a state MPA and a federal MPA with identical regulations. For complete boundaries and rules, see CCR T-14, Section 632 for state MPAs, and Code of Federal Regulations, Federal Register 15 CFR Part 922 and 50 CFR Part 660 for federal MPAs.


3. Existing activities and operations permitted by CDFW and other federal, state, or local entities, such as dredging, wastewater outfall operations, maintenance of artificial structures, scientific collecting, and sand replenishment and other sediment management activities have been identified as occurring within this MPA, which may result in take of marine resources incidental to the activity. Operations or activities identified at the time of designation are included within the regulation to make explicit that MPA designation is not intended to interfere with these permitted activities.

4. This area is designated as a SMCA, and could subsequently be designated an SMP at the discretion of the State Parks and Recreation Commission.

5. Pelagic finfish are defined in CCR T-14, Section 632(a)(3) as: northern anchovy \((\text{Engraulis mordax})\), barracudas \((\text{Sphyraena spp.})\), billfishes (family Istiophoridae), dolphinfish \((\text{Coryphaena hippurus})\), jack mackerel \((\text{Trachurus symmetricus})\), Pacific mackerel \((\text{Scomber japonicus})\), salmon \((\text{Oncorhynchus spp.})\), swordfish \((\text{Xiphias gladius})\), tunas (family Scombridae), including Pacific bonito \((\text{Sarda chilensis})\), and yellowtail \((\text{Seriola lalandi})\).
PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORIES
AND GUIDANCE ON SPORT
FISH CONSUMPTION

Fish are an excellent source of protein and beneficial fats, and are recommended as part of a healthy, balanced diet. It is important, however, to choose the fish you eat wisely. The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) provides the guidelines below. For more information, visit the OEHHA website at www.oehha.ca.gov/fish or call (916) 324-7572.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issued a joint “Federal Advisory for Mercury in Fish” for fish you buy at stores and restaurants. The federal advisory can be found online at www.fda.gov/food/resourcesforyou/consumers/ucm110591.htm.

FISH PREPARATION
AND CONSUMPTION

Eat only the fillet portions of fish and the meat of crabs. Cook the fish thoroughly and allow juice to drain away. Do not eat the guts or internal organs because chemicals usually concentrate in these parts. Also, avoid frequent consumption of any reproductive parts such as eggs or roe. If you make stews or chowders, use fillet parts.

Many chemicals are stored in the fat. When advisories are based on PCBs or pesticides (DDTs or dieldrin), skin the fish, when possible, do not eat the skin, and trim any visible fat to reduce the levels of these chemicals. Removing fat will not reduce mercury levels.

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This advice does not apply to these fish when caught in lakes or reservoirs.

*Fish that migrate between ocean and fresh water

SAFE EATING GUIDELINES

OEHHA gives special guidelines for women ages 18-45 years and children 1-17 years because children and fetuses are more sensitive to chemicals. Women over 45 years and men have less risk and can safely eat more fish, as shown in the following tables.

The consumption guidelines in the tables are based on the chemicals noted in each table. Fish consumption recommendations in the following tables are provided as the number of servings per week. A serving is about the size and thickness of your hand. Give children smaller servings.

WHAT IS A SERVING?

The recommended serving of fish is about the size and thickness of your hand. Give children smaller servings.

The guidelines for each species and area assume that no other fish are being eaten in the same week. These safe eating guidelines are for fish from marine and anadromous waters only. OEHHA’s guidelines for freshwater fish can be found in the CDFW’s Freshwater Sport Fishing regulations booklet, available wherever sport fishing licenses are sold, at your local CDFW office, and online at wildlife.ca.gov/regulations.

If you do not see your specific location in these tables, follow OEHHA’s Eating Fish from California Coastal Locations Without Site-Specific Advice located online at oehha.ca.gov/advisories/statewide-advisory-eating-fish-california-coastal-locations-without-site-specific-advice or OEHHA’s Advisory for Fish that Migrate located online at oehha.ca.gov/advisories/advisory-fish-migrate.
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Do not combine recommendations. For example, if you eat three servings of striped mullet, do not eat any more fish until the following week.

| San Diego Bay | WOMEN AGES 18-45 AND CHILDREN 1-17 YEARS | WOMEN 46 YEARS AND OLDER, AND MEN 18 YEARS AND OLDER |
| Diamond or spotted turbot, black perch, pile perch, rainbow surperch, California lizardfish or round stingray, shovelnose guitarfish or pacific chub mackerel or spotted or barred sand bass, yellowfin croaker, leopard shark, gray smoothhound shark | 2 | 2 |
| Topsmelt, shiner perch | Do Not Eat | Do Not Eat |

Do not combine recommendations. For example, if you eat one serving of Pacific chub mackerel, do not eat any more fish until the following week.

| San Francisco Bay | WOMEN AGES 18-45 AND CHILDREN 1-17 YEARS | WOMEN 46 YEARS AND OLDER, AND MEN 18 YEARS AND OLDER |
| Chinook (king) salmon or brown rockfish or red rock crab or jacksmelt or california halibut or striped bass or white croaker or white sturgeon | 2 | 7 |
| White croaker, skinless fillet only, or sharks or white sturgeon | Do Not Eat | 2 |
| Surperches | Do Not Eat | 1 |

Because of high concentrations of dieldrin or DDTs or both, OEHHA recommends that no one eat fish from the Lauritzen Channel in Richmond Inner Harbor.

| Elkhorn Slough | WOMEN AGES 18-45 AND CHILDREN 1-17 YEARS | WOMEN 46 YEARS AND OLDER, AND MEN 18 YEARS AND OLDER |
| Asian clam (Corbicula), speckled sanddab or surfperches or bat ray under 24 in. wide or bat ray 24 in. wide or more, leopard shark | 7 | 7 |
| Bat ray under 24 in. wide or leopard shark | Do Not Eat | 1 |

Do not combine recommendations.

| Ventura Harbor to Santa Monica Pier and south of Seal Beach Pier to San Mateo Point | WOMEN AGES 18-45 AND CHILDREN 1-17 YEARS | WOMEN 46 YEARS AND OLDER, AND MEN 18 YEARS AND OLDER |
| Jacksmelt or pacific chub mackerel or corbina, yellowfin croaker, queenfish, surfperches, opaleye, topsmelt or california halibut, rockfishes, barred sand bass, white croaker, shovelnose guitarfish or sargo, kelp bass, sardines, California scorpionfish (sculpin) or barracuda, black croaker | 4 | 7 |
| Do Not Eat | 2 | 2 |
| Do Not Eat | 1 | 1 |

| Santa Monica Beach south of Santa Monica Pier to Seal Beach Pier | WOMEN AGES 18-45 AND CHILDREN 1-17 YEARS | WOMEN 46 YEARS AND OLDER, AND MEN 18 YEARS AND OLDER |
| Jacksmelt or pacific chub mackerel or corbina, yellowfin croaker, queenfish, surfperches, opaleye or california halibut, rockfishes, shovelnose guitarfish or sargo, kelp bass, sardines, California scorpionfish (sculpin), or barracuda, black croaker | 4 | 7 |
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| Statewide Advisory for Eating Fish from California Coastal Locations without Site-Specific Advice | WOMEN AGES 18-45 AND CHILDREN 1-17 YEARS | WOMEN 46 YEARS AND OLDER, AND MEN 18 YEARS AND OLDER |
| Small flatfish or topsmelt, barred, rainbow spotfin or white surperch, black or pile perch or shiner perch, silver or walleye surperch or black, blue, brown, kelp, olive, rosethorn, or vermilion rockfish or barred sand bass, cabezon, kelp bass, lingcod or california corbina or black-and-yellow, China, copper, or gopher rockfish, sharks | 6 | 6 |
| Do Not Eat | 2 | 2 |
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Do not combine recommendations. For example, if you eat one serving of California corbina, do not eat any more fish until the following week.
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*“-“ indicates that this requirement for this species is covered under the General regulations of CCR T-14, Section 29.05(a). Note: Except for the species listed above (see Section 29.05(b)(1)), “tidal invertebrates may not be taken in any tidepool or other areas between the high tide mark (defined as Mean Higher High Tide) and 1,000 ft. seawards and lateral to the low tide mark (defined as Mean Lower Low Water).”

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### HELP FISH LIKE THIS SURVIVE!

**Fish floating at the surface like this can survive...with your help.**

When fish that possess swim bladders are brought up from depth, decreasing pressure may injure them (known as pressure shock, or ‘barotrauma’). When released, these fish often float helplessly at the surface. Injured fish that cannot descend on their own are especially easy targets for sea gulls and sea lions. Helping fish to descend significantly increases their chances of survival.

You can transport injured fish down to the sea floor using one of the following:

- A weighted, inverted barbless hook
- A fish-descending device available at your local tackle shop
- An inverted, weighted plastic crate with a rope attached to the bottom

For more information visit the CDFW website at [wildlife.ca.gov/conservation/marine/groundfish/barotrauma](http://wildlife.ca.gov/conservation/marine/groundfish/barotrauma) or pick up an informational brochure at your local CDFW office.

### AVOID PENALTIES AND HELP TO MANAGE OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

Return your Abalone, Spiny Lobster and Sturgeon report cards on time. It’s the law!
Do you need a fishing license and boat registration?

Please take a few moments to consider each of the questions below. Take your time. Let it come naturally.

1. Is this your idea of fishing with friends?
   A. Yes, I am a 1,200-pound brown bear, and these are my friends
   B. Yes, I stand at the edge of the falls and catch fish with my mouth.
   C. No.

2. Are you your own boat?
   A. Yes, and please stop staring at my stern.
   B. No, I'm my own airplane.
   C. No.

3. Do you want this in your favorite lake?
   A. Yes, Landfills are soooo cliché.
   B. Sure, who doesn't love dipping their toes into a pool of swirling sewage?
   C. No.

Answers:

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