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**Department of Fish and Wildlife**  
**Ocean Salmon Project – Marine Region**  
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## 2020 Ocean Salmon Commercial Regulations

### OR/CA Border to Horse Mountain (KMZ):

Closed

### Horse Mountain to Point Arena:

August 1-10, September 1-30

- Minimum size limit: 27 inches total length
- All salmon must be landed in California and north of Point Arena

### Point Arena to Pigeon Point:

May 6-12, 18-31; June 1-6, 14-30; July 13-31;  
 August 1-28; September 1-30

- Minimum size limit: 27 inches total length through August, 26 inches thereafter
- All salmon caught in the area prior to September must be landed and offloaded by 11:59 pm August 30<sup>th</sup>
- During September, all salmon must be landed south of Point Arena

### Point Reyes to Point San Pedro:

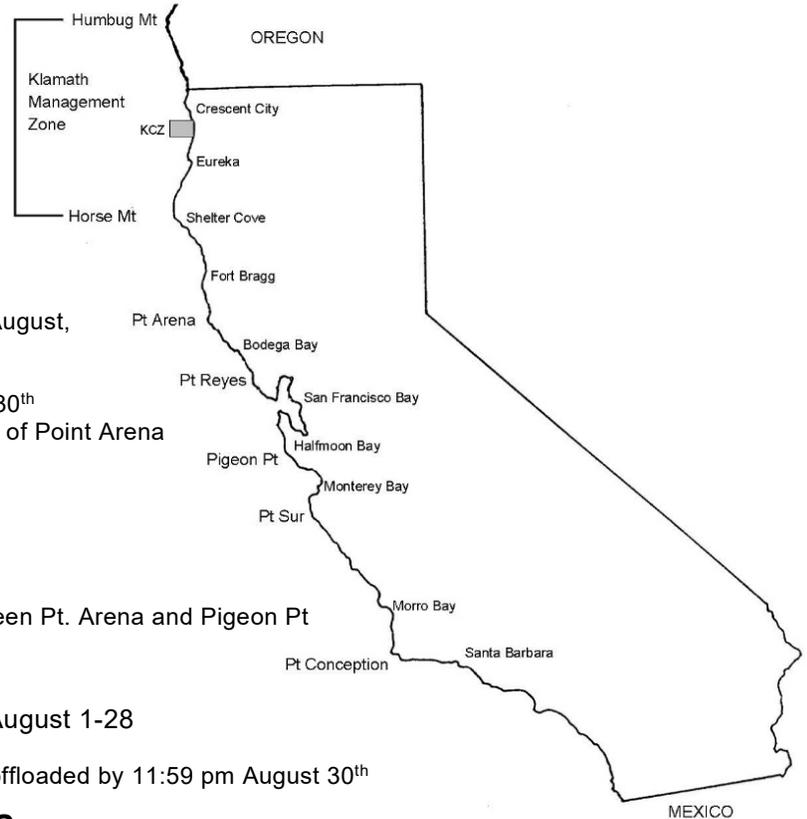
October 1-2, 5-9, 12-15

- Five days per week, open Monday through Friday
- Minimum size limit: 26 inches total length
- All salmon caught in the area must be landed between Pt. Arena and Pigeon Pt

### Pigeon Point to U.S./Mexico Border:

May 1-12, 18-31; June 1-6, 14-30; July 13-31; August 1-28

- Minimum size limit: 27 inches total length
- All salmon caught in the area must be landed and offloaded by 11:59 pm August 30<sup>th</sup>



## General Commercial Regulations

- **All salmon except coho; all commercial salmon must be landed in California**
- **Single point, single shank barbless hooks are required**
- **No more than 6 lines are allowed per vessel**
- **Compliance with minimum size or other special restrictions:** All salmon on board a vessel must meet the minimum size and other special requirements for the area being fished and the area in which they are landed if that area is open or has been closed less than 48 hours. Salmon may be landed in an area that is closed more than 48 hours only if they meet the minimum size and other special requirements for the area in which they were caught AND it is not otherwise prohibited in the regulations.
- **Electronic Reporting Requirements:** Any fish receiver or fisherman with a fisherman's retail license shall record landing information on an electronic fish ticket (§197 T14 CCR).
- **Transit through closed area with salmon on board:** It is unlawful for a vessel to have troll gear in the water while transiting any area closed to salmon fishing while possessing salmon.
- **Barbless circle hooks<sup>1</sup> required when fishing with bait and fishing by any means other than trolling<sup>2</sup>**
  1. 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.
  2. **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.

**NOTE: When Pacific halibut are caught and landed incidentally in the commercial salmon troll fishery under an authorized license, both the number of Pacific halibut landed and the number of salmon landed must be recorded on the electronic fish ticket. Please see federal regulations for incidental Pacific halibut harvest requirements and restrictions.**