



California Klamath Management Zone

(Oregon/California Border to Humboldt South Jetty)

September 2015

Commercial Ocean Salmon Fishery Information

The 2015 commercial ocean salmon fishery in the California Klamath Management Zone (KMZ) between the Oregon/California Border and Humboldt South Jetty opened Friday, September 11.

- **September 11-30 or 3,000 Chinook salmon quota.**
- **Open five days per week, Friday through Tuesday, September 11-22.**
- **Open seven days per week September 23-30.***
- **Landing and possession limit: 20 Chinook per vessel per day.**
- **All salmon caught must be landed within the area and within 24 hours of any closure of the fishery and prior to fishing outside the area.**

Other Fishery Requirements:

- All salmon, except coho.
- Minimum size limit: 28 inches total length.
- Single-point, single-shank barbless hooks are required.
- No more than 6 lines per vessel.
- Klamath Control Zone closed to commercial salmon fishing (12nm square centered on Klamath River mouth bounded on the north by 41°38'48" N. latitude; on the west, by 124°23'00" W. longitude; and on the south, by 41°26'48" N. latitude).
- Area directly outside the mouth of Humboldt Bay closed to commercial salmon fishing (3nm due west, 3nm north, and immediately south of Humboldt South Jetty) - FG Code §8214.
- All salmon must be made available to Department staff for sampling and relinquish the head from any salmon that has a missing adipose fin - FG Code §7702, §8226.
- It is unlawful to intentionally conceal, cull, or release into the waters, a salmon with a missing adipose fin that it is otherwise legal to possess - FG Code §8226.
- Vessels fishing south of Horse Mountain may not land fish in the KMZ area unless the quota fishery has been closed at least 48 hours.
- All salmon landed must be documented with a Department landing receipt and submitted to the Department in timely manner - FG Code §8043-8047.
- Any person required to complete a landing receipt shall accurately record the total number of Chinook salmon landed in the "Note Pad" field of the landing receipt - FG Code §8043.
- Incidental Pacific Halibut catch during commercial salmon fishing is closed.

***PFMC took inseason action to modify the season to a 7-day per week schedule, effective Wednesday, September 23, 2015, and will remain open through Wednesday, September 30, 2015, or until the quota of 3,000 Chinook salmon is attained.**

CDFW Ocean Salmon Webpage: www.wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Ocean/Regulations/Salmon

NMFS Ocean Salmon Hotline: (800) 662-9825 or (206) 526-6667