



California Klamath Management Zone

(Oregon/California Border to Humboldt South Jetty)

September 2016

Commercial Ocean Salmon Fishery Information

The 2016 commercial ocean salmon fishery is scheduled to open in the California Klamath Management Zone (KMZ) between the Oregon/California Border and Humboldt South Jetty beginning Friday, September 9.

- **September 9-27 or 1,000 Chinook salmon quota**
- **Open five days per week, Friday through Tuesday**
- **Daily landing and possession limit: 20 Chinook per vessel**
- **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 (3nm due west, 3nm north, and immediately south of Humboldt South Jetty) and outside the mouth of the Smith River (3nm due west, 3nm north, and 3nm south of mouth) closed to commercial salmon fishing - FG Code §8214, §8219.
- 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 in Salmon Troll fishery open until Area 2A quota met*

- The operator of a vessel that has been issued an International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) incidental halibut harvest license may retain Pacific halibut caught incidentally in Area 2A while trolling for salmon.
- IPHC license holders may land or possess no more than one Pacific halibut per each three Chinook, except one Pacific halibut may be possessed or landed without meeting the ratio requirement.
- Minimum size limit: 32 inches total length with head on.

* Please check NMFS hotline 800-662-9825 #7 for Incidental Pacific Halibut quota updates

CDFW Ocean Salmon Webpage: www.wildlife.ca.gov/oceansalmon

NMFS Ocean Salmon Hotline: (800) 662-9825 #5 or (206) 526-6667