



State of California
Department of Fish and Wildlife
Ocean Salmon Project – Marine Region
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2017 Commercial Ocean Salmon Regulations

OR/CA Border to Humboldt South Jetty (KMZ):

- Closed

Horse Mountain to Point Arena:

- September 1-30 or 3,000 Chinook quota
 - five days per week, open Friday through Tuesday
 - minimum size limit: 27 inches total length
 - landing and possession limit of 60 Chinook per open period
 - all salmon caught in the area must be landed between the OR/CA border and Pt. Arena, and within 24 hours of any closure of the fishery

Point Arena to Pigeon Point:

- August 1-29*
 - minimum size limit: 27 inches total length
- September 1-30
 - minimum size limit: 26 inches total length
 - during September, all fish caught in the area must be landed south of Pt. Arena until the quota in the Fort Bragg fishery is met and the fishery has closed for 24 hours

Point Reyes to Point San Pedro:

- October 2-6, 9-13
 - 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 – June 30*
 - minimum size limit: 27 inches total length

* All salmon must be landed and offloaded by 11:59 pm August 30th

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.
- **Reporting Requirements:** Any person required to complete a landing receipt for the landing of salmon shall on the same landing receipt accurately record the total number of salmon landed in the "Note Pad" field of the landing receipt. Any person who lands salmon shall keep a copy of all landing receipts documenting salmon landings on board the fishing vessel that caught the salmon until 15 days after the last salmon season closure for the calendar year (Fish & Game Code §8043, CCR T14 §182).
- **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 hooks¹ required when fishing with bait and fishing by any means other than trolling²**
 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 landing receipt. Please see federal regulations for incidental Pacific halibut harvest requirements and restrictions.

