



Fort Bragg Management Zone

(Horse Mountain to Point Arena)

September 2017

Commercial Ocean Salmon Fishery Information

The 2017 commercial ocean salmon fishery is scheduled to open between Horse Mountain and Point Arena beginning Friday, September 1.

- **September 1-30 or 3,000 Chinook salmon quota**
- **Open five days per week, Friday through Tuesday**
- **Landing and possession limit of 60 Chinook per open period**
- **All salmon caught must be landed between the OR/CA border and Point Arena, 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: 27 inches total length.
- Single-point, single-shank barbless hooks are required.
- No more than 6 lines per vessel.
- All salmon must be made available to Department staff for sampling and must 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 Point Arena may not land fish north of Point Arena unless the quota has been met and the fishery has been closed at least 24 hours.
- All salmon landed must be documented with a Department landing receipt and submitted to the Department in a 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.

Retention of Pacific halibut incidental to the commercial salmon fishery is no longer allowed in 2017 due to the Area 2A quota being met.

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

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