

# Angling Regulation Excerpts for 2018-2019



Effective March 2018 through February 2019

- Anyone 16 years and older must have a fishing license to take any kind of fish (defined as wild fish, mollusks, crustaceans and other invertebrates, including any part, spawn, or ova thereof) in California, except for persons fishing from a public pier in ocean or bay waters.
- Sport-caught fish may not be bought, sold, bartered or traded.
- Every person, while engaged in taking any fish, shall have on their person or in their immediate possession their valid sport fishing license, except when diving as provided in Section 7145 of the Fish and Game Code.
- No more than one daily bag limit of each kind of fish may be taken or possessed by any one person unless otherwise authorized, regardless of whether the fish are fresh, frozen or otherwise preserved.
- It is unlawful to possess on any boat or to bring ashore any fish, mollusk, crustacean or other invertebrate upon which a size or weight limit is prescribed in such a condition that its weight or size cannot be determined.
- A boat limit is equal to the number of authorized anglers multiplied by the individual daily bag limit for a species or species group. CPFV operators and crewmembers are not included in the boat limit calculation and may not contribute to the boat limit, but may catch and possess individual bag limits separate from the boat limit. Upon completion of the fishing trip, individual daily bag and possession limits will apply to each angler.
- Gaffs or hooks may not be used to land finfish shorter than the minimum size limit.
- An 18 in. diameter (or larger) landing net must be available and in immediate possession for landing undersized fish onto ocean floating devices.
- No more than two hooks and one line may be used when fishing for or in possession of Pacific Halibut, rockfish, Lingcod, Cabezon or greenlings.
- Consult ocean sport fishing regulations for seasonal and depth restrictions for federal groundfish as defined in Section 1.91.
- All individuals (including children under 16, people fishing from a public pier and people fishing on Free Fishing Days) must have a Sturgeon Fishing Report Card in their possession while fishing for or taking sturgeon. Consult ocean sport fishing regulations for tagging and reporting requirements.

## Daily Bag and Possession Limits

**20 fish of all species combined but not more than 10 fish of any one species**

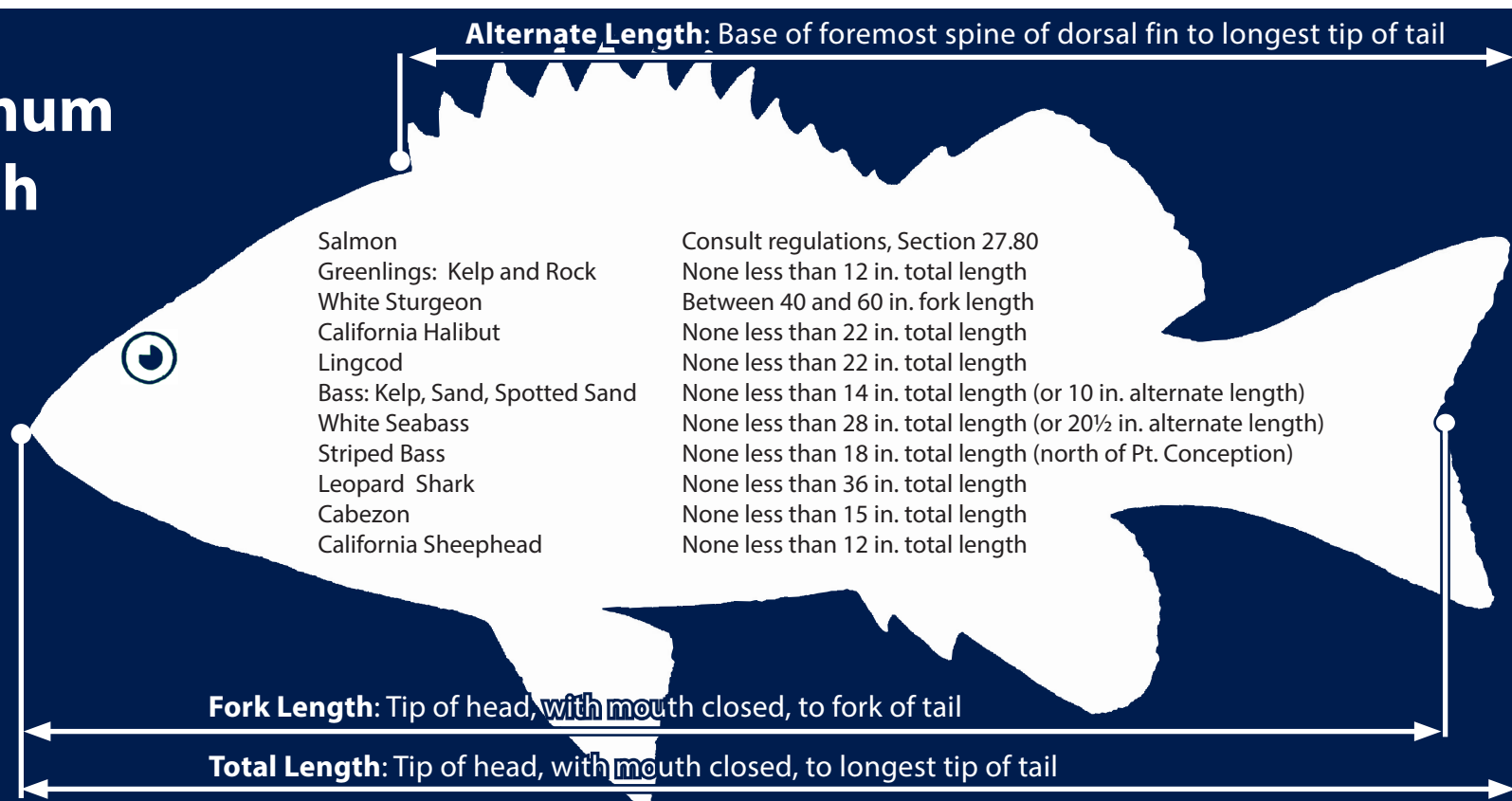
**Within the overall bag limit of 20 fish, the following special limits apply:**

- Rockfish, Cabezon and Greenling (RCG Complex) – 10 fish, of which 3 may be Black Rockfish, 2 may be Canary Rockfish, and 3 may be Cabezon
- Cowcod, Bronzespotted, and Yelloweye Rockfishes, Green Sturgeon, White Shark, Giant (Black) Seabass – may NOT be taken or possessed
- Lingcod – 2 fish
- Salmon – See Section 27.80. Silver (coho) Salmon may NOT be taken or possessed.
- California Halibut – 3 fish (5 fish south of Pt. Sur, Monterey Co.)
- Pacific Halibut - 1 fish
- California Sheephead - 5 fish
- Striped Bass – 2 fish
- White Sturgeon – 1 fish per day, 3 fish per year
- Leopard Shark – 3 fish
- Blue, Thresher, and Shortfin Mako Sharks – 2 fish each
- Soupfin, Sixgill, and Sevengill Sharks – 1 fish each
- White Seabass – 3 fish
- Bluefin Tuna – 2 fish, not included in the 20 fish general bag limit
- Albacore Tuna – 25 fish (10 fish south of Pt. Conception, Santa Barbara Co.)  
Not included in the 20 fish general bag limit

**There are no size or possession limits on the following species:**

ANCHOVY	PACIFIC BUTTERFISH (POMPAÑO)	PACIFIC SARDINE	SANDDABS	STARRY FLOUNDER
JACK MACKEREL	PACIFIC HERRING	PETRALE SOLE	SKIPJACK TUNA	TOPSMELT
JACKSMELT	PACIFIC MACKEREL	QUEENFISH	STAGHORN SCULPIN (BULLHEAD)	

### Minimum Length



### Filleting Regulations Aboard Vessels

- Kelp Bass, Sand Bass, Spotted Sand Bass: fillet 7½ in. or longer, must bear intact not less than a 1 x 1 in. patch of skin.
- Barracuda: fillet 17 in. or longer, must bear intact not less than a 1 x 1 in. patch of **silver** skin.
- White Seabass: fillet 19 in. or longer, must bear intact not less than a 1 x 1 in. patch of **silver** skin.
- Lingcod: fillet 14 in. or longer, must bear intact not less than 1x1 in. patch of skin.
- Tuna, California Halibut: consult saltwater sport fishing regulations.
- Rockfish: must bear entire skin intact.
- California Scorpionfish: fillet 5 in. or longer, must bear intact a 1 x 1 in. patch of skin.
- Ocean Whitefish: fillet 6½ in. or longer, must bear entire skin intact.
- Cabezon, Kelp Greenling, Rock Greenling, Salmon, Striped Bass, White Sturgeon, and California Sheephead: may NOT be filleted on a boat or brought ashore as fillets.
- All others must bear intact not less than a 1 x 1 in. patch of skin.

**Consult ocean sport fishing regulations, CDFW website ([wildlife.ca.gov/ocean-sport-regs](http://wildlife.ca.gov/ocean-sport-regs)) or groundfish regulations hotline (831-649-2801) for current information**