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1. Make sure all information is recorded for the species (see the *How To Use Your Passport* excerpt, below).
2. One of three verification methods is needed for a stamp to be administered:
  - a. Witness signature, or
  - b. Clear color photograph of fish/shellfish that allows positive identification, or
  - c. Identify the fish/shellfish first-hand.
3. Only fish/shellfish taken in 2006 or later qualify for stamps.

Additional information below, or on the California Fishing Passport website at [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Passport](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Passport). Any additional questions, email [Passport@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Passport@wildlife.ca.gov).

<p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;"><i>California Fishing Passport</i></p> <h3 style="margin: 10px 0;">How the Program Works</h3> <p>The California Fishing Passport lists 150 different species of fresh and saltwater finfish and shellfish that occur throughout the state. With this passport book as your guide, you are challenged to try to catch and document all of the different species listed.</p> <p>For each species caught, you may receive a stamp in this passport book documenting your achievements. Catch and release practices are encouraged whenever possible, and even released fish qualify for stamps.</p> <p>Here's all you need to do:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For each species caught, fill in the catch report section of your book with all data requested (right).</li> </ol> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Take a clear, side-view, color photo of your fish to verify the species.</li> <li>3. If no photo is taken, have your fishing partner or another witness who can certify the authenticity of your catch sign your book.</li> <li>4. Take your book and any verifying photos to a CDFW office or to any authorized stamping agent to verify and stamp your book. A list of all stamping locations is posted on our website at <a href="http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Passport/Stamps">www.wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Passport/Stamps</a>, and available at any license office.</li> </ol> </div> 	<p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;"><i>Your Guide to a Lifetime of Fishing Adventures</i></p> <h3 style="margin: 10px 0;">How To Use Your Passport</h3> <p>This passport is your personal record of the finfish and shellfish you've caught in California. The passport gives you a place to record catches of the most popular species in California, and any others you may catch along the way (see page 56).</p> <p>Follow the instructions below to properly record catching each species. To qualify for angler recognition awards, be sure to have a witness sign your passport (or take a photo of the catch), and have a stamping agent stamp each species entry.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0; font-size: small;">       Check the 'yes' box if you released the fish alive and in good health. Check the 'no' box if you kept the fish.     </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0; font-size: small;">       After you have filled out all of the information and a witness has signed the entry (or the fish has been identified through a photo or first-hand examination), the stamping agent will stamp your passport here.     </div> <div style="margin-top: 20px;"> <p><b>Spotted Bass</b></p> <p>Date of catch _____</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Catch-and-release? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Location of catch _____</p> <p>Witness signature _____</p> <div style="border: 1px dashed black; width: 100px; height: 50px; margin: 10px auto; text-align: center; vertical-align: middle; font-size: x-small;">         place stamp here       </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0; font-size: x-small;">         Record any additional information here.       </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0; font-size: x-small;">         Have the person who witnessed your catch sign here.       </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0; font-size: x-small;">         Record the location where you caught the finfish or shellfish here.       </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0; font-size: x-small;">         Record the date you caught the finfish or shellfish here.       </div> </div> 
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