

Elements of CRFS

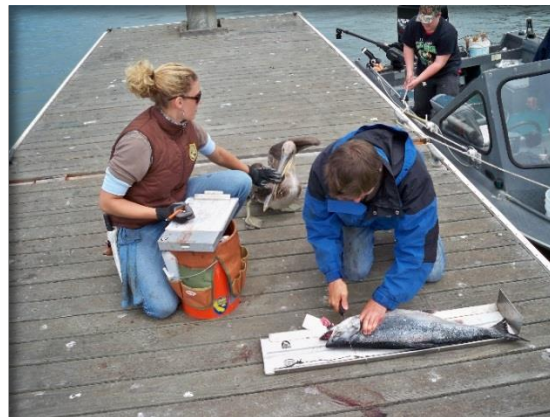
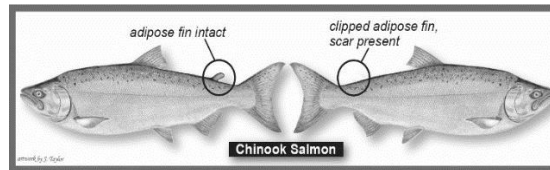
- A single, integrated statewide marine recreational finfish sampling program
- Sampling of party/charter boats, both at-sea and dockside
- Sampling of private and rental boats
- Catch and effort estimates on man-made structures use instantaneous angler counts as part of a roving survey, where anglers are interviewed



- Estimation of beach/bank and private access angler effort using an angler license database
- Catch and effort estimates are generated on a monthly basis at a fine geographical resolution
- CRFS produces estimates on all marine finfish and collects important biological data

Ocean Salmon Management

The Ocean Salmon Project (OSP) estimates recreational and commercial catch and effort, and processes coded wire tag (CWT) information for California's ocean salmon fisheries. CRFS, in conjunction with OSP, collects data on salmon through private boat and party/charter boat surveys. Recovery of CWTs in the recreational fishery is a high priority for CRFS. Regulations require anglers to relinquish the head of any adipose fin clipped salmon retained. The recovery of CWTs allows the Department to set future salmon seasons, evaluate hatchery release strategies and provide for current and future fishing opportunities.



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California Recreational Fisheries Survey

A cooperative project by the
California Department of Fish & Wildlife
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What is CRFS?

The California Recreational Fisheries Survey began in January 2004 to provide catch and effort estimates for marine recreational finfish fisheries. The primary goal of CRFS is to produce, in a timely manner, marine recreational fishery data needed for the sustainable management of California's marine resources. A high priority is placed on meeting the data needs for species that are currently under active management.

Every fishing trip is unique; different target species, locations, gear, etc. So, even if you have completed the survey before, please cooperate each time a CRFS sampler encounters you while fishing. Each subsequent interview is just as valuable as the first. Your cooperation is appreciated.



How does CRFS help anglers?

CRFS data have been used to provide more fishing opportunities and benefits for California's saltwater anglers. Here are just a few examples of some of these opportunities:

- Anglers are spared a \$29 fee from the National Saltwater Angler Registry
- Longer seasons for bottomfish
- Deeper fishing grounds in many areas of the state
- Increased bag limit for Canary Rockfish
- Removal of Bocaccio and Greenling sub-bag limit
- Decrease in size limit for Lingcod
- Exemption for shore-based anglers and divers during bottomfish closures

Real-time inseason management helps to protect against overfishing, ensuring sustainable fisheries for future anglers to enjoy.



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