Attention
Commercially Registered Vessels

Reminder: Once a vessel is commercially registered in compliance with Fish and Game Code (FGC) §7881, Striped Bass and Sturgeon may not be possessed onboard [FGC §7856(f)], even when you are not operating for commercial purposes.

The above does not apply to Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessels operating with sport fishing passengers under a license in compliance with FGC §7920.

Rationale: Commercial take of Striped Bass and Sturgeon are prohibited. Enforcement may think that you are commercial fishing for these species if you retain them.

Remember: If you commercially register your vessel (FGC §7881), the classification is permanent and non-transferable, even if the license lapses [FGC §7880(c)].

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