

2019-20 California Commercial Herring Fishery FAQ Sheet

For all fishing areas, regulations allow the take of herring for both sac-roe and fresh fish markets using gill nets. A current fish receiver's license and a Herring Buyer's Permit are required to buy herring for commercial purposes, Title 14 CCR _163 (j). Below is an overview of the quotas and dates for San Francisco Bay, Tomales Bay, Crescent City, and Humboldt Bay.

Even numbered DH and HGN permits fish with the Even Platoon and odd numbered DH and HGN permits fish with the Odd Platoon. The Even Platoon will fish first this season and the Odd Platoon will fish second. Platoons will fish alternate weeks, or continuously after the other platoon is closed. Herring fishing is not permitted beginning at 12:00pm (noon) on Fridays through 5:00 pm on Sundays.

Location and Type	Quota (tons)	Season Dates
San Francisco Bay (SF) Total	834	-
SF Gill Net Total	775.6	Fishery closes Friday, March 13, 2020, at noon.
SF Herring Egg On Kelp (HEOK) Total	58.38 (in whole fish weight) = 13.09 (product weight)	-
SF HEOK Total by permit	8.34 (whole fish weight) = 1.87 (product weight) per permit	Sunday, December 1, 2019 to Tuesday, March 31, 2020.
SF Even Platoon Permit	461.7	Opens Wednesday, January 1, 2020, at 5:00 pm.
SF Odd Platoon Permit	313.9	Opens Sunday, January 5, 2020, at 5:00 pm
Tomales Bay	350	Thursday, December 26, 2019, at noon to Saturday, February 22, 2020, at noon.
Crescent City Harbor	30	January 14, 2020, at noon to March 23, 2020, at noon.
Humboldt Bay	60	January 2, 2020, at noon to March 9, 2020, at noon