



# CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

## Sport Fishing

Items Reported by License Year  
AS OF 12/31/2025

Licenses	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Resident Fishing *	1,191,929	1,136,664	994,136	1,048,357	998,704	1,010,124	17,520	-	-	-
Resident Fishing Voucher *	52,318	43,228	36,614	50,559	25,955	25,748	0	-	-	-
Lifetime Fishing *	15,751	16,574	17,437	18,452	18,288	18,804	6,293	-	-	-
Non-Resident Fishing *	16,123	15,935	14,788	15,904	15,234	15,581	225	-	-	-
Non-Resident Fishing (10 Day)	13,218	16,182	16,064	15,605	16,498	17,397	17	-	-	-
1-Day Sportfishing (Res/Nonres)	540,998	494,879	453,898	389,827	388,407	401,193	218	-	-	-
2-Day Sportfishing (Res/Nonres)	92,241	80,792	75,428	62,328	64,710	65,847	57	-	-	-
Disabled Veteran Fishing *	19,505	19,856	19,677	21,016	20,951	22,620	1,855	-	-	-
Recovering Service Member *	12	10	6	2	5	7	0	-	-	-
Reduced Fee Low Income Senior *	1,259	1,038	1,129	1,867	1,817	1,854	59	-	-	-
Free Sport Fishing *	15,765	14,860	13,815	13,928	12,769	12,665	1,061	-	-	-
<b>Sub Total - Licenses</b>	<b>1,959,119</b>	<b>1,840,018</b>	<b>1,642,992</b>	<b>1,637,845</b>	<b>1,563,338</b>	<b>1,591,840</b>	<b>27,305</b>	-	-	-
Second Rod Sport Fish Validation *	342,801	370,136	322,197	323,912	289,604	285,099	7,034	-	-	-
Lifetime Second Rod Sport Fish Validation *	5,568	5,848	5,718	6,226	6,193	6,383	2,641	-	-	-
Spiny Lobster Report Card (Full Season)	45,756	35,524	33,846	35,688	36,907	34,150	0	-	-	-
Abalone Report Card	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-
North Coast Salmon Report Card	19,816	19,327	18,254	7,192	4,681	6,698	548	-	-	-
Lifetime North Coast Salmon Report Card	2,261	2,252	2,323	2,277	1,938	1,927	1,236	-	-	-
Steelhead Report Card	49,450	52,486	46,680	41,382	34,941	36,585	4,190	-	-	-
Lifetime Steelhead Report Card	2,334	2,293	2,345	2,409	2,195	2,174	1,296	-	-	-
Sturgeon Fishing Report Card	43,005	45,585	39,464	34,530	16,174	7,318	0	-	-	-
Sturgeon Fishing Report Card (Free Full Season)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,086	0	-	-	-
Recreational Crab Trap Validation *	N/A	23,253	45,023	41,329	36,661	38,053	1,682	-	-	-
Ocean Enhancement Validation *	302,562	308,726	263,811	271,467	251,698	249,538	5,715	-	-	-
Lifetime Ocean Enhancement Validation *	5,378	5,654	5,529	5,933	5,847	6,081	2,527	-	-	-
<b>Sub Total - Validations &amp; Report Cards</b>	<b>818,931</b>	<b>871,084</b>	<b>785,190</b>	<b>772,345</b>	<b>686,839</b>	<b>676,092</b>	<b>26,869</b>	-	-	-
Lifetime Fishing Package - Age 0 to 9	461	466	460	382	380	389	-	-	-	-
Lifetime Fishing Package - Age 10 to 39	450	482	515	408	367	395	-	-	-	-
Lifetime Fishing Package - Age 40 to 61	479	564	512	338	313	251	-	-	-	-
Lifetime Fishing Package - Age 62 and Over	364	356	367	295	289	287	-	-	-	-
Lifetime Fishing Privilege Package	548	575	520	407	371	414	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub Total - Lifetime Fishing Packages</b>	<b>2,302</b>	<b>2,443</b>	<b>2,374</b>	<b>1,830</b>	<b>1,720</b>	<b>1,736</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL SPORT FISHING</b>	<b>2,780,352</b>	<b>2,713,545</b>	<b>2,430,556</b>	<b>2,412,020</b>	<b>2,251,897</b>	<b>2,269,668</b>	<b>54,174</b>	-	-	-

\* Effective January 1, 2023, the CDFW implemented 365-day sport fishing licenses and validations and discontinued annual sport fishing licenses and validations (AB-817).