



2023 COMMERCIAL PACIFIC HERRING PERMIT RENEWAL NOTICE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: YOUR 2023 HERRING PERMIT RENEWAL IS LISTED ON YOUR ENCLOSED 2023 COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE RENEWAL WORKSHEET

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is asking all customers who are not renewing their licenses online to please mail their renewal worksheets and any additional required documents directly to the address below to streamline the issuance of 2023 Commercial Fishing Licenses, Commercial Boat Registrations, and Limited Entry and Restricted Access Permits.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Attention: License and Revenue Branch
PO Box 944209
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

DEADLINE DATES TO RENEW PACIFIC HERRING PERMITS

Commercial Herring Permit Renewals must be received or postmarked by April 30, 2023. Commercial Herring Permit Renewals received or postmarked after April 30, 2023, must be accompanied by a late fee.

2023-2024 Renewal Late Fees

May 1, 2023 to May 30, 2023	\$184.75
May 31, 2023 to June 29, 2023	\$367.25
June 30, 2023 to March 31, 2024	\$736.25

MANDATORY VESSEL DESIGNATION HERRING RENEWALS

Permittees must designate a currently registered vessel on the Commercial Fishing License Renewal Worksheet. Up to two temporary permits or one permit of any other classification of herring permit may be assigned to a currently registered vessel. No herring permit shall be valid for more than one vessel at a time.

APPLICATIONS FOR HERRING PERMITS AND HERRING EGGS ON KELP (HOEK) PERMITS

The California Pacific Herring Fishery Management Plan (Herring FMP) established new long-term permit capacity goals to help sustain healthy herring populations. These permit capacities are as follows:

- 30 San Francisco Bay Herring Permits

- 15 Tomales Bay Herring Permits
- 4 Humboldt Bay Herring Permits
- 3 Crescent City Herring Permits
- 10 HEOK Permits

No new San Francisco Bay herring permits will be issued to new applicants until after March 31, 2025, when Temporary permits become non-transferrable and non-renewable. For permits other than San Francisco Bay Herring Permits CDFW will accept applications for the available permits and issue them through a random selection computer-generated drawing.

Applications for new Herring Permits and HEOK Permits will be made available each year on April 15 at CDFW License Sales Offices, CDFW's Online License Sales and Services web page, and at license agents authorized to renew existing commercial fishing licenses. Please contact your local office to determine if it has reopened to the public prior to planning a visit.

Applicants must apply by May 31, possess a valid Commercial Fishing License, and pay a nonrefundable drawing fee. Applicants for new Herring Permits and HEOK Permits cannot possess or submit an application for more than one permit of the same classification in the same license year.

Successful applicants will be notified within 20 business days following May 31, and must submit a Commercial Herring Permit Worksheet and/or HEOK Permit Application to the CDFW address listed above by July 15 with the required permit fee as specified in California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 705(a). Herring Permits and HEOK Permit fees for the 2023-2024 license year are \$468.50 for residents and \$1,723.00 for non-residents.



For additional information or questions about new Herring Permits and HEOK Permits, how to apply for a new permit, the computer-generated random drawing process, and all other licensing and permitting questions, contact CDFW's License and Revenue Branch at LRBCOMM@wildlife.ca.gov or (916) 928-5822.

For questions related to the herring fishery, seasons, or limits, please contact AskMarine@Wildlife.ca.gov.