

2021-2022 Ocean Sport Fishing Regulations Updates

Summarizes changes to ocean sport fishing regulations since March 1, 2021 publication of the Ocean Sport Fishing Regulations booklet. Check the following page prior to each fishing trip:

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Ocean/Regulations/Inseason#summary>

[Map of Ocean Sportfishing Regulations \(mobile-friendly\)](#)



WHAT'S NEW SINCE MARCH 2021?

Recreational Ocean Salmon regulations

- Sections 27.80 and 28.65 – [Summary of Ocean Salmon changes](#), effective May 16, 2021

See <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Ocean/Regulations/Salmon#recreational> for the latest info;
Ocean Salmon Regulations Hotline (707) 576-3429

Recreational Pacific Halibut regulations

- Section 28.20 – Due to projected quota attainment, the recreational Pacific halibut fishery closed **June 30 at 11:59 p.m. and is closed for the remainder of 2021**. See <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/Pacific-Halibut> for the latest info.

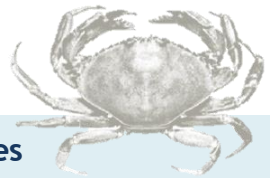
Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) maps

- A new series of 38 detailed regional maps depict the coastal, island and offshore areas that are open (or closed) to groundfish fishing in 2021. See <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/Groundfish#28720314-recreational> to view or download the maps.

Recreational Clam, Sand Crab, and Shrimp regulations

(emergency action)

- Section 29.20 and 29.80 – **effective March 8, 2021** - prohibits the use of hydraulic hand pumps for take of clams, sand crab, or shrimp, or any other method to liquefy sand in any area where clams may be taken. Also requires each person to keep clams they harvested in a separate container from clams harvested by others. View the regulations at: <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Ocean/Regulations/Sport-Fishing/Invertebrate-Fishing-Regs>



Pending Regulation Changes

Recreational Crab Trap Fishery Marine Life Protection Measures

Changes to sections 29.80, 29.85 and 701, Title 14 CCR in December 2020 affecting the **recreational crab trap fishery** are expected to go into effect on or before November 1, 2021. Changes affect individual anglers and CPFV operators, with new marker buoy requirements, a maximum service interval of 9 days, a trap limit of 10 traps per operator (the CPFV trap limit remains at 60), Director's authority for delay or closure, and a new Recreational Crab Trap Validation (\$2.25) for each fishery participant, which will be available for sale from [Online License Sales](#) in September 2021.

Anglers are advised to check the CDFW website at <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Regulations> for a summary of the changes as well as the most up-to-date regulations prior to each fishing trip.