

2023-2024 Ocean Sport Fishing Regulations Updates

Summarizes changes to ocean sport fishing regulations since the March 1, 2023 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, 2023?

Ocean Salmon

The 2023 recreational ocean salmon fishery is closed in all regions.

CDFW press release announcing the closure:

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/News/Archive/pfmc-recommends-closure-of-2023-ocean-salmon-fisheries#gsc.tab=0>

California Halibut (Emergency)

The daily bag and possession limit for California halibut is reduced from three fish to two fish in California waters north of Point Sur, Monterey County effective June 2, 2023.

CDFW press release announcing the closure:

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/News/Archive/recreational-ocean-in-river-salmon-fisheries-in-california-to-close-for-remainder-of-2023#gsc.tab=0>

Pacific Halibut

The recreational Pacific halibut fishery will close statewide effective August 5, 2023 due to projections that the annual California recreational quota will be met by that date.

CDFW press release announcing the closure:

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/News/Archive/recreational-pacific-halibut-fishery-closure-2023#gsc.tab=0>

Quillback Rockfish

Quillback rockfish may not be retained starting on August 7, 2023. The recreational (and commercial) prohibition on take of quillback rockfish statewide was enacted to avoid exceeding harvest limits specified in federal regulation.

CDFW press release announcing the closure:

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/News/Archive/quillback-rockfish-retention-prohibited#gsc.tab=0>

Razor Clam

The Del Norte County razor clam fishery has been closed as of November 9, 2023.

CDFW press release announcing the closure:

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/News/Archive/fish-and-wildlife-director-closes-razor-clam-fishery-in-del-norte-county#gsc.tab=0>

California Spiny Lobster

Regulation changes in the recreational fishery include a new start time at 6:00 p.m. on Friday Sept. 29; 24-hr. moratorium on setting nets before the season starts, and clarifications to rules already in place.

For more information see the CDFW California Spiny Lobster web page:

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/Invertebrates/Lobster>

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Northern Groundfish Management Area Depth Change

The recreational boat-based groundfish fishery in the Northern Groundfish Management Area (from the CA-OR border to Cape Mendocino) will shift to an 'offshore-only' fishery beginning Monday, Aug. 21. The offshore-only fishery permits fishing for lingcod, shelf rockfish, and slope rockfish seaward of the 50 fathom (300 feet) Rockfish Conservation Area boundary line.

CDFW press release announcing the change:

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/News/Archive/fish-and-wildlife-closes-nearshore-groundfish-fishery-in-northern-management-area#gsc.tab=0>

Mendocino, San Francisco, and Central Groundfish Management Areas Depth Change

The recreational boat-based groundfish fisheries in the Mendocino, San Francisco, and Central groundfish management areas (from Cape Mendocino to Point Conception) will shift to an 'offshore-only' fishery beginning Friday, Sept. 1. The offshore-only fishery permits fishing for lingcod, shelf rockfish, and slope rockfish seaward of the 50 fathom (300 feet) Rockfish Conservation Area boundary line.

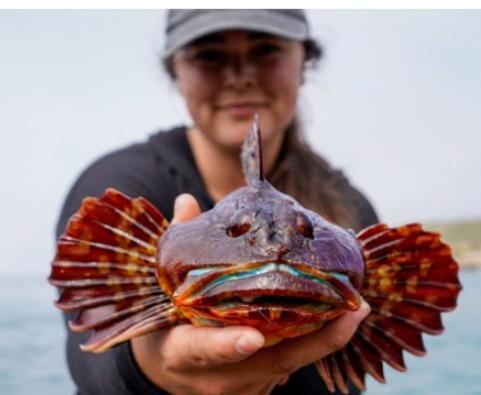
CDFW press release announcing the change:

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/News/Archive/fish-and-wildlife-closes-nearshore-groundfish-fishery-in-mendocino-san-francisco-and-central-management-areas#gsc.tab=0>

*Anglers are advised to check the CDFW website at **<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Ocean>** for up-to-date regulations prior to each fishing trip.*

CALIFORNIA OCEAN

SPORT FISHING REGULATIONS



2023-2024

March 1, 2023 through February 29, 2024

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The Fish and Game Commission's five members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the California State Senate. The Commission sets hunting and sport fishing regulations, including seasons, bag limits, and methods and areas of take. In addition, the Commission formulates general policies for CDFW and regulates some types of commercial fishing. Regular meetings are held to consider proposed regulation changes and other actions under the Commission's authority. The public may make recommendations in writing before a Commission meeting or present its proposals verbally at a meeting. The Commission's meeting dates, locations, and agendas are posted on its website at www.fgc.ca.gov. Written comments can be sent to the Commission at fgc@fgc.ca.gov or P. O. Box 944209, Sacramento CA 94244-2090.

**Regulations in red text are
new this year**

How to Use This Book

Start by reading through the Contents on page 2: find and refer to the topic and page that interests you. License information and definitions are found in the front of the book. If you need further information about the regulations, or have general questions, contact the CDFW.

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Visit the CDFW website at:

wildlife.ca.gov

Learn more about CDFW's Marine Region at:

wildlife.ca.gov/regions/marine

What's New for 2023?

Groundfish (effective January 1, 2023)

The California Fish and Game Commission approved changes to recreational groundfish regulations on November 15, 2022 to conform to changes in federal rules for 2023 and 2024. These include season date and fishing depth changes in all groundfish management areas, and continuation of the sub-bag limits for vermilion rockfish, copper rockfish, and quillback rockfish. Anglers are advised to check the CDFW website at wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Ocean/Regulations/Groundfish-Summary for up-to-date groundfish regulations.

Recreational Hoop Net Emergency Regulation (Effective October 31, 2022)

On October 31, 2022, a new emergency regulation amending recreational hoop net regulations for crustaceans under CCR T-14 Section 29.80 went into effect. The regulation amends the allowable configurations for the two types of hoop nets ("Type A" and "Type B") provides service intervals no greater than two hours, clarifies the maximum number of hoop nets that may be possessed, and adds new marking requirement for this gear type. These changes are expected to be adopted through regular rulemaking in April 2023; please view the current regulations at wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Ocean/Regulations/Sport-Fishing/Invertebrate-Fishing-Regs

CDFW has revised its form, DFW 901, "Declaration of Importation of Dead Fish and Wildlife"

It is unlawful to import any dead birds, mammals, fish, reptiles, or amphibians into California, or possess any, unless accompanied by a completed form DFW 901. A copy of the declaration may be submitted to the department prior to or within 24 hours of entry, as described on the form. The new version of the form may be submitted online via computer or smartphone or by mail. More information and links to the online and print forms are available here: Declaration for Entry Form wildlife.ca.gov/enforcement/entry-declaration

Attracting and Taking White Sharks (Effective January 1, 2023)

AB 2109 amended Fish and Game Code Section 5517 regarding taking of white shark. The newly amended section prohibits the take of white shark and use of attractants for sharks under certain conditions. See the box on pg. 35 for more details.

Pending Transition after 2023: CDFW to Offer License Display on Mobile Device

Governor Newsom signed legislation (AB 817; Wood), providing CDFW the ability to display sport fishing license items on a mobile device, and sell a sport fishing license valid for 365 days from the purchase date. 365 day fishing licenses are now available, but the display of sport fishing license items on a mobile device will not be available during the 2023 license year because technological infrastructure revisions are still under development. As a reminder you are still required to have your license on you and available to inspect.

Reduced-Fee Sport Fishing Licenses for Low-Income Seniors

AB 817 also expanded criteria for reduced-fee sport fishing licenses to Californians over 65 and receiving certain benefits. Effective Jan. 1, 2022, any low income senior age 65 or older who is a resident of California and receives benefits through Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Cash Assistance Program for Aged, Blind, and Disabled Legal Immigrants (CAPI), can obtain a reduced-fee sport fishing license. Reduced-fee licenses for this group must be renewed each year via an application submitted to a CDFW License Sales Office. The cost of this license is \$9.01 for 2023.

Please visit: wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Fishing#44521417-free--reduced-fee for more information.

License Information

PURCHASE SPORT FISHING LICENSES AND SUBMIT HARVEST INFORMATION ONLINE!

You can now purchase California sport fishing licenses and validations and submit report card information online. For more information, visit CDFW's license sales website at: wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/online-sales

RESIDENCY

A resident is defined as any person who has resided continuously in California for six months or more immediately before the date of application for a license, or any person on active military duty with the armed forces of the United States or an auxiliary branch, or a Job Corps enrollee (FGC, Section 70).

Identification Required for License Purchase (CCR T-14, Section 700.4)

Any person applying for any license, tag, permit, reservation or other entitlement issued via the Automated License Data System (ALDS) shall provide valid identification. Acceptable forms of identification include:

1. Any license document or GO ID number previously issued via ALDS
2. A valid driver's license or identification card issued to him or her by the Department of Motor Vehicles or by the entity issuing driver's licenses from the licensee's state of domicile
3. U.S. Birth Certificate
4. U.S. Certificate or Report of Birth Abroad
5. A Tribal Identification Card, issued by a sovereign tribal nation
6. Birth Certificate or Passport issued from a U.S. Territory
7. U.S. Passport
8. U.S. Military Identification
9. Certificate of Naturalization or Citizenship
10. A foreign government-issued photo identification.

Applicants less than 18 years of age may provide any form of identification described above, or a parent or legal guardian's identification as described above.

TELEPHONE NUMBER REQUIRED FOR ANGLER SURVEYS

Anglers are required to provide their telephone number when purchasing a sport fishing license. Collection of telephone numbers and the use of those numbers to perform angler surveys allows California to conform with a federal mandate for purposes of establishing a National Saltwater Angler Registry and will prevent California anglers from having to pay an additional registration fee each year to the federal government (CCR T-14, Section 700.3).

LICENSE FORMAT

Licenses issued through the ALDS are printed on durable thermal paper. They are waterproof, stainproof and tear resistant. All licenses are imprinted with your permanent ID number (GO ID). Your GO ID can be used to retrieve your customer information in the future. Report cards issued through ALDS have a different look and size. All the information is printed on one side of the paper, so report cards can be quite long. They can be folded to fit in your wallet. You must use indelible ink to make entries on your report card(s).

PROTECT YOUR LICENSE FROM HEAT

Licenses subjected to extreme or prolonged heat may darken and become difficult to read. To protect your license, keep it away from heat sources and direct sunlight.

PURCHASING A LICENSE FOR ANOTHER PERSON

Regulations provide that a person may purchase a hunting or sport fishing license, tags, or validations for another person, as long as the licensee's customer identification number issued from the ALDS and date of birth are provided. If a person wishes to purchase a sport fishing license for another person but does not have the required information, a gift voucher may be purchased for that person that may be redeemed for a resident sport fishing license. Gift vouchers are non-refundable and valid only for the year specified (CCR T-14, Section 700.3). As a reminder the gift voucher itself is not a valid license until redeemed by the angler by a licensed agent.

LICENSE PROVISIONS, PUBLIC PIER

Any person who is 16 years of age or older must have a sport fishing license to take any kind of fish, mollusk, invertebrate, amphibian or crustacean in California, except when fishing from a public pier in ocean or bay waters. A sport fishing license is required to take reptiles, except for rattlesnakes. For a list of public piers, see: wildlife.ca.gov/fishing/ocean/beach-fishing.

REPORT CARD REQUIREMENTS

Anglers who are not required to have a sport fishing license, such as anglers who are under 16 years of age and anglers who will be fishing on Free Fishing Days, are required to have report cards to fish for spiny lobster and sturgeon. The recreational red abalone fishery is closed.

IMPORTANT REMINDER - RETURN OF REPORT CARDS IS MANDATORY

Report cards must be reported online at wildlife.ca.gov/reportcards or returned to the CDFW at the address specified on the report card by January 31 of the following year (except Spiny Lobster Report Cards, which must be reported by April 30, following the close of lobster season). Any person who fails to report online or return his or her report card to the CDFW by the deadline may be restricted from obtaining the same type of card in a subsequent license year or may be subject to an additional fee for the issuance of the same type of card in a subsequent license year (CCRT-14, Section 1.74). A \$21.60 non-return fee will be charged when purchasing a spiny lobster report card if the previous year's report card is not returned or reported by the April 30 deadline. To avoid the fee, you may either return or report your card by the deadline, or skip one lobster fishing season. After skipping one season, you can purchase a spiny lobster report card the following season at no extra cost.

POSSESSION OF LICENSE

Every person, while engaged in taking any fish, amphibian or reptile, shall have a valid sport fishing license on their person in their immediate possession except when diving as provided in FGC Section 7145 and CCRT-14, Section 700. Persons diving from a boat or shore may have their license on the boat or within 500 yards of shore, respectively (FGC, Section 7145).

DUPLICATE SPORT FISHING LICENSES

If you lose your sport fishing license and validations, visit any license agent or CDFW license sales office, or log in to the license sales service at wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/online-sales to obtain a low-cost duplicate license and validations. Duplicate Sturgeon Report Cards may only be purchased at CDFW license sales offices.

REFUND POLICY

Refunds will not be issued for sport fishing licenses, vouchers, validations, or report cards. These items are considered in use from the date issued, and therefore are non-refundable.

FREE AND REDUCED-FEE SPORT FISHING LICENSES

CDFW offers reduced-fee sport fishing licenses to honorably-discharged veterans with a service-connected disability rating of at least 50 percent, to recovering service members, and to resident low-income seniors who are at least 65 years of age. The term "recovering service member" means a member of the Armed Forces, including a member of the National

Guard or a Reserve, who is undergoing medical treatment, recuperation, or therapy and is in an outpatient status while recovering from a serious injury or illness related to the member's military service (FGC, Section 7150). Disabled veterans and recovering service members can prequalify for reduced-fee sport fishing licenses via fax or by secure document upload. To prequalify, submit a copy of your personal identification, GO ID and documentation of eligibility by fax to (916) 419-7585 or by secure document upload. To upload documentation, please send an email request to LRB@wildlife.ca.gov and follow the link provided in the response. After your customer record has been updated, you will be able to purchase a reduced-fee fishing license anywhere licenses are sold. Free sport fishing licenses are available to eligible persons who are blind, low-income American Indians, developmentally disabled persons, and residents who are so severely physically disabled that they are permanently unable to move from place to place without the use of a wheelchair, walker, forearm crutches, or a comparable mobility-related device. Eligibility for free and reduced-fee sport fishing licenses will be verified. Applications and additional information are available online at wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/fishing.

LICENSE SALES BY TELEPHONE

Sport fishing licenses, validations, and report cards may be purchased via telephone from Active Network's telephone license sales line at (800) 565-1458. Items purchased by telephone sales will be delivered by mail within 15 days of purchase.

STAY CONNECTED TO CDFW

Giving CDFW your e-mail address and mobile number will enable us to send you information you can use, such as license renewal and courtesy report card deadline reminders, and California fishing information. When purchasing a license from a license agent or when you log in to the Online License Service, update your communication preferences and provide your e-mail address and mobile number. Fish and Game Code Section 1050.6 and California Government Code Section 11015.5 prohibit CDFW from selling or sharing your personal information with any third party.

FREE FISHING DAYS!

**July 1 and September
2, 2023**

On these days only, ALL
regulations apply and report
cards are required, but NO
license is required for sport
fishing.

REGULATIONS on the GO...

Did you know you can now download state ocean fishing regulations to your smart phone or other mobile device? By utilizing iBooks on Apple devices or your favorite book reader on the Android platform you can download the regulations booklet for reference at any time. Regulation booklets can be found online at wildlife.ca.gov/regulations.

DO YOUR PART TO HELP MANAGE CALIFORNIA'S MARINE RECREATIONAL FISHERIES!

You've just returned to the dock after a fun (and hopefully rewarding) day of ocean sport fishing. As you tie up the boat and get ready to disembark, a smiling person in a CDFW uniform strolls down the dock, clipboard and measuring board in hand, and asks about your trip. How was the fishing today?

More than likely, you've just met a fishery sampler from the California Recreational Fisheries Survey (CRFS), a survey of saltwater sport anglers. The data that you provide to CRFS helps fishery managers set size limits, bag limits, and fishing seasons with the goal of maximizing your fishing opportunities while conserving the fish species you caught today for generations to come.

Fishery managers use CRFS data to estimate the total catch (total number of fish caught) and fishing effort (number of fishing trips) of marine recreational anglers in California. CRFS was designed to meet specific management needs for all of California's diverse recreational marine fisheries, and provide accurate and timely estimates. The accuracy of the estimates generated by CRFS depends heavily on your cooperation!



CRFS sampler Nicole Christian conducting an onboard sampling assignment weighing a treefish on a CPFV in Orange County

CDFW photo

There are two ways that you can contribute to the accuracy of the data: Cooperate with the CRFS field samplers conducting the interview:

Because every fishing trip is unique – different target species, fishing locations, and catch – we ask that saltwater anglers cooperate each and every time they are approached by a CRFS sampler. Answer the CRFS sampler's questions about your fishing trip truthfully and to the best of your knowledge, and take the time to allow the sampler to examine, measure, and weigh your catch.

Say "Yes" when you are contacted by a CRFS telephone surveyor or receive an email survey:

Licensed anglers are contacted randomly throughout the year and asked questions about their fishing experiences. Data collected through these surveys are used to estimate fishing effort that cannot be estimated through field observations, estimate the economic importance of the fishery, and learn about angler preferences. Your personal contact information and individual responses are kept confidential.

Please do your part and say "Yes" when asked to participate in this important survey. Thank you!

For more information about the CRFS, including recreational catch and effort estimates, visit the CDFW website at wildlife.ca.gov/conservation/marine/CRFS.



Try our Ocean Sport Fishing Interactive Web Map on your next fishing trip! This new resource is designed to help you visualize sport fishing regulation boundaries, including marine protected areas and groundfish conservation area depth restrictions, on your mobile phone.

www.wildlife.ca.gov/OceanSportfishMap

Ocean Sport Fishing License Fees

Updated Sport Fishing Fees 2023

You can purchase California sport fishing licenses, report cards, and validations online at <https://wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/online-sales>. CDFW no longer accepts cash at regional offices, though cash transactions are available for all items sold at authorized local sales agents. Search for a license agent near you at www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales/OutletSearch/FindOutlet.

365-Day Licenses

Resident Sport Fishing License.....	\$58.58
Non-Resident Sport Fishing License.....	\$158.25
Reduced-Fee Sport Fishing License.....	\$9.46

Short-Term Licenses

One-Day Sport Fishing License (resident or non-resident)	\$19.18
Two-Day Sport Fishing License* (resident or non-resident).....	\$29.42
Ten-Day Non-Resident Sport Fishing License**	\$58.58

*Valid for two consecutive calendar days.

**Valid for ten consecutive calendar days.

Report Cards and Validations

Sport Ocean Enhancement Validation*	\$6.74
Spiny Lobster Report Card.....	\$11.62
Spiny Lobster Report Card Non-Reporting Fee	\$21.60
Sturgeon Fishing Report Card.....	\$10.29
Recreational Crab Trap Validation.....	\$2.73

*Required to fish in ocean waters south of Point Arguello (Santa Barbara County). An Ocean Enhancement Validation is not required when fishing under the authority of a One- or Two-Day Sport Fishing License.

Other Permits

Declaration for Multi-day Fishing Trip.....	\$7.73
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Duplicate Fees

Sport Fishing License (Annual)	\$12.96
Sport Ocean Enhancement Validation	\$3.50
Sturgeon Fishing Replacement Card (CDFW license sales offices only)	\$17.51

Lifetime Sport Fishing Licenses

Age 9 years or younger	\$644.50
Age 10 to 39 years.....	\$1054.25
Age 40 to 61 years.....	\$949.75
Age 62 years or older	\$644.50
Additional Lifetime Fishing Privileges (includes Sport Ocean Enhancement Validation and several freshwater privileges).....	\$435.50

Lifetime licenses are available only at Department of Fish and Wildlife license sales offices.

Most fees include a 5 percent license agent handling fee and 3 percent ALDS application fee.

Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact

The Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact (IWVC) is an agreement among 48 states which allows for the reciprocal recognition of hunting, fishing, and trapping license suspensions. If your license privileges have been suspended by another state, the suspension may be recognized here in California. For example, if your sport fishing, hunting, or trapping privileges have been suspended in Colorado for five years, your privileges may also be suspended for five years in California or any of the states participating in the IWVC.

The purchase of licenses or tags during the term of the suspension is a violation of the law and may result in prosecution. Licenses or tags purchased prior to or during a suspension are not refundable. For further information contact the CDFW Law Enforcement Division at P. O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090, or (916) 653-4094.

Even the Best Fishermen Can Accidentally Hook Seabirds

In the unfortunate event of a hooked seabird, don't cut or break the line. If the bird is injured or severely tangled, the bird could easily drown, die of starvation or succumb to a predator attack. If you accidentally hook a seabird while fishing, follow these tips to avoid further injury to the bird or yourself:

- Reel the bird in slowly and gently. Don't lift the bird by the line; instead use a dip net if available.
- Get control of the bird's bill before taking it from the net to avoid being pecked. Cover its head and eyes with a cloth to calm it (do not obstruct breathing), and keep the wings folded in their normal closed position. Always maintain control of the bird's head and body.
- When removing the hook from a seabird, never simply grab the hook and yank it out! Grasp the hook and carefully snip off the barb. You can back the hook out without causing further injury. Cut off and remove any tangled fishing line, and carefully release the seabird.
- If the bird has swallowed the hook, untangle the bird while removing as much line as possible. Cut the fishing line as close to the hook as you can, and leave the hook in place.
- If the bird is seriously injured, is deeply hooked, or a hook has been swallowed, keep the bird calm and restrained. Call a local wildlife care facility. You can visit the CDFW website at www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Laboratories/Wildlife-Investigations/Rehab/Facilities for a list of regional wildlife rehabilitation facilities.

Notice courtesy of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and California Department of Fish and Wildlife

CDFW Website — Useful Links

California Ocean Sport Fishing Regulations Map

wildlife.ca.gov/fishing/ocean/regulations/fishing-map

California Fishing Passport Program

wildlife.ca.gov/fishing/passport

CDFW Law Enforcement

wildlife.ca.gov/enforcement

Finfish and Shellfish Identification

wildlife.ca.gov/fishing/ocean/fish-id

Groundfish Management

wildlife.ca.gov/conservation/marine/groundfish

Marine Region Electronic News Service

wildlife.ca.gov/regions/marine/news/subscribe

Ocean Salmon Information

wildlife.ca.gov/oceansalmon

Ocean Sport Fishing Interactive Web Map

wildlife.ca.gov/OceanSportfishMap

Marine Protected Areas

wildlife.ca.gov/mpas

Declaration for Entry Form

wildlife.ca.gov/enforcement/entry-declaration

Marine Management News Blog

cdfmarine.wordpress.com

Ocean Sport Fishing Information

wildlife.ca.gov/ocean-sport-regs

Keeping Up With In-Season Groundfish Regulation Changes

Recreational groundfish fishing regulations are adaptive and based on the latest information about the fishery. Therefore, the CDFW director can change state groundfish regulations during the year to conform to changes in federal regulations. Before engaging in ocean sportfishing for groundfish and associated species, please access one of the following sources for up-to-date information concerning season dates, allowed fishing depths, and other regulations:

- 📄 Go to www.wildlife.ca.gov/conservation/marine/groundfish for the latest groundfish regulations.
- 📄 Check the CDFW News Room at wildlife.ca.gov/news or the Marine Region News Page at wildlife.ca.gov/regions/marine/news#30516346-cdfw-ocean-related-news-releases.
- 📄 Go to wildlife.ca.gov/regions/marine/news/subscribe and **sign up for e-mail notification** of in-season regulation changes.

CCRT-14, Section 27.20(e) describes the process CDFW follows to enact in-season regulation adjustments for groundfish:

“Fishery closure and/or rule change: When the department determines, based on the best available scientific information, that an annual harvest limit [optimum yield (OY), annual catch limit (ACL), annual catch target (ACT), recreational harvest guideline, or recreational harvest target] established in regulation by the NOAA Fisheries (National Marine Fisheries Service) for any species of **federal** groundfish or aggregate group of federal groundfish species has been exceeded or is projected to be exceeded prior to the end of the year or that catches are less than predicted, the following rule changes may occur:

- (1) The department may modify the seasons and/or depth constraints for any species of **federal** groundfish or aggregate group of federal groundfish species, and all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*. Season and/or depth modifications may differ by **area**, time of year, mode of fishing, or gear utilized.
- (2) The department may adjust existing bag or sub-bag limits or establish additional bag or sub-bag limits as needed for any species of **federal** groundfish or aggregate group of federal groundfish species, and all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*. Bag limits may differ by **area**, time of year, mode of fishing, or gear utilized.
- (3) The department may adjust size limits or establish additional size limits as needed for any species of **federal** groundfish or aggregate group of federal groundfish species, and all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*. Size limits may differ by **area**, time of year, mode of fishing, or gear utilized.

CCR T-14, Section 27.20(f) describes how CDFW notifies the federal government and the public of in-season changes to groundfish fishing regulations:

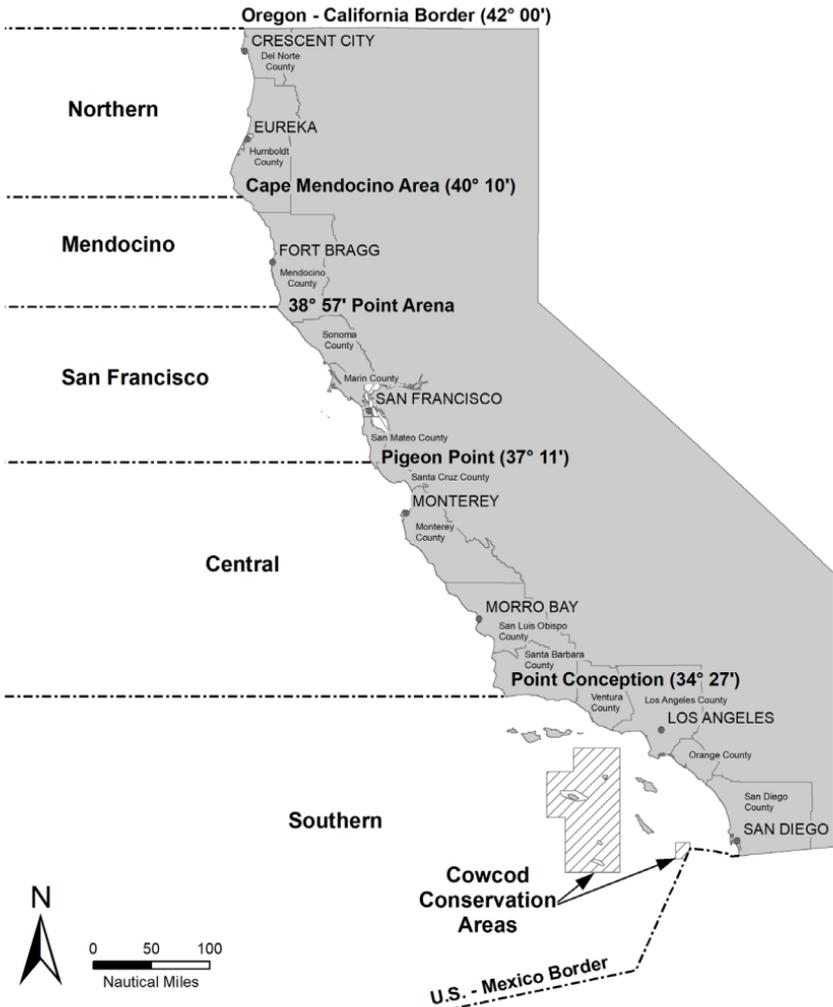
“Notice of closure and/or rule change: The department shall give the public and the NOAA Fisheries no less than 10 calendar days’ notice of any fishery closure or rule change implemented pursuant to this Section via a department news release. Anglers and divers are advised to check the current rules before fishing. The latest fishing rules may be found on the department’s website at: wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Ocean.”

Note: “Federal Groundfish” is defined in CCRT T-14, Section 1.91.

Groundfish Management Areas for 2023

Note: Groundfish regulations may change during the year. Before engaging in ocean sport fishing for groundfish and associated species, please access one of the sources listed on page 11 to obtain the most up-to-date groundfish fishing regulations.

Five recreational groundfish management areas have been established by the Fish and Game Commission and the Pacific Fishery Management Council. Each area has a different set of groundfish regulations tailored to meet regional needs.



This map is for informational purposes only and should not be used for navigational or legal purposes.

Groundfish Management Area map available online at
wildlife.ca.gov/fishing/ocean/regulations/groundfish-summary

Groundfish Regulation Tables for 2023

The groundfish regulations tables are located online this year. Tables are available as images, and as downloadable PDFs.

Groundfish regulations are subject to inseason change. It is the reader's responsibility to know and abide by all regulations in effect at the time of fishing activity. Check for current regulations prior to fishing.

To access the online tables, click the following link

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Ocean/Regulations/Groundfish-Summary>

OR

Scan the QR code below with your smart device:



California Ocean Sport Fishing Regulations

Anglers and interested members of the public may track proposed and pending regulatory changes for sport fishing and other regulations at the Fish and Game Commission's proposed regulations page: fgc.ca.gov/Regulations, and at the CDFW proposed regulations page: wildlife.ca.gov/Notices/Regulations.

Regulations that have been added or changed since the printing of the 2022-2023 Ocean Sport Fishing Regulations booklet are in **red text** as follows.

All laws or regulations hereunder are either reproduced verbatim from the Fish and Game Code or from Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), as adopted by the Fish and Game Commission under authority of the Fish and Game Code.

CHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS AND DEFINITIONS

1.04. ANADROMOUS WATERS. Anadromous waters are inland waters that are accessible to fish migrating from the ocean.

1.05. ANGLING. Angling means take of fish by hook and line with the line held in the hand, or with the line attached to a pole or rod held in the hand or closely attended in such manner that the fish voluntarily takes the bait or artificial lure inside its mouth.

1.14. AUTHORIZATION FOR TAKING FISH. Fish, amphibians, reptiles, mollusks and crustaceans may be taken only in the amounts, only during the open season and only with the gear authorized and shall not be taken otherwise.

1.17. BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT. No more than one daily bag limit of each kind of fish, amphibian, reptile, mollusk or crustacean named in these regulations may be taken or possessed by any one person unless otherwise authorized; regardless of whether they are fresh, frozen, or otherwise preserved. Exceptions: See Sections 7.00, 7.50(a), 27.60(c), and 195, Title 14, CCR.

1.19. BARBLESS HOOK. A fish hook from which the barb or barbs have been removed or completely bent closed, or which is manufactured without barbs.

1.23. BOW AND ARROW FISHING TACKLE. Such tackle must have the arrow shaft or the point, or both, attached by a line to the bow or to a fishing reel (includes crossbow).

1.32. CHUMMING. Placing any material in the water, other than on a hook while angling, for the purpose of attracting fish to a particular area in order that they may be taken. **[Note: New legislation prohibits chumming for sharks when white sharks are present. See Page 35.]**

1.35. CLOSED OR CLOSURE. Refers to waters or areas closed to all fishing unless otherwise authorized.

1.38. CLOSED SEASON. That period during which the taking of fish, amphibians, reptiles, mollusks or crustaceans is prohibited.

1.39. COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES. Coastal pelagic species means any of the following: northern anchovy (*Engraulis mordax*), Pacific sardine (*Sardinops sagax*), Pacific mackerel (*Scomber japonicus*), jack mackerel (*Trachurus symmetricus*), and market squid (*Loligo (Doryteuthis) opalescens*).

1.41. DATES. Dates of seasons and closures are inclusive.

1.42. DIP NET. Webbing supported by a frame, and hand held, not more than six feet in greatest dimension, excluding handle.

1.46. FINFISH DEFINED. Finfish are defined as any species of bony fish or cartilaginous fish (sharks, skates and rays). Finfish do not include amphibians, invertebrates, plants or algae.

1.49. HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES. Highly migratory species means any of the following: albacore, bluefin, bigeye, and yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus* spp.); skipjack tuna (*Katsuwonus*

pelamis); dorado (dolphinfish) (*Coryphaena hippurus*); striped marlin (*Tetrapturus audax*); thresher sharks (common, pelagic, and bigeye) (*Alopias* spp.); shortfin mako shark (*Isurus oxyrinchus*); blue shark (*Prionace glauca*), and Pacific swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*).

1.53. INLAND WATERS. Inland waters are all the fresh, brackish and inland saline waters of the state, including lagoons and tidewaters upstream from the mouths of coastal rivers and streams. Inland waters exclude the waters of San Francisco Bay and the waters of Elkhorn Slough, west of Elkhorn Road between Castroville and Watsonville. See Section 27.00 for the description of San Francisco Bay.

1.59. LIMIT. Refers to daily bag limit and possession limit per person, or boat limit authorized in Sections 27.60(c) and 195, Title 14, CCR.

1.62. MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM SIZE. No fish, mollusks, or crustaceans less than the legal minimum size or greater than the maximum legal size (total, fork, or alternate) may be possessed, except as otherwise provided. Total length is the longest straight-line measurement from the tip of the head to the end of the longest lobe of the tail. Fork length is the straight-line distance from the tip of the head to the center of the tail fin. Tip of the head shall be the most anterior point on the fish with the mouth closed and the fish lying flat on its side. Alternate length is the straight-line distance from the base of the foremost spine of the first dorsal fin to the end of the longest lobe of the tail. Unless otherwise provided, all fish, mollusks or crustaceans less than the legal minimum size or greater than the maximum legal size must be returned immediately to the water from which they were taken. [Note: See *Invertebrate* section for definitions of minimum legal size for mollusks and crustaceans.]

1.63. MOVEMENT OF LIVE FISH. Except as provided in Sections 4.00 through 4.30 and 230, live fin fish may not be transported alive from the water where taken.

1.65. MULTIPLE HOOK. A hook with two or more points.

1.68. OPEN SEASON. That period of time during which the taking of fish, amphibians, reptiles, mollusks and crustaceans is authorized.

1.70. OPENING DATE AND BAG LIMIT FOR BOUNDARY WATERS. Waters, exclusive of their tributaries, on the boundary between areas or districts with different opening dates or limits shall open on the earlier date and have the larger limit unless otherwise specified.

1.72. STREAM (INCLUDES CREEKS AND RIVERS). A stream is a body of water that flows at least periodically or intermittently through a bed or channel having banks and that supports fish or other aquatic life. This includes watercourses having a surface or subsurface flow that supports or has supported riparian vegetation.

1.73. SALMON.

(a) Salmon includes Chinook, coho, pink, chum, and sockeye salmon.

(b) Any person in possession of a recreationally taken salmon with a missing adipose fin (the small, fleshy fin on the back of the fish between the back fin and tail) shall immediately relinquish the head of the salmon, upon request by an authorized agent or employee of the department, to facilitate the recovery of any coded-wire tag. The head may be removed by the fish owner or, if removed by the official department representative, the head shall be removed in a manner to minimize loss of salmon flesh and the salmon shall immediately be returned to the fish owner.

1.74. SPORT FISHING REPORT CARD AND TAGGING REQUIREMENTS.

(a) Purpose. These regulations are designed to improve recreational fishing effort and catch information in some or all areas where the fisheries operate. Many of these species are of high commercial value, and therefore, additional enforcement mechanisms are needed to improve compliance with existing bag limits and other regulations, and to reduce the potential for poaching.

(b) Report card requirements apply to any person fishing for or taking the following spe-

HARVEST REPORTING:

EASIER THAN EVER BEFORE

Online Harvest Reporting is Available On These Dates:		
Harvest Report Type	Reporting Dates	Late Reporting*
Spiny Lobster Report Card	From the day after the last day of the season through April 30	May 1 - Jul 1
Sturgeon Fishing Report Card	Jan 1 - Jan 31	Feb 1 - Apr 1

*Late reporting occurs after the regulatory deadline.

If you have not reported your harvest by the dates listed above, please mail your harvest report card to the address listed on the report card immediately.

- **Report your harvest online, using the Online License Service at wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Online-Sales; or**
- **Return your report card via mail to the address printed on the card. If you mail your card, consider using certified mail with tracking and retain the tracking number for proof of submittal in case your card is lost in the mail. Cards that are lost in the mail are considered not returned.**
- **Accurate and complete data is required. If you report online, all entries on the report card must be entered in the electronic form, including sport fishing reports of activity when no catches were made.**
- **Submission of report card data online must be completed within 20 minutes to avoid a system time out.**
- **Sport fishing report cards may be reported online only after the last day of the report card's validity.**
- **If you report online, do not mail in your report card. You will be issued a report confirmation number. After reporting, please write your report confirmation number on your report card, and retain it as proof of submittal. Once a report card has been reported, it may no longer be used in the field.**

Remember, a \$21.60 non-return fee will be charged when purchasing a spiny lobster report card if the previous year's report card is not returned or reported online by the April 30 deadline! To avoid the fee, you may either return or report your card by the deadline, or skip one lobster fishing season. After skipping one season, you can purchase a spiny lobster report card the following season at no extra cost.

cies regardless of whether a sport fishing license is required:

- (1) Salmon, in the anadromous waters of the Klamath, Trinity, and Smith river basins. Anadromous waters are defined in Section 1.04 of these regulations.
- (2) Steelhead trout.
- (3) White sturgeon.
- (4) Red abalone. [*Season closed*]
- (5) California spiny lobster.

(c) General Report Card Requirements.

- (1) Any person fishing for or taking any of the species identified in this Section shall have in his immediate possession a valid non-transferable report card issued by the department for the particular species. See special exemption regarding possession of report cards for lobster divers in Section 29.91 of these regulations.
- (2) All entries made on any report card or tag shall be legible and in indelible ink.
- (3) A report card holder fishing with a one, two, or ten-day sport fishing license, may replace the expired fishing license without purchasing a new report card so long as the report card is still valid.
- (4) Report cards are not transferable and shall not be transferred to another person. No person shall possess any report card other than his own.
- (5) A person may only obtain one abalone report card and one sturgeon report card per report card period. [Note: abalone season is closed.]
- (6) Any report card holder who fills in all available lines on his steelhead, salmon or lobster report card shall return or report the card to the department pursuant to subsection 1.74(e) prior to purchasing a second card.
- (7) Data recording and tagging procedures vary between report cards and species. See specific regulations in sections 5.79, 5.87, 5.88, 27.92, 29.16, and 29.91 that apply in addition to the regulations of this Section.

(d) Report Card Return and Reporting Requirements

- (1) Report card holders shall return or report their salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, or abalone report cards to the department pursuant to subsection 1.74(e) by January 31 of the following year.

(A) Any report card holder who fails to return or report his salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, or abalone report card to the department by the deadline may be restricted from obtaining the same card in a subsequent license year or may be subject to an additional fee for the issuance of the same card in a subsequent license year.

- (2) Report card holders shall return or report their lobster report cards pursuant to subsection 1.74(e) by April 30 following the close of the lobster season for which the card was issued.

(A) Any report card holder who fails to return or report his or her lobster report card by April 30 following the close of the lobster season specified on the card shall be subject to a nonrefundable non-return fee specified in Section 701, in addition to the annual report card fee, for the issuance of a lobster report card in the subsequent fishing season.

(e) Report Card Return and Reporting Mechanisms:

- (1) By mail or in person at the address specified on the card. A report card returned by mail shall be postmarked by the date applicable to that card as specified in subsection 1.74(d)(1) or 1.74(d)(2).
- (2) Online through the department's license sales service website by the date applicable to that card as specified in subsection 1.74(d)(1) or 1.74(d)(2).
- (3) If a report card is submitted by mail and not received by the department, it is con-

sidered not returned unless the report card holder reports his or her report card as lost pursuant to subsection 1.74(f).

(f) Lost report cards.

(1) Any report card holder who loses his report card shall submit an affidavit, signed under penalty of perjury, in person to a department license sales office containing all of the following information:

(A) A statement containing the report card holder's full name confirming that the originally issued report card cannot be recovered.

(B) A statement containing the report card holder's best recollection of the prior catch records that were entered on the report card that was lost.

(C) A statement describing the factual circumstances surrounding the loss of the card.

(2) An affidavit for a lost report card shall be presented at a department license sales office, by the date applicable to that card specified in subsection 1.74(d)(1) or 1.74(d)(2) to be considered returned.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection 1.74(c)(5), any report card holder who loses his report card during the period for which it is valid may replace the lost report card by submitting an affidavit as described in subsection 1.74(f)(1) and payment of the report card fee and replacement processing fee specified in Section 701.

(A) Based on the information provided in the written affidavit for abalone and sturgeon report cards, the department shall issue only the number of tags that were reported unused on the previously issued report card.

1.76. SPEARFISHING. The taking of fish by spear or hand by persons who are in the water and may be using underwater goggles, face plates, breathing tubes, SCUBA or other artificial underwater breathing device.

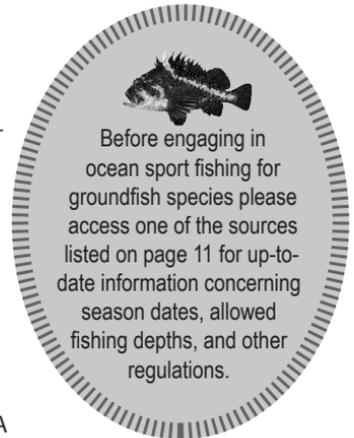
1.80. TAKE. Hunt, pursue, catch, capture or kill fish, amphibians, reptiles, mollusks, crustaceans or invertebrates or attempting to do so.

1.84. TITLES AND SECTION NUMBERS. All titles and headings used in these regulations are a part thereof. All section numbers cited refer to these regulations unless otherwise specified.

1.87. WASTE OF FISH. It is unlawful to cause or permit any deterioration or waste of any fish taken in the waters of this state.

1.88. PUBLIC PIER. A public pier is a publicly owned man-made structure that has the following characteristics: is connected, above the mean high tide, to the main coastline or to the landmass of a named and charted natural island; has unrestricted free access for the general public; and has been built or currently functions for the primary purpose of allowing angling access to ocean waters.

Additionally, publicly owned jetties or breakwaters that are connected to land, as described above, that have free unrestricted access for the general public and whose purpose it is to form the most seaward protective boundary of an ocean harbor are public piers. Jetties, breakwaters, promenades, sea walls, moles, docks, linings, barriers and other structures that are not the most seaward protective boundary of an ocean harbor, are not public piers.



1.90. NEARSHORE FISH STOCKS, NEARSHORE FISHERIES, NEARSHORE WATERS, AND SHALLOW NEARSHORE ROCKFISH DEFINED.

(a) Under the authority of Section 8587.1 of the Fish and Game Code, Section 8586 of the Fish and Game Code is made inoperative.

(b) "Nearshore fish stocks" means any of the following:

- (1) black rockfish (*Sebastes melanops*),
- (2) black-and-yellow rockfish (*Sebastes chrysomelas*),
- (3) blue rockfish (*Sebastes mystinus*),
- (4) brown rockfish (*Sebastes auriculatus*),
- (5) cabezon (*Scorpaenichthys marmoratus*),
- (6) calico rockfish (*Sebastes dallii*),
- (7) California scorpionfish (sculpin) (*Scorpaena guttata*),
- (8) California sheephead (*Semicossyphus pulcher*),
- (9) China rockfish (*Sebastes nebulosus*),
- (10) copper rockfish (*Sebastes caurinus*),
- (11) gopher rockfish (*Sebastes carnatus*),
- (12) grass rockfish (*Sebastes rastrelliger*),
- (13) greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*,
- (14) kelp rockfish (*Sebastes atrovirens*),
- (15) monkeyface eel (*Cebidichthys violaceus*),
- (16) olive rockfish (*Sebastes serranoides*),
- (17) quillback rockfish (*Sebastes maliger*), and
- (18) treefish (*Sebastes serriceps*).

(c) "Nearshore fisheries" means the commercial or recreational taking, possession, or landing of any species of nearshore fish stocks.

(d) "Nearshore waters" means ocean waters including around offshore rocks and islands extending from the shore to a depth of 20 fathoms.

(e) "Shallow nearshore rockfish" means a subgroup of rockfishes (genus *Sebastes*) including only black-and-yellow rockfish, China rockfish, gopher rockfish, grass rockfish, and kelp rockfish.

1.91. FEDERAL GROUND FISH AND ROCKFISH, CABEZON AND GREENLING (RCG) COMPLEX.

(a) The species or species groups listed in subsections 1.91(a)(1) through 1.91(a)(12) constitute "federal groundfish" and are managed under the Federal Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan:

- (1) "Nearshore Rockfish," which means the following species of rockfish: black rockfish (*Sebastes melanops*), black and yellow rockfish (*S. chrysomelas*), blue rockfish (*S. mystinus*), brown rockfish (*S. auriculatus*), calico rockfish (*S. dallii*), China rockfish (*S. nebulosus*), copper rockfish (*S. caurinus*), gopher rockfish (*S. carnatus*), grass rockfish (*S. rastrelliger*), kelp rockfish (*S. atrovirens*), olive rockfish (*S. serranoides*), quillback rockfish (*S. maliger*), treefish (*S. serriceps*)
- (2) "California Scorpionfish" (*Scorpaena guttata*)
- (3) "Shelf Rockfish" which means the following species of rockfish: bocaccio (*Sebastes paucispinis*), bronzespotted rockfish (*S. gilli*), canary rockfish (*S. pinniger*), chilipepper (*S. goodei*), cowcod (*S. levis*), dusky rockfish (*S. ciliatus*), flag rockfish (*S. rubrivinctus*), greenblotched rockfish (*S. rosenblatti*), greenspotted rockfish (*S. chlorostictus*), greenstriped rockfish (*S. elongatus*), harlequin rockfish (*S. variegatus*), honeycomb rockfish (*S. umbrosus*), Mexican rockfish (*S. macdonaldi*), pink rockfish (*S. eos*), redstripe rockfish (*S. proriger*), rosethorn rockfish (*S. helvomaculatus*), rosy rockfish (*S. rosaceus*), shortbelly rockfish (*S.*

jordani), silvergray rockfish (*S. brevispinis*), speckled rockfish (*S. ovalis*), squarespot rockfish (*S. hopkinsi*), starry rockfish (*S. constellatus*), striptail rockfish (*S. saxicola*), tiger rockfish (*S. nigrocinctus*), vermilion rockfish (*S. miniatus*), widow rockfish (*S. entomelas*), yelloweye rockfish (*S. ruberrimus*), yellowtail rockfish (*S. flavidus*).

(4) "Slope Rockfish" which means the following species of rockfish: aurora rockfish (*Sebastes aurora*), bank rockfish (*S. rufus*), blackgill rockfish (*S. melanostomus*), darkblotched rockfish (*S. crameri*), Pacific ocean perch (*S. alutus*), redbanded rockfish (*S. babcocki*), rougheye rockfish (*S. aleutianus*), sharpchin rockfish (*S. zacentrus*), shortraker rockfish (*S. borealis*), splitnose rockfish (*S. diploproa*), yellowmouth rockfish (*S. reedi*)

(5) "Sharks", including only leopard shark (*Triakis semifasciata*), soupfin shark (*Galeorhinus galeus*), and spiny dogfish (*Squalus suckleyi*)

(6) "Skates", which means big skate (*Raja binoculata*), California skate (*R. inornata*), long-nose skate (*R. rhina*), Roughtail/black skate (*Bathyraja trachura*), Aleutian skate (*B. aleutica*), Bering/sandpaper skate (*R. interrupta*) and all other genera and species of skates in the families Arhynchobatidae and Rajidae that occur off California.

(7) "Roundfish", including only cabezon (*Scorpaenichthys marmoratus*), kelp greenling (*Hexagrammos decagrammus*), lingcod (*Ophiodon elongatus*), Pacific cod (*Gadus macro-*

REMINDERS FOR PARTY/CHARTER BOAT OWNERS, OPERATORS, and ANGLERS

The cooperation of owners and operators of party/charter boats, also known as commercial passenger fishing vessels (CPFVs) has been critical to the success of the California Recreational Fisheries Survey (CRFS)

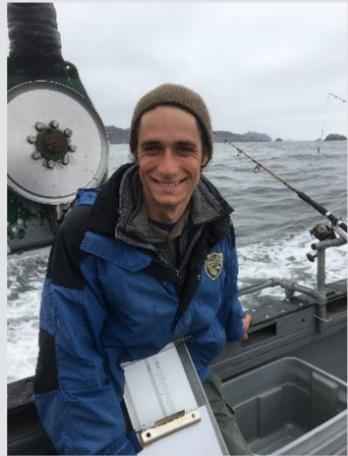
since its inception in 2004. The data collected by CRFS is used to estimate the catch (total number of fish by species) and effort (total number of fishing trips) of saltwater recreational anglers, and to assist in the establishment of regulations aimed to maximize fishing opportunities while conserving fisheries for future use.

CRFS samplers interview anglers and crew, and examine catch onboard CPFVs both at sea and dockside. CPFV owners and operators are reminded that accurate catch and effort estimates depend on access to both kept and discarded catch information by CRFS samplers. In addition, CRFS samplers must observe both open party and chartered trips, and must gather effort data frequently to ensure the best possible estimates.

By law (California Code of Regulations T-14, Section 105.5), owners or operators of CPFVs must carry and accommodate CRFS samplers on fishing trips when asked. If sampler coverage of a trip is denied by the owner or operator of the vessel, the CDFW may request a written explanation for the denial, and CPFV owners or operators who deny sampler coverage of a trip may have their fishing permits or licenses revoked.

Anglers are encouraged to answer CRFS samplers' questions; however, angler participation in the survey is voluntary. CRFS samplers will ask anglers aboard CPFVs about the species they kept and discarded, and their zip code. CRFS samplers will also ask the crew about fishing target(s), descending device usage, and bottom depth. Onboard the vessel, while anglers are fishing, CRFS samplers will collect data on catch rates, species composition, fishing locations, and length of fish that the anglers do not keep. After anglers have completed fishing for the day, CRFS samplers will record the lengths and weights of fish that were kept.

Further information about CRFS, and a link to recreational catch and effort estimates, is available on the CDFW website at www.wildlife.ca.gov/conservation/marine/CRFS.



CRFS sampler Travis Massey conducting an onboard sampling assignment on the CPFV "Jumpin' Jack" near Trinidad. CDFW Photo by EW. Roberts III.

cephalus), Pacific whiting (*Merluccius productus*), and sablefish (*Anoplopoma fimbria*)
(8) "Thornyheads", which means longspine thornyhead (*Sebastolobus altivelis*), and short-spine thornyhead (*Sebastolobus alascanus*)

(9) "Federally Managed Flatfish", including only arrowtooth flounder (arrowtooth turbot) (*Atheresthes stomias*), Dover sole (*Microstomus pacificus*), English sole (*Parophrys vetulus*), petrale sole (*Eopsetta jordani*), and starry flounder (*Platichthys stellatus*).

(10) "Other Flatfish", including only butter sole (*Isopsetta isolepis*), curlfin sole (*Pleuronichthys decurrens*), flathead sole (*Hippoglossoides elassodon*), Pacific sanddab (*Citharichthys sordidus*), rex sole (*Glyptocephalus zachirus*), rock sole (*Lepidopsetta bilineata*), and sand sole (*Psettichthys melanostictus*).

(11) "Other fish", including only ratfish (*Hydrolagus colliei*), finescale codling (*Antimora microlepis*), Pacific grenadier (rattail) (*Coryphaenoides acrolepis*) and all other genera and species of grenadiers in the family Macrouridae that occur off California

(12) All genera and species of the family Scorpaenidae that occur off California and not specifically listed in (a)(1) through (a)(4) or (a)(8) above

(b) "RCG Complex" means all species of rockfish (*Sebastes*), cabezon (*Scorpaenichthys marmoratus*), and kelp and rock greenlings (genus *Hexagrammos*).

190. FISHING ACTIVITY RECORDS.

(a) Pursuant to sections 7923 and 8026, Fish and Game Code, the owner and operator of a commercial fishing vessel or the holder of a commercial fishing license or permit participating in specified fisheries, and the owner and license holder of a commercial passenger fishing vessel shall keep and submit a complete and accurate record of fishing activities.

(b) Fishing activity records shall be kept on paper forms provided by the department or on the electronic version on the department web site at apps.wildlife.ca.gov/marine/logs, hereafter referred to as logbook(s) for purposes of this section.

(c) Logbooks shall be kept on the vessel while it is engaged in, or returning from, fishing operations and shall be immediately surrendered upon demand to a peace officer of the department. Unless otherwise specified in Title 14, CCR, logbooks shall be completed immediately with all available information when any of the following first occurs:

- (1) prior to passengers or crew disembarking from the vessel, or
- (2) at the time of receipt, purchase, or transfer of fish, or
- (3) at the end of the calendar day (24 hour clock) during fishing activity through the night.

(d) Logbooks shall be submitted electronically or delivered to the department at 4665 Lampson Avenue, Suite C, Los Alamitos, CA 90720, or such other department office as may be specified in regulation on or before the 10th day of each month following the month to which the records pertain. Logbooks that are mailed shall be postmarked on or before the 10th day of each month following the month to which the records pertain.

[NOTE: the Los Alamitos office is closed. Please submit logbooks to CDFW at 3030 Old Ranch Parkway, Suite 400, Seal Beach, CA 90740]

(e) Failure to keep and submit required logbooks may result in revocation or suspension (including non-renewal) of the license or permit for the taking of all fish or for the particular species for which the records are required, by the department, for a period not to exceed one year. Any revocation, suspension or nonrenewal may be appealed to the commission.

195. REPORT OF FISH TAKEN TO BE MADE BY OWNER OF BARGE OR VESSEL FOR HIRE AND BOAT LIMITS.

(a) Pursuant to Section 190 the owner/operator of a commercial passenger fishing vessel

shall keep a logbook of fishing activities.

(1) The form entitled Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessel Log, Central and Northern California, DFW 195A (Rev 01/16), incorporated by reference herein, shall be used when the vessel is engaged in fishing north of Point Conception.

(2) The form entitled Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessel Log, Southern California, DFW 195B (Rev 01/16), incorporated by reference herein, shall be used when the vessel is engaged in fishing south of Point Conception.

(b) The owner(s) and/or operator(s) of each vessel required to obtain a license under Section 7920 of the Fish and Game Code shall post a notice in a prominent place on the vessel giving information to fishermen on license requirements, bag limits, and other pertinent information. This notice shall be furnished by the department.

(c) Both the vessel owner(s) and/or operator(s) shall be responsible for keeping accurate records and insuring the vessel is in compliance with subsections (a) and (b) above.

(d) All fishing activity records are confidential pursuant to Fish and Game Code Sections 7923 and 8022 and Government Code Sections 6276 and 6276.10.

(e) Boat Limits: When two or more persons licensed or otherwise authorized to sport fish in ocean waters off California or in the San Francisco Bay District, as defined in Section 27.00, are angling for finfish in these waters aboard a vessel licensed under Section 7920, fishing by these persons (to include vessel operator(s) and crew members where licensed to sportfish under their own individual limits) may continue until the passenger's boat limits of those finfish are taken and possessed aboard the vessel as authorized under this section.

(1) For purposes of this section, the vessel operator(s) and crew members are not passengers and may not take fish towards obtaining boat limits for passengers except for casting, setting trolling gear, gaffing or netting fish, but may take fish during a fishing trip for their personal use only. Vessel operator(s) and crew members may assist passengers in other activities including, but not limited to, obtaining bait, chumming, baiting and untangling hooks and lines, identifying, dispatching, filleting, counting, bagging and otherwise handling fish taken by passengers. Upon completion of a fishing trip, the vessel operator(s) and crew members may only possess fish that are part of their own personal bag limit not to exceed authorized sportfishing daily bag and possession limits.

(2) Fish taken by operator(s) and crew members for personal use pursuant to (e)(1) above must be separated from fish taken under a boat limit and labeled in a manner that they can be identified as an individual operator's or crew members fish. Operator(s) and crew members are also prohibited from giving all or part of their individual limit to any passenger during or after a trip.

(3) The authorization for boat limits aboard a vessel does not apply to fishing trips originating in California where fish are taken in other jurisdictions.

(4) A boat limit for a species or species group is equal to the number of passengers aboard the vessel that are licensed or otherwise authorized to sport fish in ocean waters off California or in the San Francisco Bay District multiplied by the individual daily bag limit authorized for a species or species group. For purposes of this section, the number of passengers shall not include the vessel operator(s) and crew members. It is unlawful to exceed the boat limit at any time.

(5) Prior to the departure on a fishing trip of a vessel that is licensed under Fish and Game Code Section 7920, the number of fishers, to include passengers, guests, operators and crew who will be fishing, shall be recorded under "number of fishers" on the logbook for that trip. In addition, the number of vessel operator(s) and crew members who will fish

for that trip shall be recorded in the space to the right of the operator's signature on the logbook.

(6) Upon completion of a sport fishing trip aboard a vessel reporting under this section, each licensed or otherwise authorized angler may not possess more than the daily bag and possession limits. For the purposes of this section, a fishing trip is completed at the time a person disembarks from the vessel and individual possession limits apply.

(7) Species for which no daily bag limit exists are not included in the boat limit.

(f) Where boat limits are provided for in this section, the vessel operator(s) and crew members may be cited for violations occurring aboard the vessel, including but not limited to violations of the following:

- (1) Overlimits
- (2) Possession of prohibited species
- (3) Minimum size limits
- (4) Fish taken out of season or in closed areas

(g) Boat limits are not authorized for sturgeon fishing and shall not apply to the take, possession or retention of sturgeon.

CHAPTER 4. OCEAN FISHING

27.00 DEFINITION. The Ocean and San Francisco Bay District consists of the Ocean and San Francisco Bay, as described herein. The Ocean is the open seas adjacent to the coast and islands and the waters of open or enclosed bays contiguous to the ocean, including the waters of Elkhorn Slough, west of Elkhorn Road between Castroville and Watsonville. San Francisco Bay is the waters of San Francisco and San Pablo bays plus all their tidal bays, sloughs, estuaries, and tidal portions of their rivers and streams between the Golden Gate Bridge and the west Carquinez Bridge. For purposes of this section, waters downstream of the Trancas Bridge on the Napa River, downstream of the Highway 121 Bridge on Sonoma Creek, and downstream of the Payran Street Bridge on the Petaluma River are tidal portions of the Napa River, Sonoma Creek, and Petaluma River, respectively. Also see Section 1.53.

27.05. CHUMMING. Chumming, including chumming with live bait, is permitted. [Note: New legislation prohibits chumming for sharks when white sharks are present. See Page 35.]

27.10. LIVE BAIT RESTRICTIONS. Tilapia may not be used or possessed for use as bait in ocean waters.

Note: For Multi-Day Fishing Permit applications see wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Ocean/Multi-Day-Permits

27.15. MULTI-DAY FISHING TRIPS. The following provisions apply to anglers and to boat owners and operators when a Declaration for a Multi-Day Fishing Trip has been filed with the department.

(a) Provisions related to the angler: Up to three daily bag and possession limits of saltwater fin fish, lobster and rock scallops ... are allowed for a person fishing during a multi-day trip in ocean waters from a boat whose owner or operator has filed a Declaration for Multi-Day Fishing Trip, pursuant to the provisions of subsection (b) below.

(1) The provisions of this section do not authorize any person to take more than one daily bag limit of fish during one calendar day.

(2) The provisions of this section do not apply to the taking and possession of salmon, steelhead, striped bass and sturgeon.

(b) Provisions related to the boat owner or operator who has filed for a Declaration for a Multi-Day Fishing Trip:

(1) The owner or operator of a boat shall submit to the nearest department office a Declaration for Multi-Day Fishing Trip and payment as specified in Section 701. The Declaration for Multi-Day Fishing Trip shall include the following information:

- (A) Place, date and time of departure of the boat.
- (B) Place, date and estimated time of return of the boat.
- (C) Name of the boat.
- (D) Date and hour Declaration mailed or delivered to the department.
- (F) Additional requirements for Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessels:

1. The Commercial Boat Registration Number issued pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 7880.

2. Copy of passenger manifest if fishing within 10 miles of the mainland shore of California.

(2) The Declaration for Multi-Day Fishing Trip must be submitted to the nearest department office in order for any person aboard such boat to possess more than one bag limit of saltwater fin fish, ... lobster and rock scallops. If mailed, the Declaration for Multi-Day Fishing Trip must be received at least 48 hours prior to the date of the boat's departure. If the 48-hours advance notice is not met, the original copy of the form signed by an authorized department representative must be aboard the vessel during the trip. Forms will be accepted for authorization only during business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

(3) A Declaration for Multi-Day Fishing Trip may not be filed for a trip unless the trip is continuous and extends for a period of 12 hours or more on the first and last days of the trip and no berthing or docking is permitted within five miles of the mainland shore.

(4) The owner or operator of a boat filing a Declaration for Multi-Day Fishing Trip shall prepare such form in duplicate, and shall require the duplicate to be posted in full view of the passengers aboard the boat.

(5) All passengers must disembark at place of return as stated on the Declaration for Multi-Day Fishing Trip.

Ocean Waters with Restricted Fishing

27.20. GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT AREAS, SEASONS, DEPTHS, EXCEPTIONS, AND FISHERY CLOSURE/RULE CHANGE PROCESS DESCRIBED. Regulations that follow in sections 27.25 through 27.50 define fishing seasons and depth constraints that are effective within each Groundfish Management Area (GMA). These sections apply to take and possession of federal groundfish species as defined in Section 1.91 and all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*.

(a) Depth Constraints: In a GMA the take, retention and/or possession of certain federal groundfish and all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos* may be authorized or prohibited in waters shallower than, or deeper than, the identified depth constraint depending on the defined areas and seasons specified in sections 27.25 through 27.50. Two specific definitions of "depth" apply off California. In waters shallower than 30 fathoms, "depth" is defined by general depth contour lines. In waters equal to or deeper than 30 fathoms, "depth" is defined by approximating a particular depth contour by connecting the appropriate set of waypoints adopted in Federal regulations (50 CFR Part 660, Subpart C).

(b) General Provisions.

(1) Take and/or possession of federal groundfish species or species groups and all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos* is authorized or prohibited as provided in subsections (b)(1)(A) through (b)(1)(D) below and sections 27.25 through 27.50 of these regulations.

(A) Transit: The species or species groups that are closed to take and/or possession in

part of a GMA may be possessed aboard a vessel in transit through a closed area with no fishing gear deployed in the water.

(B) **Federal groundfish exempt from seasons and depth constraints:** “Other Flatfish” as defined in subsection 1.91(a)(10), petrale sole, starry flounder, **California scorpionfish, leopard shark, and the federal groundfish species listed in Section 28.49** may be taken and/or possessed in all GMAs and depths year-round **except as described in subsections 28.49(a) and 28.56(a).**

(C) **Shore Based Angling:** When angling from shore (includes beaches, banks, piers, jetties, breakwaters, docks, and other man-made structures connected to the shore), all species may be taken and/or possessed year-round (See subsection 27.50(b)(1) for exceptions in the Cowcod Conservation Areas). No vessel or watercraft (motorized or non-motorized) may be used to assist in **the take, transport and/or possession of** these species under this provision.

(D) **Diving or Spearfishing:** When diving or spearfishing, as authorized in Section 28.90, all species may be taken and/or possessed year-round (See subsection 27.50(b)(2) for exceptions in the Cowcod Conservation Areas). When boat-based groundfish fishing is closed, all types of fishing gear, except spearfishing gear, are prohibited to be aboard the vessel or watercraft (motorized or non-motorized) **when taking and/or possessing** these species under this provision.

(c) **Closed Season:** During any closed season in any GMA, it is unlawful to take and/or possess **all species of rockfish, lingcod, cabezon, and greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*** regardless of depth except as provided in subsections (b)(1)(A) through (b)(1)(D) above and sections 27.25 through 27.50 of these regulations.

(d) **California Rockfish Conservation Area:** Within any GMA, waters that are closed for **certain species or species groups** during specified times and/or closed in specified depths shall be known as the California Rockfish Conservation Area. See Section 27.51.

(e) **Fishery closure and/or rule change:** When the department determines, based on the best available scientific information, that an annual harvest limit [optimum yield (OY), annual catch limit (ACL), annual catch target (ACT), recreational harvest guideline, or recreational harvest target] established in regulation by the NOAA Fisheries (National Marine Fisheries Service) for any species of **federal** groundfish or aggregate group of federal groundfish species has been exceeded or is projected to be exceeded prior to the end of the year or that catches are less than predicted, the following rule changes may occur:

(1) The department may modify the seasons and/or depth constraints for any species of **federal** groundfish or aggregate group of federal groundfish species, and all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*. Season and/or depth modifications may differ by **area**, time of year, mode of fishing, or gear utilized.

(2) The department may adjust existing bag or sub-bag limits or establish additional bag or sub-bag limits as needed for any species of **federal** groundfish or aggregate group of federal groundfish species, and all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*. Bag limits may differ by **area**, time of year, mode of fishing, or gear utilized.

(3) The department may adjust existing size limits or establish additional size limits as needed for any species of **federal** groundfish or aggregate group of federal groundfish species, and all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*. Size limits may differ by **area**, time of year, mode of fishing, or gear utilized.

(f) **Notice of closure and/or rule change:** The department shall give the public and the NOAA Fisheries no less than 10 calendar days’ notice of any fishery closure or rule change implemented pursuant to this section via a department news release. Anglers and divers

are advised to check the current rules before fishing. The latest fishing rules may be found on the department's website at: wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Ocean.

27.25. NORTHERN GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT AREA. This Section applies to take and/or possession of **federal** groundfish species and all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*. For specific definitions, applicability, and procedures, see sections 1.91 and 27.20. For size limits, **bag and** possession limits, and other regulations that apply to individual species, see specific sections beginning with Section 27.60.

(a) The Northern Groundfish Management Area means ocean waters between 42° 00' N. lat. (the Oregon/California border) and 40° 10' N. lat. (near Cape Mendocino, Humboldt County).

(b) Seasons and depth constraints **effective for all species of rockfish, lingcod, cabezon, and all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*:**

(1) January 1 through **May 14**: Closed.

(2) **May 15** through **October 15**: **Open for all species with no depth constraints.**

(3) **October 16** through December 31: **Closed.**

27.30. MENDOCINO GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT AREA. This Section applies to take and/or possession of **federal** groundfish species and all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*. For specific definitions, applicability, and procedures, see sections 1.91 and 27.20. For size limits, **bag and** possession limits, and other regulations that apply to individual species, see specific sections beginning with Section 27.60.

(a) The Mendocino Groundfish Management Area means ocean waters between 40° 10' N. lat. (near Cape Mendocino, Humboldt County) and 38° 57.50' N. lat. (at Point Arena, Mendocino County).

(b) Seasons and depth constraints **effective for all species of rockfish, lingcod, cabezon, and all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*:**

(1) January 1 through **May 14**: Closed.

(2) **May 15** through **July 15**:

(A) **Take and/or possession of species and species groups listed in subsections 1. through 3. is authorized** seaward of a line approximating the 50-fathom depth contour along the mainland coast and along islands and offshore seamounts. **Take and/or possession of these species is prohibited shoreward of this line, except as provided in subsection 27.20(b).** The 50-fathom depth contour is defined by straight lines connecting the set of 50-fathom waypoints as adopted in Federal regulations (50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G).

1. Shelf rockfish, as defined in subsection 1.91(a)(3), except bronzespotted rockfish, cowcod, and yelloweye rockfish which may not be taken or possessed

2. Slope rockfish, as defined in subsection 1.91(a)(4)

3. Lingcod

(B) **Nearshore species closure: Take and/or possession of nearshore rockfish as defined in subsection 1.91(a)(1), cabezon, and all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos* is prohibited in all waters of the Mendocino Groundfish Management Area.**

(3) **July 16** through December 31: Open for all species with no depth **constraints.**

27.35. SAN FRANCISCO GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT AREA. This Section applies to take and/or possession of **federal** groundfish species and all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*. For specific definitions, applicability, and procedures, see sections 1.91 and 27.20. For size limits, **bag and** possession limits, and other regulations that apply to individual species, see specific sections beginning with Section 27.60.

(a) The San Francisco Groundfish Management Area means ocean waters between 38°

57.50' N. lat. (at Point Arena, Mendocino County) and 37° 11' N. lat. (at Pigeon Point, San Mateo County).

(b) Seasons and depth constraints effective for all species of rockfish, lingcod, cabezon and all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*:

(1) January 1 through May 14: Closed.

(2) May 15 through July 15:

(A) Take and/or possession of species and species groups listed in subsections 1. through 3. is authorized seaward of a line approximating the 50-fathom depth contour along the mainland coast and along islands and offshore seamounts. Take and/or possession of these species is prohibited shoreward of this line, except as provided in subsection 27.20(b). The 50-fathom depth contour is defined by straight lines connecting the set of 50-fathom waypoints as adopted in Federal regulations (50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G).

1. Shelf rockfish, as defined in subsection 1.91(a)(3), except bronzespotted rockfish, cowcod, and yelloweye rockfish which may not be taken or possessed

2. Slope rockfish, as defined in subsection 1.91(a)(4)

3. Lingcod

(B) Nearshore species closure: Take and/or possession of nearshore rockfish as defined in subsection 1.91(a)(1), cabezon, and greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos* is prohibited in all waters of the San Francisco Groundfish Management Area.

(3) July 16 through December 31: Open for all species with no depth constraints.

27.40. CENTRAL GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT AREA. This Section applies to take and/or possession of federal groundfish species and all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*. For specific definitions, applicability, and procedures, see sections 1.91 and 27.20. For size limits, bag and possession limits, and other regulations that apply to individual species, see specific sections beginning with Section 27.60.

(a) The Central Groundfish Management Area means ocean waters between 37° 11' N. lat. (at Pigeon Point, San Mateo County) and 34°27' N. lat (at Point Conception, Santa Barbara County).

(b) Seasons and depth constraints effective for all species of rockfish, lingcod, cabezon, and all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*:

(1) January 1 through April 30: Closed.

(2) May 1 through September 30: Open for all species with no depth constraints.

(3) October 1 through December 31:

(A) Take and/or possession of species and species groups listed in subsections 1. through 3. is authorized seaward of a line approximating the 50-fathom depth contour along the mainland coast and along islands and offshore seamounts. Take and/or possession of these species is prohibited shoreward of this line, except as provided in subsection 27.20(b). The 50-fathom depth contour is defined by straight lines connecting the set of 50-fathom waypoints as adopted in Federal regulations (50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G).

1. Shelf rockfish, as defined in subsection 1.91(a)(3), except bronzespotted rockfish, cowcod, and yelloweye rockfish which may not be taken or possessed

2. Slope rockfish, as defined in subsection 1.91(a)(4)

3. Lingcod

(B) Nearshore species closure: Take and/or possession of nearshore rockfish as defined in subsection 1.91(a)(1), cabezon, and greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos* is prohibited in all waters of the Central Groundfish Management Area.

27.45. SOUTHERN GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT AREA. This Section applies to take and/or possession of federal groundfish species and all greenlings of the genus *Hexagram-*

mos. For specific definitions, applicability, and procedures, see sections 1.91 and 27.20. For size limits, **bag and** possession limits, and other regulations that apply to individual species, see specific sections beginning with Section 27.60.

(a) The Southern Groundfish Management Area means ocean waters between 34° 27' N. lat. (at Point Conception, Santa Barbara County) and the U.S./Mexico border. The Cowcod Conservation Areas are special closure areas within the Southern Groundfish Management Area, where species authorizations, prohibitions, depth constraints and seasons differ from those of the Southern Groundfish Management Area. See Section 27.50.

(b) Seasons and depth constraints effective for all species of rockfish, lingcod, cabezon and all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*:

(1) January 1 through March 31: Closed.

(2) April 1 through September 15: Open for all species with no depth constraints.

(3) September 16 through December 31:

(A) Take and/or possession of species and species groups listed in 1. through 3. is authorized seaward of a line approximating the 50-fathom depth contour along the mainland coast and along islands and offshore seamounts. Take and/or possession of these species is prohibited shoreward of this line, except as provided in subsection 27.20(b). The 50-fathom depth contour is defined by straight lines connecting the set of 50-fathom waypoints as adopted in Federal regulations (50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G).

1. Shelf rockfish, as defined in subsection 1.91(a)(3), except bronzespotted rockfish, cowcod, and yelloweye rockfish which may not be taken or possessed

2. Slope rockfish, as defined in subsection 1.91(a)(4)

3. Lingcod

(B) Nearshore species closure: Take and/or possession of nearshore rockfish as defined in subsection 1.91(a)(1), cabezon, and greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos* is prohibited in all waters of the Southern Groundfish Management Area.

27.50. COWCOD CONSERVATION AREAS. This Section applies to take and/or possession of federal groundfish species and all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*. For specific definitions, applicability, and procedures, see sections 1.91 and 27.20. For size limits, **bag and** possession limits, and other regulations that apply to individual species, see specific sections beginning with Section 27.60.

(a) The Cowcod Conservation Areas are defined as ocean waters off southern California within each of the following two areas:

Area 1 is an area south of Point Conception that is bound by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:

33° 50' N. lat., 119° 30' W. long.;

33° 50' N. lat., 118° 50' W. long.;

32° 20' N. lat., 118° 50' W. long.;

32° 20' N. lat., 119° 37' W. long.;

33° 00' N. lat., 119° 37' W. long.;

33° 00' N. lat., 119° 53' W. long.;

33° 33' N. lat., 119° 53' W. long.;

33° 33' N. lat., 119° 30' W. long.; and

33° 50' N. lat., 119° 30' W. long.

Area 2 is a smaller area west of San Diego that is bound by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:

32° 42' N. lat., 118° 02' W. long.;

32° 42' N. lat., 117° 50' W. long.;

32° 36' 42" N. lat., 117° 50' W. long.;

32° 30' N. lat., 117° 53' 3 W. long.;

32° 30' N. lat., 118° 02' W. long.; and

32° 42' N. lat., 118° 02' W. long.

(b) Seasons and depth constraints (except as provided in subsection (c) below):

(1) Take and/or possession of the following federal groundfish species is authorized year-round in all depths:

(A) California scorpionfish

(B) "Other flatfish" as defined in subsection 1.91(a)(10)

(C) Petrale sole

(D) Starry flounder

(2) For nearshore rockfish, as defined in subsection 1.91(a)(1), cabezon, all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*, lingcod, and shelf rockfish, as defined in subsection 1.91(a)(3):

(A) From January 1 through March 31, take and/or possession is prohibited in all waters of the Cowcod Conservation Areas, except as provided in subsection 27.50(c).

(B) From April 1 through September 15, take and/or possession is authorized in the Cowcod Conservation Areas shoreward of a line approximating the 40-fathom depth contour. The 40-fathom depth contour is defined by straight lines connecting the set of 40-fathom waypoints as adopted in Federal regulations (50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G).

(C) From September 16 through December 31, take and/or possession is prohibited in all waters of the Cowcod Conservation Areas.

(3) Take and/or possession of the following species or species groups is prohibited year-round in all depths of the Cowcod Conservation Areas:

(A) Slope rockfish, as defined in subsection 1.91(a)(4)

(B) Leopard shark

(C) All federal groundfish species listed in Section 28.49

(D) Bronzespotted rockfish, cowcod, and yelloweye rockfish.

(c) Special exceptions to subsection (b) above:

(1) Notwithstanding subsection 27.20(b)(1)(C), when angling from shore (includes beaches, banks, piers, jetties, breakwaters, docks, and other man-made structures connected to the shore), only the species identified in subsections (b)(1) and (b)(2) above may be taken and/or possessed year-round. No vessel or watercraft (motorized or non-motorized) may be used to assist in the take, transport and/or possession of these species under this provision.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection 27.20(b)(1)(D), when diving or spearfishing, as authorized in Section 28.90, only the species identified in subsections (b)(1) and (b)(2) above may be taken and/or possessed year-round. Except for spearfishing gear, all other types of fishing gear are prohibited to be aboard the vessel or watercraft (motorized or non-motorized) when taking and/or possessing these species under this provision.

27.51. CALIFORNIA ROCKFISH CONSERVATION AREA. California Rockfish Conservation Areas minimize interaction with particular species of groundfish that cannot be selectively avoided and must be protected by closing times, depths or areas to recreational fishing for federal groundfish and all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*. See Section 27.20 through Section 27.50.

Fin Fish — General

27.56. TAKE GENERAL. Except as otherwise provided, there are no closed season (*sic*), closed hours or minimum size limits on fin fish in the Pacific Ocean including all saltwater

bays except that in San Francisco Bay between the Golden Gate Bridge and the Carquinez Bridge and in saltwater tributaries to the bay within the area bounded by Interstate 80 and Highways 17, 101 and 37 fin fish may not be taken between one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise except from shore or piers.

**Fin Fish — Minimum Size Limits,
Bag and Possession Limits, and Seasons**

27.60. LIMIT.

- (a) General. No more than 20 finfish in combination of all species with not more than 10 of any one species, may be taken or possessed by any one person except as otherwise provided or as defined in subsection (c) below or in Section 195. See sections 27.70 through 28.62 for special bag limits, minimum size limits and poundage restrictions for certain species that apply in addition to the general bag limit.
- (b) There is no limit on the following species: anchovy, jacksmelt, topsmelt, Pacific butterfish (pompano), queenfish, sanddabs, skipjack, jack mackerel, Pacific mackerel, Pacific staghorn sculpin, round herring, Pacific sardine, petrale sole and starry flounder.
- (c) Boat limit. When two or more persons that are licensed or otherwise authorized to sport fish in ocean waters off California or in the San Francisco Bay District, defined in Section 27.00, are angling for finfish aboard a vessel in these waters, fishing by all authorized persons aboard may continue until boat limits of finfish are taken and possessed aboard the vessel as authorized under this section or Section 195, Title 14, CCR.
- (1) The authorization for boat limits aboard a vessel does not apply to fishing trips originating in California where fish are taken in other jurisdictions.
- (2) A boat limit for a species or species group is the number of persons aboard a vessel that are licensed or otherwise authorized to sport fish in ocean waters off California, or in waters of the San Francisco Bay District, (see special conditions of Section 195, Title 14, CCR, applicable to operator and crew members of vessels licensed pursuant to Fish and Game Code 7920) multiplied by the individual daily bag limit authorized for a species or species group in those waters. With the exception of species listed in subsection (b) above, the total fish aboard a boat may not exceed the aggregate per-person daily bag limit of 20-finfish in combination of all species times the number of anglers licensed or otherwise authorized to sport fish aboard the vessel. It is unlawful to exceed the boat limit at any time.
- (3) All persons aboard a vessel may be cited where violations involving boat limits are found, including, but not limited to the following violations:
- (A) Over limits
 - (B) Possession of prohibited species
 - (C) Violation of size limits
 - (D) Fish taken out of season or in closed areas.
- (4) Upon completion of a fishing trip aboard a vessel, each licensed angler or person otherwise authorized to sport fish may not possess more than the individual daily bag and possession limits. For purposes of this section, a trip is completed at the time a person disembarks from a vessel and individual possession limits apply. Special boat limit provisions apply to persons fishing aboard commercial passenger fishing vessels reporting pursuant to Section 195, Title 14, CCR.
- (5) Species for which no daily bag limit exists are not counted as part of a boat limit.
- (6) Boat limits are not authorized for sturgeon fishing and shall not apply to the take, possession or retention of sturgeon.

27.65. FILLETING OF FISH ON VESSELS.

- (a) Definition of Fillet: For the purpose of this section a fillet is the flesh from one side of a fish extending from the head to the tail which has been removed from the body (head, tail and backbone) in a single continuous piece.
- (b) Fish That May be Filleted: No person shall fillet on any boat or bring ashore as fillets any fish, except in accordance with the following requirements:
- (1) Kelp bass, barred sand bass, and spotted sand bass: All fillets shall be a minimum of seven and one half inches in length. Each fillet shall bear intact a one-inch square patch of skin.
 - (2) Barracuda: Fillets must be a minimum of 17 inches in length. Each fillet shall bear intact a one-inch square patch of silver skin.
 - (3) Lingcod. Lingcod fillets must be a minimum of 14 inches in length. Each fillet shall bear intact a one-inch square patch of skin. The minimum size and minimum fillet size for lingcod may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). See subsection 27.20(f) for additional information.
 - (4) White sea bass: Fillets must be a minimum of 19 inches in length. Each fillet shall bear intact a one-inch square patch of silver skin.
 - (5) Pacific bonito: No more than 10 fillets of any length may be possessed. All bonito fillets possessed shall be considered a part of the allowable undersized tolerance of five bonito per day less than 24 inches fork length or weighing less than five pounds as provided in Section 28.32 of these regulations. All fillets shall bear intact a one-inch square patch of skin.
 - (6) California halibut taken from or possessed aboard a vessel south of Point Arena (Mendocino County): Fillets must be a minimum of 16 and three-quarter inches in length and shall bear the entire skin intact. A fillet from a California halibut (flesh from one entire side of the fish with the entire skin intact) may not be cut in half fillets. However, a fillet may be cut lengthwise in a straight line along the midline of the fillet where the fillet was attached to the vertebra (backbone) of the fish only if the two pieces of a fillet remain joined along their midline for a length of at least two inches at one end of the fillet.
 - (7) Yellowtail: Fillets must be a minimum of 17 inches in length, except not more than 10 fillets may be less than 17 inches. Each fillet shall bear intact a one-inch square patch of skin.
 - (8) Rockfish: Fillets must have the entire skin attached. The minimum size and minimum fillet size for rockfish may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). See subsection 27.20(f) for additional information.
 - (9) California scorpionfish (commonly termed "sculpin"): Fillets must be a minimum of 5 inches. Each fillet shall bear intact a one-inch square patch of skin. The minimum size and minimum fillet size for California scorpionfish may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). See subsection 27.20(f) for additional information.
 - (10) Ocean whitefish: Fillets must be a minimum of 6 and one half inches in length and shall bear the entire skin intact.
 - (11) For all species of tuna filleted on any boat or brought ashore as fillets south of a line running due west true from Point Conception, Santa Barbara County (34°27' N. lat.) each fish must be individually bagged as follows:
 - (A) The bag must be marked with the species' common name.
 - (B) The fish must be cut into six pieces with all skin attached. These pieces are the four

loins, the collar removed as one piece with both pectoral fins attached and intact, and the belly fillet cut to include the vent and with both pelvic fins attached and intact.

(12) California sheephead: Fillets must be a minimum of 6 and three-quarter inches in length and shall bear the entire skin intact.

(13) All other species except those listed in subsection (c) of this section: Each fillet shall bear intact a one-inch square patch of skin. The fillets may be of any size.

(c) Fish That May Not be Filleted, Steaked or Chunked: No person shall fillet, steak or cut into chunks on any boat or bring ashore as fillets, steaks or chunks the following: any species with a size limit unless a fillet size is otherwise specified in these regulations. California halibut may be filleted or brought ashore as fillets south of Point Arena (Mendocino County).

27.70. TROUT IN THE OCEAN.

(a) Methods of take: The trout must voluntarily take the bait or lure in its mouth.

(b) Limit: Three, except the take of steelhead rainbow trout in the ocean is prohibited.

27.75. SALMON CLOSURES.

(a) No salmon may be taken at any time in ocean waters at the Smith River mouth bounded on the north by 41°59'36" N. lat. (approximately 3 nautical miles north of the Smith River mouth), on the west by 124°16'24" W. long. (approximately 3 nautical miles offshore), and on the south by 41°53'30" N. lat. (approximately 3 nautical miles south of the Smith River mouth).

(b) No salmon may be taken at any time in ocean waters at the Klamath River mouth bounded on the north by 41°35'30" N. lat. (approximately 3 nautical miles north of the Klamath River mouth), on the west by 124°08'54" W. long. (approximately 3 nautical miles offshore), and on the south by 41°29'24" N. lat. (approximately 3 nautical miles south of the Klamath River mouth). In August, the ocean salmon closure expands into the "Klamath Control Zone." The Klamath Control Zone is defined in federal regulations as the ocean area at the Klamath River mouth bounded on the north by 41°38'48" N. lat. (approximately 6 nautical miles north of the Klamath River mouth), on the west by 124°23'00" W. long. (approximately 12 nautical miles offshore), and on the south by 41°26'48" N. lat. (approximately 6 nautical miles south of the Klamath River mouth).

(c) No salmon may be taken during the months of August and September in ocean waters at the Eel River mouth bounded on the north by 40°40'24" N. lat. (approximately 2 nautical miles north of the Eel River mouth), on the west by 124°21'24" W. long. (approximately 2 nautical miles offshore), and on the south by 40°36'24" N. lat. (approximately 2 nautical

The 2023 ocean salmon fishing regulations subsections **27.80(c)** and **(d)** have yet to be determined and are not printed in this booklet. Pending review of 2022 spawning escapements, 2023 ocean abundance forecasts, annual management objectives, or other relevant issues, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) may take action in March 2023 to modify regulations for the period of April 1 through May 15, 2023. The remaining 2023 ocean salmon season, effective on or after May 16, 2023, for all ocean waters between the California-Oregon border and the U.S.-Mexico border and in Humboldt Bay will be decided by the PFMC in April 2023.

For the most up-to-date information, anglers are advised to call the National Marine Fisheries Service hotline at (800) 662-9825 or the CDFW Ocean Salmon hotline at (707) 576-3429 or visit the CDFW website for ocean salmon regulations at wildlife.ca.gov/oceansalmon. Anglers who wish to participate in the federal regulation development process should visit the Pacific Fishery Management Council's website (www.pcouncil.org) for more information on how to get involved. Final regulations will be posted on the CDFW website at www.wildlife.ca.gov/oceansalmon.

miles south of the Eel River mouth).

27.80. SALMON.

(a) Methods of take:

(1) General Provisions. Only by angling as defined in Section 1.05. No sinkers or weights exceeding four pounds may be used, except that a fishing line may be attached to a sinker or weight of any size if such sinker or weight is suspended by a separate line and the fishing line is released automatically by a mechanical device from the sinker or weight when any fish is hooked. See sections 28.65 and 28.70.

(2) Barbless Hooks. No more than two (2) single point, single shank barbless hooks shall be used in the ocean north of Point Conception (34° 27'00" N. lat.) when salmon fishing or fishing from any boat or floating device with salmon on board.

(3) Other Hook Restrictions. When fishing with bait in the ocean between the 40°10'00" N. lat. (near Cape Mendocino) and Point Conception, if angling by any means other than trolling, then no more than two (2) single point, single shank, barbless circle hooks shall be used. The distance between the two hooks must not exceed five inches when measured from the top of the eye of the top hook to the inner base of the curve of the lower hook, and both hooks must be permanently tied in place (hard tied). A circle hook is defined as a hook with a generally circular shape, and a point which turns inwards, pointing directly to the shank at a 90 degree angle. Trolling is defined as angling from a boat or floating device that is making way by means of a source of power, other than drifting by means of the prevailing water current or weather conditions. See Section 28.65(g).

(4) One Rod Restriction north of Point Conception. Salmon may be taken by angling with no more than one rod in ocean waters north of Point Conception. See Section 28.65(e).

(b) Statewide Coho (silver) Salmon Restrictions: No coho (silver) salmon may be retained. [see box on pg. 32 regarding subsection 27.80(c) and (d)]

...(e) Ocean salmon possession limit: No more than two daily bag limits may be possessed when on land. On a vessel in ocean waters, no person shall possess or bring ashore more than one daily bag limit. See Section 1.17 and 27.60(c) of these regulations.

27.85 STRIPED BASS.

(a) Open season: All year.

(b) Limit: Two.

(c) Minimum size:

(1) North of Pt. Conception, 18 inches total length.

(2) South of Pt. Conception, no minimum size limit.

(d) Methods of take: No striped bass may be taken while using a sinker weighing over four pounds, or while using any power driven gurdy or winch. Striped bass may only be taken by angling as defined in Section 1.05, Title 14, CCR, spearfishing pursuant to Section 1.76, and bow and arrow fishing tackle; snagging is an illegal method of take.

27.90. WHITE STURGEON.

(a) Open season: All year.

(b) Daily and annual bag limit: One fish per day. Three fish per year statewide.

(c) Size limit: No fish less than 40 inches fork length or greater than 60 inches fork length may be taken or possessed.

(d) Methods of take: Only one single point, single shank, barbless hook may be used on a line when taking sturgeon. The sturgeon must voluntarily take the bait or lure in its mouth. No sturgeon may be taken by trolling, snagging or by the use of firearms. Sturgeon may not be gaffed, nor shall any person use any type of firearm or snare to take any sturgeon. For the purposes of this section, a snare is a flexible loop made from any material that can be tightened like a noose around any part of the fish.

(e) Removal from water. Any sturgeon greater than 68 inches fork length may not be removed from the water and shall be released immediately.

(f) Report card required: Any person fishing for or taking sturgeon shall have in their possession a nontransferable Sturgeon Fishing Report Card issued by the department and shall adhere to all reporting and tagging requirements for sturgeon defined in Sections 1.74 and 27.92, Title 14, CCR.

(g) For regulations on take and possession of sturgeon in inland waters as defined in Section 1.53, see Section 5.80 and Section 5.81.

(h) Boat limits, as defined in Subsection 27.60(c) and Section 195, are not authorized for sturgeon fishing and shall not apply to the take, possession or retention of white sturgeon.

27.91. GREEN STURGEON.

(a) Green sturgeon may not be taken or possessed.

(b) Green sturgeon may not be removed from the water and shall be released immediately.

(c) Green sturgeon taken and released incidentally to white sturgeon fishing shall be reported on a Sturgeon Fishing Report Card issued by the department, in accordance with procedures defined in Sections 1.74 and 27.92, Title 14, CCR.

27.92. WHITE STURGEON REPORT CARD AND TAGGING REQUIREMENTS FOR OCEAN WATERS.

(a) Sturgeon Fishing Report Card Required. All anglers must have a valid Sturgeon Fishing Report Card in their possession while fishing for or taking white sturgeon. Cardholders must complete and return the card pursuant to regulations in this Section and in Section 1.74.

(b) Tagging and Recording Requirements for Retained Fish. A Sturgeon Fishing Report Card includes detachable tags that shall be used to tag any white sturgeon that is taken and retained in the sport fishery. Any white sturgeon possessed by any person shall be tagged.

(1) Upon taking and retaining a white sturgeon, the cardholder shall immediately record the following information:

(A) The fishing location, time of catch and length of the fish shall be recorded legibly and permanently in the appropriate spaces on the tag. The cardholder shall immediately and completely punch out the date of catch (month and day) on the sturgeon tag. Tags shall be used in sequential order.

(B) The month, day, fishing location and length of the fish shall be recorded in the appropriate spaces on the Sturgeon Fishing Report Card which corresponds to the number on the tag.

(2) Immediately after recording the information above, the cardholder shall remove and completely detach the tag from the card and affix it to the white sturgeon. Cardholders shall not wait until completion of fishing activity to tag any white sturgeon in possession.

(3) The tag shall be securely fastened to the fish. To affix the tag, a "zip tie", string, line or other suitable material shall be passed through the tag at the location specified on the sturgeon tag and attached to the fish.

(4) Tags shall not be removed from the report card until immediately prior to affixing to a white sturgeon. Any tags detached from the report card and not affixed to a white sturgeon shall be considered used and therefore invalid. No person shall possess any used or otherwise invalid sturgeon tags.

(5) Records of Prior Activity. All tags must be accounted for at all times by entry of a

record on the Sturgeon Fishing Report Card corresponding to all tags that are not in the cardholder's possession. Any tag that was lost or destroyed shall be recorded as such on the corresponding line on the Sturgeon Fishing Report Card.

(6) If the sturgeon has a department reward disk attached, write the reward disk number in the space provided on the report card.

(c) **Reporting Requirements for Released Fish.**

(1) Whenever the cardholder catches and releases a sturgeon, the cardholder shall immediately record the month, day, location code, and species of sturgeon.

(2) If all lines in the "sturgeon released" field of the report card are filled, any additional sturgeon caught and released need not be recorded on the card.

(3) If the sturgeon has a department reward disk attached, write the reward disk number in the space provided on the report card.

(d) Sturgeon tags must be left affixed to the fish in place, including while stored at a residence or non-transient location, until the fish is processed for immediate consumption.

(e) The annual fee for the Sturgeon Fishing Report Card is specified in Section 701, Title 14, CCR.

27.95. STURGEON CLOSURE. Green sturgeon and white sturgeon may not be taken in the following described area between January 1 and March 15: That portion of San Francisco Bay included within the following boundaries: A direct line between Pt. Chauncey (National Marine Fisheries Laboratory) and Pt. Richmond, the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge and a direct line between Pt. Lobos and Pt. Bonita.

28.00. GRUNION, CALIFORNIA.

(a) It shall be unlawful to take grunion from April 1 through June 30.

(b) Limit: 30.

28.05. GARIBALDI. May not be taken or possessed.

Effective January 1, 2023, AB 2109 amended Fish and Game Code Section 5517 regarding taking of white shark. The newly amended section reads as follows:

5517. Taking of white shark

(a) Except as authorized by a permit issued pursuant to Section 1002, or as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 8599, it is unlawful to do any of the following:

(1) Take any white shark (*Carcharodon carcharias*).

(2) Use any shark bait, shark lure, or shark chum to attract any white shark.

(3) Place any shark bait, shark lure, or shark chum into the water within one nautical mile of any shoreline, pier, or jetty when a white shark is either visible or known to be present.

(4) Place any shark bait, shark lure, or shark chum into the water for the purpose of viewing any shark when a white shark is visible or known to be present.

(b) For purposes of this section, "shark bait, shark lure, or shark chum" means any natural or manufactured product or device used to attract sharks by the sense of taste, smell, or sight, including, but not limited to, blood, fish, or other material upon which sharks may feed, and surface or underwater decoys.

28.06. WHITE SHARK. White shark may not be taken, except under permit issued by the Department pursuant to Section 1002 of the Fish and Game Code for scientific or educational purposes.

28.10. GIANT (BLACK) SEA BASS.

(a) May not be taken off California. All fish taken incidental to other fishing activity shall be immediately returned to the water where taken.

(b) Limit: Two per angler per trip when fishing south of United States-Mexico border. A valid fishing permit or license from the Mexican government constitutes proof that fish were taken legally.

28.12. GULF GROUPEL AND BROOMTAIL GROUPEL. May not be taken or possessed.

28.15. HALIBUT, CALIFORNIA.

(a) Limit: Five in waters south of a line extending due west magnetic from Point Sur, Monterey County, and three in waters north of a line extending due west magnetic from Point Sur, Monterey County.

(b) Minimum size: Twenty-two inches total length.

28.20 HALIBUT, PACIFIC.

(a) Season: [Note: The season for Pacific halibut has not been set as of the printing of this booklet, and is not included in here. See additional information about the Pacific halibut season in the box, right.]

...(b) Limit: One.

(c) Minimum size: None.

(d) Methods of Take:

(1) When angling, no more than one line with two hooks attached may be used.

(2) A harpoon, gaff, or net may be used to assist in taking a Pacific halibut that has been legally caught by angling. See Section 28.95 of these regulations for additional restrictions on the use of harpoons.

(3) Take by spearfishing is allowed pursuant to Section 28.90 of these regulations.

28.25. BARRACUDA, CALIFORNIA. Minimum size: Twenty-eight inches total length or seventeen inches alternate length.

28.26. CALIFORNIA SHEEPHEAD.

(a) Closed season: January 1 through the last day in February with the following exceptions:

(1) **Shore Based Angling:** When angling from shore (including beaches, banks, piers, jetties, breakwaters, docks, and other artificial structures connected to the shore), California Sheephead may be taken and/or possessed year-round. No vessel or watercraft (motorized or non-motorized) may be used to assist in the take, transport and/or possession California Sheephead while angling from shore under this provision.

(2) **Diving or Spearfishing:** When diving or spearfishing, California Sheephead may be taken and/or possessed year-round. During the closed season, January 1 through the last day in February, all types of fishing gear, except spearfishing gear, are prohibited

Pacific Halibut In-Season Information

The 2023 recreational Pacific halibut fishing season regulations (Section 28.20(a)) have yet to be determined, and are not printed in this booklet.

Following the determination of the 2023 California recreational quota amount in late January 2023 CDFW will formulate and provide a recommendation to the National Marine Fisheries Service on the desired 2023 season structure in time for inclusion in the federal regulations, to be effective prior to the start of the fishing season.

The 2023 recreational Pacific halibut season dates will be published in the Federal Register and available on the NMFS Halibut Hotline: (800) 662-9825. They will also be provided on the CDFW website and printed in CDFW's 2023 Sport Fishing Regulations Update.

**National Marine Fisheries Service
Halibut Hotline
(800) 662-9825**

**CDFW Recreational Pacific Halibut
Regulations Hotline
(831) 649-2801**

CDFW Pacific Halibut Web Page
[wildlife.ca.gov/conservation/marine/
pacific-halibut](http://wildlife.ca.gov/conservation/marine/pacific-halibut)

to be aboard the vessel or watercraft (motorized or non-motorized) when taking and/or possessing California sheephead under this provision.

(b) Limit: Two.

(c) Minimum size: 12 inches total length. **See subsection 27.65(b) for fillet size limit.**

(d) Fishing rules for California sheephead may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of Section 52.10.

28.27. LINGCOD.

(a) Open areas, seasons, and depth constraints: See Section 27.20 through Section 27.50 for definitions, special closure areas, and exceptions. Take and/or possession is authorized as follows:

(1) Northern Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.25.

(2) Mendocino Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.30.

(3) San Francisco Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.35.

(4) Central Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.40.

(5) Southern Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.45.

(6) Cowcod Conservation Areas: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.50.

(b) Limit: Two.

(c) Minimum size: 22 inches total length. **See subsection 27.65(b) for fillet size limit.**

(d) Method of take: When angling, gear is restricted to not more than two hooks and one line. For purposes of this section, a hook is a single hook, or double or treble hook with multiple points connected to a common shank.

(e) Fishing rules for lingcod may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). See subsection 27.20(f) for additional information.

28.28. CABEZON.

(a) Open areas, seasons, and depth constraints: See Section 27.20 through Section 27.50 for definitions, special closure areas, and exceptions. Take and/or possession is authorized as follows:

(1) Northern Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.25.

(2) Mendocino Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.30.

(3) San Francisco Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.35.

(4) Central Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.40.

(5) Southern Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.45.

(6) Cowcod Conservation Areas: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.50.

(b) Limit: 10 fish, within a Rockfish, Cabezon, and Greenling complex (RCG complex, as defined in Section 1.91) bag limit of 10 fish.

(c) Minimum size: 15 inches total length. See subsection 27.65(c) for fillet regulations.

(d) Method of take: When angling, gear is restricted to not more than two hooks and one line. For purposes of this section, a hook is a single hook, or double or treble hook with multiple points connected to a common shank.

(e) Fishing rules for cabezon may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e) or Section 52.10. See subsection 27.20(f) for additional information.

28.29. KELP GREENLING. ROCK GREENLING. (Genus *Hexagrammos*).

(a) Open areas, seasons, and depth constraints for greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos* (including kelp and rock greenlings): See Section 27.20 through Section 27.50 for definitions, special closure areas, and exceptions. Take and/or possession is authorized as follows:

- (1) Northern Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.25.
- (2) Mendocino Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.30.
- (3) San Francisco Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.35.
- (4) Central Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.40.
- (5) Southern Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.45.
- (6) Cowcod Conservation Areas: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.50.

(b) Limit: For greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*, ten fish within a Rockfish, Cabezon, and Greenling complex (RCG complex, as defined in Section 1.91) bag limit of 10 fish.

(c) Minimum size: 12 inches total length. See subsection 27.65(b) for fillet regulations.

(d) Method of take: When angling, gear is restricted to not more than two hooks and one line. For purposes of this section, a hook is a single hook, or double or treble hook with multiple points connected to a common shank.

(e) Fishing rules for greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos* may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e) or Section 52.10. See subsection 27.20(f) for additional information.

28.30. KELP BASS, BARRED SAND BASS AND SPOTTED SAND BASS.

(a) Minimum size: Fourteen inches total length or ten inches alternate length.

(b) Limit: Five in any combination of species.

28.32. PACIFIC BONITO.

(a) Limit: Ten.

(b) Minimum size: Twenty-four inches fork length or five pounds except that: Five fish less than twenty-four inches fork length or weighing less than five pounds may be taken and possessed.

28.35. WHITE SEABASS.

(a) Minimum size: Twenty-eight inches total length or twenty and one-half inches alternate length.

(b) Season: Open all year.

(c) Limit: Three, except that only one fish may be taken in waters south of Pt. Conception between March 15 and June 15.

28.37. YELLOWTAIL.

(a) Limit: Ten

(b) Minimum size: Twenty-four inches fork length except that: Five fish less than twenty-four inches fork length may be taken or possessed.

28.38. TUNAS. The following daily bag limits apply:

(a) Albacore:

(1) South of a line running due west true from 34°27'N. lat. (at Point Conception, Santa Barbara County) – The special limit for albacore is 10, which may be taken or possessed in addition to the overall general daily bag limit of 20 finfish specified in subsection 27.60(a).

(2) North of a line running due west true from 34°27'N. lat. (at Point Conception, Santa Barbara County) – The special limit for albacore is 25, which may be taken or possessed in addition to the overall general daily bag limit of 20 finfish specified in subsection 27.60(a).

(b) Bluefin tuna – The special limit for bluefin tuna is 2, which may be taken or possessed in addition to the overall general daily bag limit of 20 finfish specified in subsection 27.60(a). This limit applies to all bluefin tuna possessed, regardless of where taken.

(c) There is no limit on skipjack tuna.

(d) For yellowfin tuna, bigeye tuna, and other tunas not listed above, the limit is 10. Unlike albacore and bluefin tuna, fish taken under this limit shall apply toward the overall general daily bag limit of 20 finfish specified in subsection 27.60(a).

28.40. BROADBILL SWORDFISH.

(a) Limit: Two.

28.41. SIXGILL SHARK, SEVENGILL SHARK. Limit: One of each species.

28.42. SHORTFIN MAKO SHARK, THRESHER SHARK, AND BLUE SHARK. Limit: Two of each species.

28.45. SURF SMELT. (Night Smelt, Day Fish, Whitebait Smelt).

(a) Limit: Twenty-five pounds in combination.

28.47. PETRALE SOLE AND STARRY FLOUNDER. Petrale sole and starry flounder are federal groundfish, as defined in subsection 1.91(a), and are subject to special regulations as follows. Regulations of this section do not apply to other species of flounders or sole.

(a) Open year-round **in all depths.**

(b) **Limit:** There is no limit on petrale sole or starry flounder.

(c) Fishing rules for petrale sole and starry flounder may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). See subsection 27.20(f) for additional information.

28.48. PACIFIC SANDDAB, ROCK SOLE, SAND SOLE, BUTTER SOLE, CURLFIN SOLE, REX SOLE, AND FLATHEAD SOLE. Pacific sanddab, rock sole, sand sole, butter sole, curlfin sole, rex sole, and flathead sole are federal groundfish, also known in the aggregate as “other flatfish” pursuant to subsection 1.91(a)(10) and are subject to special regulations as follows. Regulations of this section do not apply to other species of sanddabs, flounders, or sole.

(a) Open year-round **in all depths.**

(b) **Limit:** There is no limit on Pacific sanddab. The general bag limit of not more than 20 finfish in combination of all species with not more than 10 of any one species applies to rock sole, sand sole, butter sole, curlfin sole, rex sole, and flathead sole.

(c) Fishing rules for Pacific sanddab, rock sole, sand sole, butter sole, curlfin sole, rex sole, and flathead sole may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under

the authority of subsection 27.20(e). See subsection 27.20(f) for additional information.

28.49. SOUPFIN SHARK, DOVER SOLE, ENGLISH SOLE, ARROWTOOTH FLOUNDER, SPINY DOGFISH, SKATES, RATFISH, GRENADIERS, FINESCALE CODLING, PACIFIC COD, PACIFIC WHITING, SABLEFISH AND THORNYHEADS. Soupfin shark, Dover sole, English sole, arrowtooth flounder, spiny dogfish, all skates, ratfish, all grenadiers, finescale codling, Pacific cod, Pacific whiting, sablefish, longspine thornyhead, and shortspine thornyhead are federal groundfish, as defined in subsection 1.91(a), and are subject to special regulations as follows. Regulations of this section do not apply to other species of flounders, sole, sharks, or codlings unless otherwise specified.

(a) Open year-round in all depths, except in the Cowcod Conservation Areas where these species may not be taken or possessed at any time or depth, except for transit as provided in subsection 27.20(b)(1)(A). See section 27.50.

(b) Limit:

(1) The limit on soupfin shark is one fish.

(2) The general bag limit of not more than 20 finfish in combination of all species with not more than 10 of any one species applies to Dover sole, English sole, arrowtooth flounder, spiny dogfish, all skates, ratfish, all grenadiers, finescale codling, Pacific cod, Pacific whiting, sablefish, longspine thornyhead and shortspine thornyhead.

(c) Method of take: When angling, gear is restricted to not more than two hooks and one line. For purposes of this section, a hook is a single hook, or a double or treble hook with multiple points connected to a common shank.

(d) Fishing rules for soupfin shark, Dover sole, English sole, arrowtooth flounder, spiny dogfish, all skates, ratfish, all grenadiers, finescale codling, Pacific cod, Pacific whiting, sablefish, longspine thornyhead and shortspine thornyhead may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). See subsection 27.20(f) for additional information.

28.50. MARLIN.

(a) Limit: One.

28.54. CALIFORNIA SCORPIONFISH (Sculpin).

(a) Open year-round in all depths.

(b) Limit: Five.

(c) Minimum size: 10 inches total length. See subsection 27.65(b) for fillet size limit.

(d) Method of take: When angling, gear is restricted to not more than two hooks and one line. For purposes of this section, a hook is a single hook, or double or treble hook with multiple points connected to a common shank.

(e) Fishing rules for California scorpionfish may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). See subsection 27.20(f) for additional information.

28.55. ROCKFISH (Sebastes).

(a) Open areas, seasons, and depth constraints: See Section 27.20 through Section 27.50 for definitions, special closure areas, and exceptions. Take and possession is authorized as follows:

(1) Northern Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.25.

(2) Mendocino Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.30.

(3) San Francisco Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.35.

(4) Central Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.40.

(5) Southern Groundfish Management Area: Open and closed dates and depth constraints as defined by Section 27.45.

(6) Cowcod Conservation Areas: Open and closed dates and depths constraints as defined by Section 27.50. Only Nearshore Rockfish, and Shelf Rockfish, as defined in subsections 1.91(a)(1) and 1.91(a)(3), may be taken and possessed, except as provided below in subsection (b)(1).

(b) Limit: Ten, within the Rockfish, Cabezon, and Greenling complex (RCG complex, as defined in Section 1.91) limit of 10 fish, in any combination of species, except as provided below.

(1) The limit on bronzespotted rockfish, cowcod, and yelloweye rockfish is zero. These species shall not be taken or possessed as part of the RCG limit.

(2) The limit on vermilion rockfish is **four** fish, within the RCG bag limit.

(3) **The limit on quillback rockfish is one fish, within the RCG bag limit.**

(4) **The limit on copper rockfish is one fish, within the RCG bag limit.**

(5) In the Cowcod Conservation Areas (see Section 27.50), the limit on slope rockfish, as defined in subsection 1.91(a)(4), is zero. These species shall not be taken or possessed as part of the RCG limit in the Cowcod Conservation Areas.

(c) Size limit: None. **See subsection 27.65(b) for fillet regulations.**

(d) Method of take: When angling, gear is restricted to not more than two hooks and one line. For purposes of this section, a hook is a single hook, or a double or treble hook with multiple points connected to a common shank.

(e) Fishing rules for rockfish may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). See subsection 27.20(f) for additional information.

28.56. LEOPARD SHARK.

(a) Open **year-round in all depths, except in the Cowcod Conservation Areas where leopard shark may not be taken or possessed at any time or depth except for transit as provided in subsection 27.20(b)(1)(A). See Section 27.50.**

(b) Limit: Three.

(c) Minimum size: 36 inches total length. **See subsection 27.65(b) for fillet regulations.**

(d) Fishing rules for leopard shark may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). See subsection 27.20(f) for additional information.

28.58. OCEAN WHITEFISH.

(a) Open **year-round in all depths.**

(b) Limit: The general bag limit of not more than 20 finfish in combination of all species with not more than 10 of any one species applies to ocean whitefish. **See subsection 27.65(b) for fillet size limit.**

28.59. SURFPERCH.

(a) For purposes of this Section, the term "surfperch" refers to all species of the family Embiotocidae, in any combination.

(b) Open season: Open all year, except surfperch may not be taken or possessed by a person in San Francisco Bay and San Pablo Bay between April 1 and July 31, inclusive. Shiner surfperch (*Cymatogaster aggregata*) are exempt from this seasonal closure and may be taken and possessed up to their daily bag limit in these areas during the closure period.

(c) Daily bag limits.

(1) In San Francisco Bay and San Pablo Bay, the aggregate limit is five surfperch, not including shiner surfperch. For all other areas, the aggregate limit is 20 surfperch, not including shiner surfperch. Not more than 10 surfperch may be of any one species.

(2) The special limit for shiner surfperch is 20, which may be taken or possessed in addition to the overall daily bag limit of 20 finfish specified in subsection 27.60(a).

(d) Minimum size: redbait surfperch, ten and one-half inches total length. All other surfperch, none.

28.60. HERRING EGGS.

(a) Limit: Twenty-five pounds (including plants) wet weight of Pacific herring eggs may be taken per day for recreational purposes.

28.62. PACIFIC HERRING BAG LIMIT. Limit: Ten (10) gallons of Pacific herring may be taken per day for recreational purposes.

Gear Restrictions

28.65. GENERAL. Except as provided in this article, fin fish may be taken only on hook and line or by hand. Any number of hooks and lines may be used in all ocean waters and bays except:

(a) San Francisco Bay, as described in Section 27.00, where only one line with not more than three hooks may be used.

(b) On public piers, no person shall use more than two rods and lines, two hand lines, or two nets, traps or other appliances used to take crabs.

(c) When rockfish (genus *Sebastes*), California scorpionfish (*Scorpaena guttata*), lingcod (*Ophiodon elongatus*), cabezon (*Scorpaenichthys marmoratus*), kelp or rock greenlings (*Hexagrammos decagrammus* and *Hexagrammos lagocephalus*), or species listed in Section 28.49 are aboard or in possession, only one line with not more than two hooks may be used pursuant to sections 28.55, 28.54, 28.27, 28.28, 28.29, or 28.49, respectively.

(d) No gaff hook shall be used to take or assist in landing any finfish shorter than the minimum size limit. For the purpose of this section a gaff hook is any hook with or without a handle used to assist in landing fish or to take fish in such a manner that the fish does not take the hook voluntarily in its mouth. No person shall take fin fish from any boat or other floating device in ocean waters without having a landing net in possession or available for immediate use to assist in landing undersize fish of species having minimum size limits; the opening of any such landing net shall be not less than eighteen inches in diameter.

(e) North of Point Conception (34°27'00" N. lat.), where only one rod and line may be used by each angler fishing for salmon, or fishing from any boat or floating device with salmon on board.

(f) Mousetrap gear prohibited: It is unlawful to use, assist in using, or to possess aboard any vessel, hook and line gear commonly termed "mouse traps" constructed of a hook(s) or lure(s), attached to one end of a line that is attached to a float, or floats at the other end, and that when fished, is not attached directly to a person or vessel. Possession of such gear aboard a vessel shall be *prima facie* evidence that the gear is being used in violation of this regulation.

(g) North of Point Conception to 40°10'00" N. lat. line (near Cape Mendocino), subsection 27.80(a)(3) applies to each angler fishing for salmon or fishing from any boat or floating device with salmon on board.

28.70. WEIGHT, POWER DRIVEN GURDIES OR POWER DRIVEN WINCHES.

(a) No sinker or weight weighing more than four pounds, nor any power driven gurdy or

power driven winch, may be used in any ocean waters or saltwater bays north of Point Arguello. This regulation does not apply to

- (1) power gurdies or power winches used solely for handling crab nets or traps.
- (2) the use of downriggers where the downrigger line is not used as a fishing line but is attached to the fishing line by a breakaway line; or
- (3) the use of electric fishing reels manufactured for sport fishing use.

28.75. BAITED TRAPS FOR SHINER SURFPERCH, PACIFIC STAGHORN SCULPIN AND LONGJAW MUD SUCKERS.

In San Francisco and San Pablo bays and their saltwater tributaries, and in the open ocean and the contiguous bays of Mendocino, Sonoma and Marin counties, traps not over three feet in greatest dimension may be used to take shiner surfperch, Pacific staghorn sculpin and longjaw mudsuckers. Any other species taken shall be returned to the water immediately.

28.80. DIP NETS AND HAWAIIAN TYPE THROW NETS. Dip nets of any size and baited hoop nets not greater than 36 inches in diameter may be used to take herring, Pacific staghorn sculpin, shiner surfperch, surf smelt, topsmelt, anchovies, shrimp and squid. Hawaiian type throw nets may be used north of Point Conception to take such species.

28.85. BEACH NETS. Beach nets not over 20 feet in length with meshes at least 7/8 of an inch in length may be used to take surf smelt north of Point Conception.

28.90. DIVING, SPEARFISHING. Persons who are floating or swimming in the water may use spearfishing gear and skin or SCUBA diving equipment to take fin fish other than giant (black) sea bass, garibaldi, gulf grouper, broomtail grouper, trout, salmon, or broadbill [swordfish], except that:

- (a) No person may possess or use a spear within 100 yards of the mouth of any stream in any ocean waters north of Ventura County.
- (b) When spearfishing for or in possession of federal groundfish species or **all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*** as authorized pursuant to subsection 27.20(b)(1)(D), in an area or during a season closed to the take of these species, no fishing gear except spearfishing gear may be aboard the vessel or watercraft.

28.91. SLURP GUNS. Slurp guns may be used to take fin fish except that bag and possession limits shall not be exceeded wherever they apply and no species of fin fish may be taken for which a minimum size limit has been established (see Sections 27.60 and 28.00-28.55).

28.95. SPEARS, HARPOONS AND BOW AND ARROW FISHING TACKLE. Spears, harpoons and bow and arrow fishing tackle may be used for taking all varieties of skates, rays, and sharks, except white sharks. Harpoons may be used to assist in taking Pacific halibut as specified in Section 28.20. Such gear may not be possessed or used within 100 yards of the mouth of any stream in any ocean waters north of Ventura County, nor aboard any vessel on any day or on any trip when broadbill swordfish or marlin have been taken. Bow and arrow fishing tackle may be used to take fin fish other than giant (black) sea bass, garibaldi, gulf grouper, broomtail grouper, trout, salmon, broadbill [swordfish] and white shark.

29.00. GEAR USED IN TAKING GRUNION. No appliances of any kind may be used to take grunion, and no holes may be dug in the beach to entrap them.

Invertebrates

29.05. GENERAL.

- (a) Except as provided in this article there are no closed seasons, closed hours or minimum size limits for any invertebrate. The bag limit on all invertebrates for which the take is au-

thorized and for which there is not a bag limit otherwise established in this article is 35. In San Francisco and San Pablo bays and saltwater tributaries east of the Golden Gate Bridge invertebrates may not be taken at night except from the shore.

(b) Take of all invertebrates is prohibited within state marine reserves. Take of certain invertebrates may be prohibited within state marine parks and state marine conservation areas as per subsection 632(b). In addition, tidal invertebrates may not be taken in any tidepool or other areas between the high tide mark (defined as Mean Higher High Tide) and 1,000 feet seaward and lateral to the low tide mark (defined as Mean Lower Low Water) except as follows:

(1) Except where prohibited within state marine reserves, state marine parks, state marine conservation areas, or other special closures only the following may be taken: red abalone, limpets, moon snails, turban snails, chiones, clams, cockles, mussels, rock scallops, native oysters, octopuses, squid, crabs, lobsters, shrimp, sand dollars, sea urchins and worms except that no worms may be taken in any mussel bed, unless taken incidental to the harvesting of mussels.

(c) Measuring Devices. Every person while taking invertebrates which have a size limit shall carry a device which is capable of accurately measuring the minimum legal size of the species taken.

(d) In all ocean waters skin and Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus (SCUBA) divers may take invertebrates as provided in this article except that in all ocean waters north of Yankee Point (Monterey Co.), SCUBA may be used only to take sea urchins, rock scallops and crabs of the genus *Cancer*. For the purpose of this section, breathing tubes (snorkels) are not SCUBA.

(e) It shall be unlawful to use or possess any hydraulic pump or other device capable of liquifying sand within 100 yards of any place where marine invertebrates may be present, except in a permanent residence.

29.06. PURPLE SEA URCHIN.

(a) Except as provided in this section, the daily bag limit for sea urchin is 35 individuals for each species.

(b) The daily bag limit for purple sea urchin is forty (40) gallons when taken while skin or SCUBA diving in ocean waters of the following counties: Humboldt, Mendocino, and Sonoma.

(c) There is no possession limit for purple sea urchin.

(d) Notwithstanding other parts of this Section and until April 1, 2024:

(1) In ocean waters seaward of Caspar Headlands State Beach commonly referred to as Caspar Cove, in Mendocino County, in the area eastward of a straight line connecting points between 39° 22.045' N. lat. 123° 49.462' W. long. and 39° 21.695' N. lat. 123° 49.423' W. long., purple sea urchins may be taken in any number for the purpose of restoring the kelp ecosystem. Purple sea urchins may only be taken by hand or with manually operated hand-held tools.

(2) In ocean waters seaward of Fort Ord Dunes State Park commonly referred to as Tanker Reef, in Monterey County, in the area eastward of a straight line connecting points between 36° 36.076' N. lat. 121° 53.225' W. long. and 36° 36.679' N. lat. 121° 53.220' W. long., westward of a straight line connecting points between 36° 36.649' N. lat. 121° 51.594' W. long. and 36° 37.094' N. lat. 121° 51.914' W. long., and shoreward of a straight line connecting points between 36° 36.679' N. lat. 121° 53.220' W. long. and 36° 37.094' N. lat. 121° 51.914' W. long., red sea urchins and purple sea urchins may be taken in any number for the purpose of restoring the kelp ecosystem. Red sea urchins and purple sea urchins

may only be taken by hand or with manually operated hand-held tools.

Mollusks

29.10. GENERAL.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in this article, saltwater mollusks, including octopus, may be taken only on hook and line or with the hands.
- (b) The size of a mollusk is measured in greatest shell diameter.

ABALONE SEASON CLOSED UNTIL AT LEAST APRIL 2026

Because of continued poor environmental conditions and severely depleted northern red abalone populations, the red abalone fishery closure has been extended until at least 2026. Visit fgc.ca.gov for the latest information concerning the plan and recreational abalone regulations/seasons.

29.15. ABALONE.

- (a) All ocean waters are closed to the take of abalone. Abalone may not be taken or possessed.
- (b) This subsection and subsection (a) shall remain in effect only until April 1, 2026, and as of that date are repealed, unless a later enacted amendment deletes or extends that date.
- (c) Notwithstanding subsection (a), subsections (c)(1) and (c)(2) are applicable for abalone in possession prior to April 1, 2018:
 - (1) Minimum Abalone Size: All red abalone must be seven inches or greater measured along the longest shell diameter.
 - (2) Abalone Possession and Transportation: It shall be unlawful to possess any untagged abalone or any abalone that have been removed from their shell, except when they are being prepared for immediate consumption.
- (d) Minimum Abalone Size: All red abalone must be seven inches or greater measured along the longest shell diameter. No undersized abalone may be brought ashore or aboard any boat, placed in any type of receiver, kept on the person, or retained in any person's possession or under his control. Undersize abalone must be replaced immediately to the same surface of the rock from which detached. Abalones brought ashore shall be in such a condition that the size can be determined.
- (e) Special Gear Provisions: The use of SCUBA gear or surface supplied air to take abalone is prohibited. Abalone may not be taken or possessed aboard any boat, vessel, or floating device in the water containing SCUBA or surface supplied air. Abalone may be taken only by hand or by devices commonly known as abalone irons. Abalone irons must be less than 36 inches long, straight or with a curve having a radius of not less than 18 inches, and must not be less than 3/4 inch wide nor less than 1/16 inch thick. All edges must be rounded and free of sharp edges. Knives, screwdrivers and sharp instruments are prohibited.
- (f) Measuring Device. Every person while taking abalone shall carry a fixed caliper measuring gauge capable of accurately measuring seven inches. The measuring device shall have fixed opposing arms of sufficient length to measure the abalone by placing the gauge over the shell.
- (g) Abalone Possession and Transportation: Abalones shall not be removed from their shell, except when being prepared for immediate consumption.

(l) Individuals taking abalone shall maintain separate possession of their abalone. Abalone may not be commingled in a float tube, dive board, dive bag, or any other container or device, until properly tagged. Only after abalones are properly tagged, as described in Section 29.16(b), Title 14, CCR, may they be commingled with other abalone taken by another person.

(h) Report Card Required: Any person fishing for or taking abalone shall have in their possession a nontransferable Abalone Report Card issued by the department and shall adhere to all reporting and tagging requirements for abalone defined in Sections 1.74 and 29.16, Title 14, CCR.

(i) Effective April 1, 2026: Bag Limit and Yearly Trip Limit: Three red abalone, *Haliotis rufescens* may be taken per day. No more than three abalone may be possessed at any time. No other species of abalone may be taken or possessed. Each person taking abalone shall stop detaching abalone when the limit of three is reached. No person shall take more than 18 abalone during a calendar year. In the Open Area as defined in subsections 29.15(j) and 29.15(j)(1), not more than 9 abalone of the yearly trip limit may be taken south of the boundary between Sonoma and Mendocino Counties.

(j) Effective April 1, 2026: Open Area: Except in the area described in subsection (j)(1) below, abalone may only be taken north of a line drawn due west magnetic from the center of the mouth of San Francisco Bay. No abalone may be taken, landed, or possessed if landed south of this line.

(1) No abalone may be taken in the Fort Ross area bounded by the mean high tide line and a line drawn due south true from 38°30.63' N, 123°14.98' W (the northern point of Fort Ross Cove) and a line drawn due west true from 38°29.45' N, 123°11.72' W (Jewel Gulch, south boundary Fort Ross State Park).

(k) Effective April 1, 2026: Open Season and Hours:

(1) Open Season: Abalone may be taken only during the months of April, May, June, August, September, October, and November.

(2) Open Hours: Abalone may be taken only from 8:00 AM to one-half hour after sunset.

29.16. ABALONE REPORT CARD AND TAGGING REQUIREMENTS.

[Season closed until at least April 1, 2026. See Section 29.15]

(a) Abalone Report Card Required. All individuals including divers must have an Abalone Report Card in their immediate possession while fishing for or taking red abalone. Individuals must complete and return the card pursuant to regulations in this Section and in Section 1.74.

(b) Tagging Requirements. An Abalone Report Card includes detachable tags that shall be used to tag any abalone that is taken and retained in the sport fishery. Any red abalone possessed by any person shall be tagged.

(1) Cardholders shall tag any red abalone either immediately upon exiting the water or immediately upon boarding a vessel, whichever occurs first. For the purposes of this section a vessel is defined as any watercraft used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water (reference Section 9840(a) CVC). Cardholders shall not wait to return to their vehicle, beach site or other location to tag any abalone in possession. Exception: Cardholders who dive from a non-motorized vessel such as a kayak that is in the water may wait until immediately after disembarking from the non-motorized vessel to tag and record any abalone in possession, but shall not transfer any abalone from his or her immediate possession unless they are first tagged and recorded on the report card.

(2) The cardholder shall fill in the month, day, time of catch, and fishing location on the abalone tag, remove and completely detach the tag from the card, and affix it to the shell

of the abalone.

(3) The tag shall be securely fastened to the shell of the abalone. To affix the tag, a “zip tie”, string, line or other suitable material shall be passed through a siphon hole on the abalone shell and through the tag at the location specified on the abalone tag.

(4) Tags shall be used in sequential order, and shall not be removed from the report card until immediately prior to affixing to an abalone. Any tags detached from the report card and not affixed to an abalone shall be considered used and therefore invalid.

(5) No person shall possess any used or otherwise invalid abalone tags not attached to an abalone shell.

(c) Reporting Requirements. Immediately upon tagging all abalone in possession, the cardholder shall record the month, day, time of catch, and fishing location in the appropriate spaces on the numbered line on the Abalone Report Card which corresponds to the number on the tag attached to the abalone.

(d) Records of Prior Activity. All tags must be accounted for at all times by entry of a record on the Abalone Report Card corresponding to all tags that are not in possession. Any tag that was lost or destroyed shall be recorded as such on the corresponding line on the Abalone Report Card. Any tag that was inadvertently removed and is still in possession shall be recorded as void on both the tag and the corresponding line on the Abalone Report Card.

(e) Abalone tags must be left affixed to the shell, including while stored at a residence or non-transient location, until the abalone is processed for immediate consumption.

(f) The annual fee for the Abalone Report Card is specified in Section 7149.8 of the Fish and Game Code.

29.17. KELLET’S WHELK

(a) Open Season: From July 1 through the first Wednesday after the 15th of March.

ATTENTION CLAMMERS!

Please check the **CDFW Domoic Acid Fishery Closure Information Line at (831) 649-2883** for the latest information on domoic acid fishery closures and to receive the latest information for the razor clam fishery in Humboldt and Del Norte counties. For health advisories issued by the California Dept. of Public Health, please refer to their **CDPH Biotxin Information Line at 1 (800) 553-4133**.

29.20. CLAMS GENERAL.

(a) Except as provided in this article, there are no closed seasons, bag limits or size limits on saltwater clams.

(b) Fishing hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

(c) Gear restrictions. It shall be unlawful to use anything other than the following hand-operated devices to take clams: spades, shovels, hoes, forks, rakes, devices that use suction to remove clams commonly known as slurp guns or clam guns, or rigid pipes used to prevent the collapse of holes when digging for clams. It shall be unlawful to use any other device to take clams, including any hydraulic pump or other device capable of liquifying sand. It shall be unlawful to possess any such unauthorized device, except in a permanent residence, concurrently with any clam. No instrument capable of being used to dig clams may be possessed between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise, on any beach of this state, except tools and implements used in the work of cleaning,

repairing or maintaining such beach when possessed by a person authorized by appropriate authority to perform such work.

(d) Clams that have a size limit shall be immediately measured. Any undersize clams, or other clams that are not retained, shall be immediately reburied in the area from which they were taken. All clams shall be kept in a whole and measurable condition until being prepared for immediate consumption. When taking or possessing clams each person is required to keep a separate container for their clams. It shall be unlawful to commingle one person's clams with clams taken by another person.

29.25. GAPER CLAMS (HORSE CLAMS AND HORSENECK CLAMS) AND WASHINGTON CLAMS.

Limit: Ten of each species, except in Humboldt Bay the limit is fifty in combination; however, no more than 25 gaper clams may be taken or possessed. In Elkhorn Slough the limit is twelve in combination. All gaper clams and Washington clams dug, regardless of size or broken condition, must be retained until the bag limit is reached. For purposes of this section, clams commonly termed horse clams or horseneck clams are gaper clams, not geoduck clams regulated pursuant to Section 29.30, Title 14, CCR.

29.30. GEODUCK CLAMS. Limit: Three. The first three geoduck clams dug must be retained as the bag limit regardless of size or broken condition. For purposes of this section, clams commonly termed horse clams or horseneck clams are not geoduck clams.

29.35. LITTLENECK CLAMS, SOFT-SHELL CLAMS, CHIONES, NORTHERN QUAHOGS, AND COCKLES.

(a) Limit: Fifty in combination.

(b) Minimum size: One and one-half inches in greatest diameter, except there is no size limit for soft-shell clams. All soft-shell clams dug, regardless of size or broken condition, must be retained until the bag limit is reached.

29.40. PISMO CLAMS.

(a) Open season: May be taken in Santa Cruz and Monterey counties September 1 through April 30. In all other counties, except in state marine reserves or other marine protected areas which prohibit the take of clams (see Section 632), Pismo clams may be taken at any time of the year.

(b) Limit: Ten.

(c) Minimum size: Five inches in greatest shell diameter north of the boundary between San Luis Obispo and Monterey counties; four and one-half inches in greatest shell diameter south of the boundary, between San Luis Obispo and Monterey counties.

(d) Clam preserves: No clams shall be taken within state marine reserves or other marine protected areas which prohibit the take of clams (see Section 632).

29.45. RAZOR CLAMS.

(a) Open season:

(1) Clam Beach (also known as Little River Beach) in Humboldt County: Between Mad River and south of the boundary line due west from the Clam Beach south parking lot trailhead (40° 59.67' N. lat.) open only during even-numbered years; between Moonstone Beach and north of the boundary line due west from the Clam Beach south parking lot trailhead (40° 59.67' N. lat.) open only during odd-numbered years.

(2) In Del Norte County: North of Battery Point open only during odd-numbered years; south of Battery Point open only during even-numbered years.

(3) All other areas: Open all year.

(b) Limit: Twenty. The first twenty clams dug must be retained as the bag limit regardless of size or broken condition.

29.55. MUSSELS. Limit: Ten pounds (in the shell) of California sea mussels and bay mussels in combination.

29.60. ROCK SCALLOPS.

(a) Limit: Ten.

(b) Methods of take: Rock scallops may be taken only by hand, by the use of dive knives, or by devices commonly known as abalone irons in compliance with provisions of Section 29.15(e) of these regulations.

29.65. SPECKLED (BAY) SCALLOPS. May not be taken or possessed.

29.70. MARKET SQUID, JUMBO SQUID. Squid may be taken with hand-held dip nets.

There is no limit.

29.71. MOON SNAILS.

(a) Limit: Five.

(b) Open season: All year except that moon snails may not be taken north of the Golden Gate Bridge.

Crustaceans

29.80. GEAR RESTRICTIONS FOR RECREATIONAL TAKE OF SALTWATER CRUSTACEANS.

(a) General Provisions.

(1) Saltwater crustaceans may be taken by hand.

(2) Nets, traps or other appliances may not be used except as provided in this Section.

(3) It is unlawful to disturb, move, or damage any trap; or remove any saltwater crustacean from a trap, that belongs to another person without written permission including permission transmitted electronically, in possession from the operator of the trap. Any person with written permission from the operator of a crab trap will be in compliance with subsection (c)(3)(A)1. if the written permission contains the operator's GO ID number that matches the GO ID number on the buoy of the crab trap being fished.

(b) Hoop Nets

(1) Hoop nets may be used to take spiny lobsters and all species of crabs.

(2) The owner of the hoop net or person who placed the hoop net into the water shall raise the hoop net to the surface and inspect the contents of the hoop net at intervals not to exceed 2 hours.

(3) It is unlawful to abandon or leave unchecked a hoop net for more than 2 hours. Any hoop net abandoned or left unchecked for more than 2 hours may be seized by any

person authorized to enforce these regulations.

(4) Hoop Net Defined: There are two types of hoop nets allowed for use:

(A) Type A: Fishing gear that is comprised of one to three rigid ring(s), with each ring measuring no greater than 36 inches in inside diameter nor less than 10 inches in inside diameter, which is/are connected to **non-metallic** soft mesh thereby forming a circular-

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shaped net with an enclosed bottom. Lift lines shall be attached only to the top ring. A second and third rigid ring(s) may be connected by **non-metallic** soft mesh to the top ring; however, each ring must be equal in size to or smaller than the ring above it. When the net is being raised the top ring shall be above and parallel to all other rings, with the enclosed bottom portion of the **non-metallic** soft mesh even with or hanging below all other rings. All parts of the hoop net shall collapse and lie flat when resting on the ocean floor in such a manner that the gear does not entrap or restrict the free movement of crustaceans until lifted. When suspended from lift lines, the entire hoop net shall measure no taller than 36 inches. The ring material shall not be thicker than one inch in any dimension.

(B) Type B: Fishing gear that is comprised of **only two rigid rings** (not including the bait ring), with **the bottom** ring measuring no greater than 36 inches in inside diameter and the top ring measuring no less than 15 inches in inside diameter. The **top ring** shall be connected to the bottom ring and supported by no more than six rigid **straight** support arms, and the assembled frame shall measure no more than 10 inches tall. The rings and support material shall not be thicker than one inch in any dimension. All rings shall be connected by **non-metallic** soft mesh, thereby forming a net with an enclosed bottom, and lift lines shall be attached only to the top ring. **It is unlawful to have any entrances below the top ring.** When suspended from lift lines the enclosed bottom portion of the net shall be even with or hanging below all other rings, and the entire net shall measure no taller than 30 inches. A bait ring may be attached to the net as long as the ring is not part of the rigid frame.

(5) Limits: Between Point Arguello, Santa Barbara County, and the United States-Mexico border, not more than five hoop nets shall be possessed by a person when taking spiny lobster or crab, not to exceed a total of 10 hoop nets possessed when taking spiny lobster or crab per vessel. Hoop net limits do not apply north of Point Arguello to the California-Oregon border.

(6) Gear Identification Requirements: Hoop nets shall be marked with a surface buoy, except for those hoop nets deployed by persons on shore or manmade structures connected to the shore.

(A) The surface buoy of hoop nets deployed from commercial passenger fishing vessels shall be legibly marked to identify the commercial boat registration number of the vessel.

(B) The surface buoy of hoop nets provided by a licensed guide to clients for use on guided trips shall be legibly marked to identify the guide license number of the accompanying guide.

(C) In all other cases, the surface buoy shall be legibly marked to identify the operator's GO ID number as stated on the operator's sport fishing license or lobster report card, or the GO ID number of one operator if there are multiple operators.

(c) Crab traps:

(1) Crab traps shall have at least two rigid circular openings of not less than four and one-quarter inches inside diameter so constructed that the lowest portion of each opening is no lower than five inches from the top of the trap.

(2) Crab traps shall contain at least one destruct device of a single strand of untreated cotton twine size No. 120 or less that creates an unobstructed escape opening in the top or upper half of the trap of at least five inches in diameter when the destruct attachment material corrodes or fails.

(3) Trap Gear Identification: Every crab trap shall be marked with only a main buoy and a

marker buoy, except as noted under subsection 29.80(c)(3)(C) below.

(A) A main buoy is a surface buoy that is at least 5 inches in diameter and 11 inches in length.

1. The main buoy for traps deployed by an individual shall be legibly marked with the operator's assigned GO ID number.

2. The main buoy for traps deployed from a commercial passenger fishing vessel shall be legibly marked to identify the commercial boat registration number of that vessel.

(B) A marker buoy is a red buoy 3 inches in diameter and 5 inches in length attached no more than 3 feet from the main buoy.

(C) In addition to marking the buoy pursuant to subsection (c)(3)(A)2., traps deployed by commercial passenger fishing vessels shall be legibly marked to identify the commercial boat registration number of the vessel.

(4) Crab traps shall not be deployed and used in ocean waters seven days prior to the opening of the Dungeness crab season.

(5) Every crab trap shall be raised, cleaned, and emptied (serviced) at intervals not to exceed 9 days, weather conditions at sea permitting, and no crab trap shall be abandoned in the waters of this state.

(6) Trap Limits:

(A) An individual shall not operate more than 10 deployed traps, except an individual may service up to 10 additional traps if the individual has in possession written permission from the operator(s) of the additional traps whose gear are identified in accordance with subsection (c)(3)(A)1.

(B) A commercial passenger fishing vessel shall not deploy more than 60 traps per vessel.

(7) Starting at least 5 days in advance of the opening of the recreational Dungeness crab fishing season pursuant to Section 29.85, the director shall, on at least a monthly basis until the season opens statewide and March 1 through June 15, evaluate and respond to risk of humpback whales, blue whales, and/or Pacific leatherback sea turtle entanglement with recreational crab fishing gear as follows:

(A) The director shall evaluate entanglement risk based on marine life concentrations as defined in subsection 132.8(a)(10), Title 14, CCR, and consistent with the acceptable data and numerical triggers outlined in subsection 132.8(c)(2).

1. If data are available, and marine life concentrations meet the numerical triggers for any species as specified in subsection 132.8(c)(2)(A)4. (in the fall) or 132.8(c)(2)(B) (in the spring), the director shall take action pursuant to subsection 29.80(c)(7)(B) below.

2. If data are unavailable prior to the recreational Dungeness crab season opener, the director shall take action pursuant to subsection 29.80(c)(7)(B) below until data are available, at which point subsection 29.80(c)(7)(A)1. shall apply.

(B) If required under subsection 29.80(c)(7)(A) above, the director after consulting with the president of the commission or the president's designee, shall implement one or more of the following recreational management actions that the director demonstrates protects humpback whales, blue whales, and/or Pacific leatherback sea turtles based on best available science. Recreational management action shall be determined based on consideration of information outlined in subsection 132.8(d):

1. Advisory notice to recreational crab fishers to employ voluntary efforts and/or measures to reduce the risk of entanglements (e.g. best fishing practices).

2. Recreational Dungeness crab season delay and continuation of the crab trap prohibition specified in subsection 29.80(c)(4), whereby the director shall prohibit the

deployment and use of recreational crab traps until new data indicates the numerical triggers for any species as specified in subsection 132.8(c)(2)(A)4. (in the fall) are no longer met, at which point the director shall lift or modify the Dungeness crab season delay as appropriate.

3. Season closure, whereby the director shall prohibit the deployment and use of recreational crab traps until new data indicates the numerical triggers for any species as specified in subsection 132.8(c)(2)(B) (in the spring) are no longer met, or the normal end of the Dungeness crab season specified in subsection 29.85(b)(2), at which point the director shall lift or modify the closure as appropriate.

(C) Recreational management action may be implemented statewide or by fishing zone(s) (as defined in subsections 132.8(a)(7)(A)-(G)), if the director demonstrates less-than-statewide action protects humpback whales, blue whales, and/or Pacific leatherback sea turtles based on best available science.

(D) Notice of a delay or closure pursuant to subsection 29.80(c)(7)(B)2. or 3. shall be transmitted via a director's declaration. The declaration will describe the following:

1. Data supporting the entanglement risk evaluation pursuant to subsection 29.80(c)(7)(A).
2. Relevant information informing management considerations from subsection 132.8(d).
3. Rationale for nexus between management considerations in subsection 132.8(d) and chosen recreational management action under subsection 29.80(c)(7)(B).
4. Duration of management action.

(E) The director's declaration pursuant to subsection 29.80(c)(7)(D) shall provide a minimum of 5 days' notice before the delay or closure becomes effective.

(F) The director's declaration and/or any advisory notice shall be communicated via the department's "Whale Safe Fisheries" webpage located at <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/Whale-Safe-Fisheries>. At its discretion, the department may communicate declarations and/or advisory notices via additional formats.

(G) After the director implements a management action pursuant to subsection (c)(7)(B), he or she shall notify the commission and request that the commission schedule a public discussion of the management action at its next regularly-scheduled commission meeting.

(d) Crab loop traps may have up to six loops.

(e) Crab trap areas: Crab traps, including crab loop traps, may be used north of Point Arguello, Santa Barbara County to take all species of crabs (see regulations for take of Dungeness crabs in traps from commercial passenger fishing vessels in Section 29.85, Title 14, CCR).

(f) Shrimp and prawn traps may be used to take shrimp and prawns only. Trap openings may not exceed ½ inch in any dimension on traps used south of Point Conception nor five inches in any dimension on traps used north of Point Conception.

(g) Diving for crustaceans: In all ocean waters, except as provided in Section 29.05, skin and SCUBA divers may take crustaceans by the use of the hands only. Divers may not possess any hooked device while diving or attempting to dive. Divers may be in possession of spearfishing equipment so long as possession of such equipment is otherwise lawful and is not being used to aid in the take of crustaceans.

(h) Gear restrictions. It shall be unlawful to use anything other than the following hand-operated devices to take sand crabs or shrimp: spades, shovels, hoes, forks, rakes, devices that use suction commonly known as slurp guns or clam guns, or rigid pipes used to

prevent the collapse of holes when digging for sand crabs or shrimp. It shall be unlawful to use any other devices to take crabs or shrimp, **including any hydraulic pump or other device capable of liquifying sand.**

(i) Dip nets and Hawaiian type throw nets: Shrimp may be taken with dip nets and Hawaiian type throw nets north of Point Conception.

(j) Shrimp trawls: Shrimp beam trawls may be used to take shrimp only in San Francisco Bay waters east of the Golden Gate Bridge, and in San Pablo Bay. The beam trawl frame from which the net is hung may not exceed 24 inches by 18 inches. The trawl may be towed by motorized vessels but may not be retrieved by mechanical devices. Any fish, other than shrimp, caught in the trawl must be returned immediately to the water.

29.85. CRABS

(a) Any individual who fishes for crabs using crab trap(s) pursuant to subsection 29.80(c), shall have in possession a valid Recreational Crab Trap Validation (Section 701, Title 14, CCR).

(b) Dungeness crabs (*Cancer magister*):

(1) Dungeness crab may not be taken from or possessed if taken from San Francisco Bay and San Pablo Bay, plus all their tidal bays, sloughs and estuaries between the Golden Gate Bridge and Carquinez Bridge.

(2) Open season: Fishing rules for Dungeness crab may be changed during the year or in-season by the director under the authority of subsection 29.80(c)(7). See subsection 29.80(c)(7). for additional information.

(A) Del Norte, Humboldt and Mendocino counties: From the first Saturday in November through July 30.

(B) All other counties: From the first Saturday in November through June 30.

(3) Limit: Ten.

(4) No vessel that takes Dungeness crabs under authority of this section, or Section 29.80, shall be used to take Dungeness crabs for commercial purposes.

(5) Minimum size: Five and three-quarter inches measured by the shortest distance through the body from edge of shell to edge of shell directly in front of and excluding the points (lateral spines).

(c) All crabs of the *Cancer* genus except Dungeness crabs, but including: yellow crabs, rock crabs, red crabs and slender crabs:

(1) Open season: All year. Fishing rules for crabs of the *Cancer* genus may be changed during the year or in-season by the director under the authority of subsection 29.80(c)(7). See subsection 29.80(c)(7). for additional information.

(2) Limit: Thirty-five.

(3) Minimum size: Four inches measured by the shortest distance through the body, from edge of shell to edge of shell at the widest part, except there is no minimum size in Fish and Game districts 8 and 9.

(d) All crabs of the genus *Cancer*, including Dungeness crabs, yellow crabs, rock crabs, red

Dungeness Crab Openers and Closures Through the 2024-2025 Season	
<i>Del Norte, Humboldt, and Mendocino Counties</i>	
First Day of Season	Last Day of Season
<i>Saturday November 4, 2023</i>	<i>Tuesday July 30, 2024</i>
<i>Saturday November 2, 2024</i>	<i>Wednesday July 30, 2025</i>

All Other Counties

First Day of Season	Last Day of Season
<i>Saturday November 4, 2023</i>	<i>Sunday June 30, 2024</i>
<i>Saturday November 2, 2024</i>	<i>Sunday June 30, 2025</i>

crabs and slender crabs, may be brought to the surface of the water for measuring, but no undersize crabs may be placed in any type of receiver, kept on the person or retained in any person's possession or under his direct control; all crabs shall be measured immediately and any undersize crabs shall be released immediately into the water.

(e) Sand crabs (*Emerita analoga*): Limit: Fifty.

29.86. BAY SHRIMP (GRASS SHRIMP).

Limit: Five pounds.

29.87. GHOST SHRIMP AND BLUE MUD SHRIMP.

Limit: Fifty in combination.

29.88. COONSTRIPE SHRIMP (*Pandalus danae*). Twenty pounds (in the shell, heads on) per day. The first 20 pounds taken, regardless of size or condition, shall constitute a daily bag and possession limit.

29.90. SPINY LOBSTERS.

(a) Open season: From 6:00 a.m. on the Saturday preceding the first Wednesday in October through the first Wednesday after the 15th of March.

(b) Limit: Seven.

(c) Minimum size: 3 and 1/4 inches measured in a straight line on the mid-line of the back from the rear edge of the eye socket to the rear edge of the body shell. All lobsters shall be measured immediately and any undersize lobster shall be released immediately into the water. Divers shall measure lobsters while in the water and shall not remove undersized lobsters from the water. Hoop netters may measure lobsters out of the water, but no undersize lobster may be placed in any type of receiver, kept on the person or retained in any person's possession or under his or her direct control.

(d) Report Card Required: Any person fishing for or taking spiny lobster shall have in their possession a nontransferable Spiny Lobster Report Card issued by the department and shall adhere to all reporting requirements for lobster defined in Sections 1.74 and 29.91, Title 14, CCR.

(e) Spiny lobsters shall be kept in a whole, measurable condition, until being prepared for immediate consumption.

29.91. SPINY LOBSTER REPORT CARD REQUIREMENTS FOR OCEAN WATERS.

(a) Spiny Lobster Report Card Required. All individuals must have a Spiny Lobster Report Card in their possession while fishing for or taking lobster. In the case of a person diving from a boat, the report card may be kept in the boat, or in the case of a person diving from the shore, the report card may be kept within 500 yards from the point of entry. Individuals must complete and return the card pursuant to regulations in this Section and in Section 1.74.

(b) Prior to beginning fishing activity, the cardholder must record the month, day, location, and gear code on the first available line on the report card.

(c) When the cardholder moves to another location code, or finishes fishing for the day, he or she must immediately record on the card the number of lobster kept from that location.

(d) In the event an individual fills in all lines and returns a Spiny Lobster Report Card, an additional card may be purchased.

See Section 1.74.

(e) The annual fee for the Spiny Lobster Report Card is specified in Section 701, Title 14, CCR.

<i>Spiny Lobster Openers and Closures Through the 2024-2025 Season</i>	
<i>First Day of Season</i>	<i>Last Day of Season</i>
<i>Saturday September 30, 2023</i>	<i>Wednesday March 20, 2024</i>
<i>Saturday September 28, 2024</i>	<i>Wednesday March 19, 2025</i>

Non-Commercial Use of Marine Plants

30.00. KELP GENERAL.

(a) Except as provided in this section and in Section 30.10 there is no closed season, closed hours or minimum size limit for any species of marine aquatic plant. The daily bag limit on all marine aquatic plants for which the take is authorized, except as provided in Section 28.60, is 10 pounds wet weight in the aggregate.

(b) Marine aquatic plants may not be cut or harvested in state marine reserves. Regulations within state marine conservation areas and state marine parks may prohibit cutting or harvesting of marine aquatic plants per subsection 632(b) [*marine protected area regulations*].

30.10. PROHIBITED SPECIES. No eel grass (*Zostera*), surf grass (*Phyllospadix*), or sea palm (*Postelsia*) may be cut or disturbed.

California Marine Protected Areas

632. MARINE PROTECTED AREAS (MPAS) MARINE MANAGED AREAS (MMAS) AND SPECIAL CLOSURES.

(a) General Rules and Regulations: The areas specified in this section have been declared by the commission to be marine protected areas (MPAs), marine managed areas (MMAs), or special closures. Public use of marine protected areas, marine managed areas, or special closures shall be compatible with the primary purposes of such areas. MPAs, MMAs, and special closures are subject to the following general rules and regulations in addition to existing Fish and Game Code statutes and regulations of the commission, except as otherwise provided for in subsection 632(b), areas and special regulations for use. Nothing in this section expressly or implicitly precludes, restricts or requires modification of current or future uses of the waters identified as marine protected areas, special closures, or the lands or waters adjacent to these designated areas by the Department of Defense, its allies or agents.

(1) Protection of Resources in MPAs and MMAs, as defined in Public Resources Code Section 36710:

(A) State Marine Reserves: In a state marine reserve, it is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource, except under a scientific collecting permit issued by the department pursuant to Section 650 or specific authorization from the commission for research, restoration, or monitoring purposes.

(B) State Marine Parks: In a state marine park, it is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living or nonliving marine resource for commercial purposes. Any human use that would compromise protection of the species of interest, natural community or habitat, or geological, cultural, or recreational features, may be restricted by the commission as specified in subsection 632(b), areas and special regulations for use. The department may issue scientific collecting permits pursuant to Section 650. The commission may authorize research, monitoring, and educational activities and certain recreational harvest in a manner consistent with protecting resource values.

(C) State Marine Conservation Areas: In a state marine conservation area, it is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for commercial or recreational purposes, or a combination of commercial and recreational purposes except as specified in subsection 632(b), areas and special regulations for use. The department may issue scientific collecting permits pursuant to Section 650. The

commission may authorize research, education, and recreational activities, and certain commercial and recreational harvest of marine resources, provided that these uses do not compromise protection of the species of interest, natural community, habitat, or geological features.

(D) State Marine Recreational Management Areas: In a state marine recreational management area, it is unlawful to perform any activity that would compromise the recreational values for which the area may be designated. Recreational opportunities may be protected, enhanced, or restricted, while preserving basic resource values of the area. No other use is restricted unless specified in subsection 632(b), areas and special regulations for use.

(2) Finfish. Finfish, for the purpose of this section, are defined as any species of bony fish or cartilaginous fish (sharks, skates and rays). Finfish do not include amphibians, invertebrates, plants or algae. The definition of finfish provided in Section 159 does not apply to this Section.

(3) Pelagic Finfish. Pelagic finfish, for the purpose of this section, are a subset of finfish defined as: northern anchovy (*Engraulis mordax*), barracudas (*Sphyraena spp.*), billfishes* (family Istiophoridae), dolphinfish (*Coryphaena hippurus*), Pacific herring (*Clupea pallasii*), jack mackerel (*Trachurus symmetricus*), Pacific mackerel (*Scomber japonicus*), salmon (*Oncorhynchus spp.*), Pacific sardine (*Sardinops sagax*), blue shark (*Prionace glauca*), salmon shark (*Lamna ditropis*), shortfin mako shark (*Isurus oxyrinchus*), thresher sharks (*Alopias spp.*), swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*), tunas (family Scombridae) including Pacific bonito (*Sarda chiliensis*), and yellowtail (*Seriola lalandi*). *Marlin is not allowed for commercial take.

(4) Access. Access into marine protected areas or marine managed areas for non-consumptive uses including but not limited to swimming, surfing, diving, boating, hiking and walking is allowed unless otherwise specified in subsection 632(b), areas and special regulations for use.

(5) Introduction of Species. Unless authorized by the commission or as a result of authorized fishing activities, the release of any fish or wildlife species, including domestic or domesticated species, or the introduction of any plant species, is prohibited. The department may reintroduce endemic species to marine protected areas or marine managed areas for management purposes.

(6) Feeding of Fish and Wildlife. The feeding of fish and wildlife is prohibited except permitted scientific collection pursuant to Section 650 or as a result of authorized fishing within state marine conservation areas, state marine parks, and state marine recreational management areas, or unless feeding of fish is specifically authorized in subsection 632(b) for purposes of marine life viewing.

(7) Anchoring. Vessels shall be allowed to anchor in any marine protected area or marine managed area with catch onboard unless otherwise specified in subsection 632(b), areas and special regulations for use. Fishing gear shall not be deployed in the water while anchored in a state marine reserve. Fishing gear, except legal fishing gear used to take species identified as allowed for take in subsection 632(b), shall not be deployed in the water while anchored in a state marine recreational management area, state marine park or state marine conservation area. Anchoring regulations shall be consistent with federal law and allowances made for anchoring required by emergency or severe weather.

(8) Transit or Drifting.

(A) Vessels shall be allowed to transit through MPAs and MMAs with catch onboard. Fishing gear shall not be deployed in the water while transiting through a state marine reserve. Fishing gear, except legal fishing gear used to take species identified as allowed for take in subsection 632(b), shall not be deployed in the water while transiting through a state marine recreational management area, state marine park or state marine conservation area.

(B) Spearfishermen with or without catch shall be allowed to transit through MPAs and MMAs. While transiting MPAs and MMAs that prohibit spearfishing or while in possession of species not identified as allowed for take in the MPA or MMA being transited, spearfishing gear shall be in an unloaded condition, not carried in hand, and the diver shall remain at the surface.

(9) Water Quality Monitoring. Sampling of water, sediment and marine life, for water quality monitoring or pollution research, or as required in a Monitoring and Reporting Program of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements issued by the State or Regional Water Boards pursuant to the United States Clean Water Act and the California Water Code, is allowed within state marine reserves, state marine conservation areas, state marine parks, and state marine recreational management areas pursuant to a valid scientific collecting permit issued by the department.

(10) Public Safety. Public safety activities, including installation, maintenance and/or seasonal placement and removal of safety-related artificial structures, including but not limited to lifeguard towers, are allowed within any MPA classification pursuant to any required federal, state and local permits, or as otherwise authorized by the department.

(11) Tribal Take. For purposes of this regulation, “federally recognized tribe” means any tribe on the List of Indian Entities Recognized and Eligible to Receive Services from the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs, published annually in the Federal Register. Any member of a federally recognized tribe authorized to take living marine resources from an area with area-specific take restrictions in subsection 632(b), when engaging in take within an authorized area shall possess on his person, in his immediate possession, or where otherwise specifically required by law to be kept, any valid license, report card, tag, stamp, validation, permit, or any other entitlement that is required in the Fish and Game Code, or required by other state, federal, or local entities, in order to take living marine resources. Members shall possess a valid photo identification card issued by a federally recognized tribe that contains expiration date, tribal name, tribal member number, name, signature, date of birth, height, color of eyes, color of hair, weight, and sex; and display any of the items listed above upon demand to any peace officer. Members taking living marine resources under this provision are subject to current seasonal, bag, possession, gear and size limits in existing Fish and Game Code statutes and regulations of the commission, except as otherwise provided for in subsection 632(b). No member, while taking living marine resources pursuant to this section, may be assisted by any person who does not possess a valid tribal identification card and is not properly licensed to take living marine resources. Nothing in the regulation is intended to conflict with, or supersede, any state or federal law regarding the take of protected, threatened or endangered species.

(12) Shore Fishing. Take from shore, or shore fishing, for purposes of this section, means take of living marine resources from shore, including beaches, banks, piers, jetties, breakwaters, docks, and other man-made structures connected to the shore. Unless specifically authorized in subsection 632(b), no vessel, watercraft (motorized or non-motorized), or floating device may be used to assist in the take, transport or possession of species taken while shore fishing, except that a float tube or similar flotation device may be used when taking abalone only. *[note that the abalone season is currently closed]*

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California's Marine Protected Areas

THERE ARE NUMEROUS AREAS ALONG THE CALIFORNIA COAST that have regulations more restrictive than the general fishing regulations. These areas, known as marine protected areas (MPAs), are designated in part to protect, conserve, or enhance marine life. The following table lists all existing MPAs in ocean and estuarine waters that regulate sport fishing, species permitted or prohibited for take, and detailed boundary descriptions. **Only regulations that pertain to sport fishing are included here.** For further information, please contact the CDFW's Marine Region in Eureka at (707) 445-6493 or Monterey at (831) 649-2870 or email AskMarine@wildlife.ca.gov.

Note: The following regulations are from CCR T-14, subsection 632(b). Within each county, the areas are arranged generally from north to south. Special closures and marine managed areas are also included in this table. While technically they do not meet the definition of a marine protected area, their restrictions differ significantly from the surrounding areas, so they are included here for ease of identification by the public. For more information please see the CDFW website at wildlife.ca.gov/MPAs.

	NAME	PERMITTED/PROHIBITED USES For Recreational Take	BOUNDARY COORDINATES
Del Norte	Pyramid Point State Marine Conservation Area	<p>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The recreational take of surf smelt [Section 28.45] by dip net or Hawaiian type throw net [Section 28.80] is allowed. 2. The following federally recognized tribe is exempt from the area and take regulations for Pyramid Point State Marine Conservation Area [subsection 632(b)(1)] and shall comply with all other existing regulations and statutes: Tolowa Dee-Ni' Nation. 	<p>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted:</p> <p>42° 00.000' N. lat. 124° 12.735' W. long.;</p> <p>42° 00.000' N. lat. 124° 19.814' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to</p> <p>41° 57.500' N. lat. 124° 17.101' W. long.; and</p> <p>41° 57.500' N. lat. 124° 12.423' W. long.</p>

	NAME	PERMITTED/PROHIBITED USES For Recreational Take	BOUNDARY COORDINATES
Del Norte	Point St. George Reef Offshore State Marine Conservation Area	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take of salmon by trolling [subsection 27.80(a)(3)]; and Dungeness crab by trap is allowed. ...3. The following federally recognized tribes (listed alphabetically) are exempt from the area and take regulations for Point St. George Reef Offshore State Marine Conservation Area [subsection 632(b)(2)] and shall comply with all other existing regulations and statutes: Elk Valley Rancheria and Tolowa Dee-Ni' Nation.	This area is bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 41° 52.000' N. lat. 124° 23.189' W. long.; 41° 52.000' N. lat. 124° 25.805' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 41° 49.000' N. lat. 124° 26.252' W. long.; 41° 49.000' N. lat. 124° 23.189' W. long.; and 41° 52.000' N. lat. 124° 23.189' W. long.
Del Norte County	Southwest Seal Rock Special Closure	Special restrictions on boating and access apply to Southwest Seal Rock as follows. (A) A special closure is designated from the mean high tide line to a distance of 300 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of Southwest Seal Rock, located in the vicinity of 41° 48.810' N. lat. 124° 21.099' W. long. (B) Except as permitted by federal law or emergency caused by hazardous weather, or as authorized by subsection 632(b)(3)(C), no vessel shall be operated or anchored at any time from the mean high tide line to a distance of 300 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of Southwest Seal Rock. (C) No person except department employees or employees of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or United States Coast Guard, in performing their official duties, or unless permission is granted by the department, shall enter the area defined in subsection 632(b)(3)(B).	
Del Norte County	Castle Rock Special Closure	Special restrictions on boating and access apply to Castle Rock as follows. (A) A special closure is designated from the mean high tide line to a distance of 300 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of Castle Rock, located in the vicinity of 41° 45.706' N. lat. 124° 14.949' W. long. (B) Except as permitted by federal law or emergency caused by hazardous weather, or as authorized by subsection 632(b)(4)(C), no vessel shall be operated or anchored at any time from the mean high tide line to a distance of 300 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of Castle Rock. (C) No person except department employees or employees of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or United States Coast Guard, in performing their official duties, or unless permission is granted by the department, shall enter the area defined in subsection 632(b)(4)(B).	

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Del Norte County	False Klamath Rock Special Closure	<p>Special restrictions on boating and access apply to False Klamath Rock as follows.</p> <p>(A) A special closure is designated from the mean high tide line to a distance of 300 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of False Klamath Rock, located in the vicinity of 41° 35.633' N. lat. 124° 06.699' W. long. during the period of March 1 to August 31.</p> <p>(B) Except as permitted by federal law or emergency caused by hazardous weather, or as authorized by subsection 632(b)(5)(C), no vessel shall be operated or anchored from the mean high tide line to a distance of 300 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of False Klamath Rock during the period of March 1 to August 31.</p> <p>(C) No person except department employees or employees of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or United States Coast Guard, in performing their official duties, or unless permission is granted by the department, shall enter the area defined in subsection 632(b)(5)(B) during the period of March 1 to August 31.</p>	
Humboldt County	Reading Rock State Marine Conservation Area	<p>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions:</p> <p>1. The recreational take of salmon by trolling [subsection 27.80(a)(3)]; surf smelt [Section 28.45] by dip net or Hawaiian type throw net [Section 28.80]; and Dungeness crab by trap, hoop net or hand is allowed.</p> <p>...3. The following federally recognized tribes (listed alphabetically) are exempt from the area and take regulations for Reading Rock State Marine Conservation Area [subsection 632(b)(6)] and shall comply with all other existing regulations and statutes: Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria, Resighini Rancheria, and Yurok Tribe of the Yurok Reservation.</p>	<p>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:</p> <p>41° 20.100' N. lat. 124° 04.911' W. long.;</p> <p>41° 20.100' N. lat. 124° 10.000' W. long.;</p> <p>41° 17.600' N. lat. 124° 10.000' W. long.; and</p> <p>41° 17.600' N. lat. 124° 05.399' W. long..</p>

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Humboldt County	Reading Rock State Marine Reserve	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	This area is bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 41° 20.100' N. lat. 124° 10.000' W. long.; 41° 20.100' N. lat. 124° 14.655' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 41° 17.600' N. lat. 124° 11.963' W. long.; 41° 17.600' N. lat. 124° 10.000' W. long.; and 41° 20.100' N. lat. 124° 10.000' W. long.
Humboldt County	Samoa State Marine Conservation Area	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take of salmon by trolling [subsection 27.80(a)(3)]; surf smelt [Section 28.45] by dip net or Hawaiian type throw net [Section 28.80]; and Dungeness crab by trap, hoop net or hand is allowed. ...3. The following federally recognized tribe is exempt from the area and take regulations for Samoa State Marine Conservation Area [subsection 632(b)(8)] and shall comply with all other existing regulations and statutes: Wiyot Tribe.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 40° 55.000' N. lat. 124° 08.432' W. long.; 40° 55.000' N. lat. 124° 12.677' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 40° 52.000' N. lat. 124° 14.225' W. long.; and 40° 52.000' N. lat. 124° 09.803' W. long.
Humboldt County	South Humboldt Bay State Marine Recreational Management Area	Waterfowl may be taken in accordance with the general waterfowl regulations (Sections 502, 550, 551, and 552). Take of all living, geological, or cultural marine resources is prohibited except the following federally recognized tribe is exempt from the area and take regulations ... and shall comply with all other existing regulations and statutes: Wiyot Tribe.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 40° 43.000' N. lat. 124° 15.527' W. long.; 40° 43.000' N. lat. 124° 15.000' W. long.; 40° 42.000' N. lat. 124° 15.000' W. long.; and 40° 42.000' N. lat. 124° 16.141' W. long.

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Humboldt County	Sugarloaf Island Special Closure	<p>Special restrictions on boating and access apply to Sugarloaf Island as follows.</p> <p>(A) A special closure is designated from the mean high tide line to a distance of 300 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of Sugarloaf Island, located in the vicinity of 40° 26.326' N. lat. 124° 24.827' W. long.</p> <p>(B) Except as permitted by federal law or emergency caused by hazardous weather, or as authorized by subsection 632(b)(10)(C), no vessel shall be operated or anchored at any time from the mean high tide line to a distance of 300 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of Sugarloaf Island.</p> <p>(C) No person except department employees or employees of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or United States Coast Guard, in performing their official duties, or unless permission is granted by the department, shall enter the area defined in subsection 632(b)(10)(B).</p>	
Humboldt County	South Cape Mendocino State Marine Reserve	<p>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.</p>	<p>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted:</p> <p>40° 26.100' N. lat. 124° 24.340' W. long.;</p> <p>40° 26.100' N. lat. 124° 31.958' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to</p> <p>40° 24.900' N. lat. 124° 31.084' W. long.; and</p> <p>40° 24.900' N. lat. 124° 23.800' W. long.</p>
Humboldt County	Steamboat Rock Special Closure	<p>Special restrictions on boating and access apply to Steamboat Rock as follows.</p> <p>(A) A special closure is designated from the mean high tide line to a distance of 300 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of Steamboat Rock, located in the vicinity of 40° 24.919' N. lat. 124° 24.241' W. long. during the period of March 1 to August 31.</p> <p>(B) Except as permitted by federal law or emergency caused by hazardous weather, or as authorized by subsection 632(b)(12)(C), no vessel shall be operated or anchored from the mean high tide line to a distance of 300 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of Steamboat Rock during the period of March 1 to August 31.</p> <p>(C) No person except department employees or employees of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or United States Coast Guard, in performing their official duties, or unless permission is granted by the department, shall enter the area defined in subsection 632(b)(12)(B) during the period of March 1 to August 31.</p>	

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Humboldt County	Mattole Canyon State Marine Reserve	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	This area is bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 40° 20.000' N. lat. 124° 22.500' W. long.; 40° 20.000' N. lat. 124° 25.902' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 40° 17.000' N. lat. 124° 25.869' W. long.; 40° 17.000' N. lat. 124° 22.500' W. long.; and 40° 20.000' N. lat. 124° 22.500' W. long.
Humboldt County	Sea Lion Gulch State Marine Reserve	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 40° 14.400' N. lat. 124° 19.983' W. long.; 40° 14.400' N. lat. 124° 25.943' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 40° 12.800' N. lat. 124° 24.809' W. long.; and 40° 12.800' N. lat. 124° 18.155' W. long.
Humboldt County	Big Flat State Marine Conservation Area	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take of salmon by trolling [subsection 27.80(a)(3)]; and Dungeness crab by trap, hoop net or hand is allowed. ...3. The following federally recognized tribes (listed alphabetically) are exempt from the area and take regulations for Big Flat State Marine Conservation Area [subsection 632(b)(15)] and shall comply with all other existing regulations and statutes: SEE FOOTNOTE 1	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 40° 09.400' N. lat. 124° 12.671' W. long.; 40° 09.400' N. lat. 124° 19.366' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 40° 07.500' N. lat. 124° 16.203' W. long.; and 40° 07.500' N. lat. 124° 10.313' W. long.

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Mendocino County	Double Cone Rock State Marine Conservation Area	<p>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions:</p> <p>1. The recreational take of salmon by trolling [subsection 27.80(a) (3); and Dungeness crab by trap, hoop net or hand is allowed.</p> <p>...3. The following federally recognized tribes (listed alphabetically) are exempt from the area and take regulations for Double Cone Rock State Marine Conservation Area [subsection 632(b)(16)] and shall comply with all other existing regulations and statutes: SEE FOOTNOTE 2</p>	<p>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted:</p> <p>39° 48.500' N. lat. 123° 50.713' W. long.;</p> <p>39° 48.500' N. lat. 123° 55.875' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to</p> <p>39° 44.300' N. lat. 123° 54.178' W. long.; and</p> <p>39° 44.300' N. lat. 123° 50.055' W. long.</p>
Mendocino County	Rockport Rocks Special Closure has been repealed		
Mendocino County	Vizcaino Rock Special Closure	<p>Special restrictions on boating and access apply to Vizcaino Rock located in the vicinity of 39° 43.618' N. lat. 123° 49.950' W. long. as follows.</p> <p>(A) A special closure is designated from the mean high tide line to a distance of 300 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide of any shoreline of Vizcaino Rock westward of 123°49.887'W. longitude, during the period of March 1 to August 31.</p> <p>(B) Except as permitted by federal law or emergency caused by hazardous weather, or as authorized by subsection 632(b)(18)(C), no vessel shall be operated or anchored from the mean high tide line to a distance of 300 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of Vizcaino Rock westward of 123° 49.887' W. longitude during the period of March 1 to August 31.</p> <p>(C) No person except department employees or employees of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or United States Coast Guard, in performing their official duties, or unless permission is granted by the department, shall enter the area defined in subsection 632(b)(18)(B) during the period of March 1 to August 31.</p>	

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Mendocino County	Vizcaino Rock Special Closure	<p>Special restrictions on boating and access apply to Vizcaino Rock located in the vicinity of 39° 43.618' N. lat. 123° 49.950' W. long. as follows.</p> <p>(A) A special closure is designated from the mean high tide line to a distance of 300 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide of any shoreline of Vizcaino Rock westward of 123°49.887'W. longitude, during the period of March 1 to August 31.</p> <p>(B) Except as permitted by federal law or emergency caused by hazardous weather, or as authorized by subsection 632(b)(18)(C), no vessel shall be operated or anchored from the mean high tide line to a distance of 300 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of Vizcaino Rock westward of 123° 49.887'W. longitude during the period of March 1 to August 31.</p> <p>(C) No person except department employees or employees of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or United States Coast Guard, in performing their official duties, or unless permission is granted by the department, shall enter the area defined in subsection 632(b)(18)(B) during the period of March 1 to August 31.</p>	
Mendocino County	Ten Mile State Marine Reserve	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	<p>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted:</p> <p>39° 35.900' N. lat. 123° 47.243' W. long.;</p> <p>39° 35.900' N. lat. 123° 51.479' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to</p> <p>39° 33.300' N. lat. 123° 50.559' W. long.; and</p> <p>39° 33.300' N. lat. 123° 46.015' W. long.</p>
Mendocino County	Ten Mile Beach State Marine Conservation Area	<p>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions:</p> <p>1. The recreational take of Dungeness crab by trap, hoop net or hand is allowed.</p> <p>...3. The following federally recognized tribes (listed alphabetically) are exempt from the area and take regulations for Ten Mile Beach State Marine Conservation Area [subsection 632(b)(20)] and shall comply with all other existing regulations and statutes: SEE FOOTNOTE 2</p>	<p>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted:</p> <p>39° 33.300' N. lat. 123° 46.015' W. long.;</p> <p>39° 33.300' N. lat. 123° 50.559' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to</p> <p>39° 32.500' N. lat. 123° 50.418' W. long.;</p> <p>39° 32.500' N. lat. 123° 46.242' W. long.; thence northward along the mean high tide line onshore boundary to</p> <p>39° 33.098' N. lat. 123° 46.003' W. long.;</p> <p>39° 33.199' N. lat. 123° 45.966' W. long.</p>

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Mendocino County	Ten Mile Estuary State Marine Conservation Area³	<p>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions:</p> <p>1. The following federally recognized tribes (listed alphabetically) are exempt from the area and take regulations for Ten Mile Estuary State Marine Conservation Area [subsection 632(b)(21)] and shall comply with all other existing regulations and statutes: SEE FOOTNOTE 2</p> <p>2. Waterfowl may be taken in accordance with the general waterfowl regulations [sections 502, 550, 551, and 552].</p>	<p>This area consists of waters below the mean high tide line within the Ten Mile Estuary, eastward of a line connecting the following two points: 39° 33.199' N. lat. 123° 45.966' W. long.; and 39° 33.098' N. lat. 123° 46.003' W. long. and westward of a line connecting the following two points: 39° 32.400' N. lat. 123° 44.785' W. long.; and 39° 32.382' N. lat. 123° 44.769' W. long.</p>
Mendocino County	MacKerricher State Marine Conservation Area	<p>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions:</p> <p>1. All recreational take is allowed in accordance with current regulations.</p>	<p>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 39° 30.100' N. lat. 123° 47.327' W. long.; 39° 30.100' N. lat. 123° 49.000' W. long.; 39° 27.120' N. lat. 123° 49.000' W. long.; and 39° 27.120' N. lat. 123° 48.830' W. long.</p>
Mendocino County	Point Cabrillo State Marine Reserve	<p>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.</p>	<p>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 39° 21.400' N. lat. 123° 49.418' W. long.; 39° 21.400' N. lat. 123° 50.000' W. long.; 39° 20.600' N. lat. 123° 50.000' W. long.; and 39° 20.600' N. lat. 123° 49.266' W. long.</p>

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Mendocino County	Russian Gulch State Marine Conservation Area	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. All recreational take is allowed in accordance with current regulations.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 39° 19.860' N. lat. 123° 48.840' W. long.; 39° 19.860' N. lat. 123° 49.000' W. long.; 39° 19.470' N. lat. 123° 49.000' W. long.; and 39° 19.470' N. lat. 123° 48.500' W. long.
Mendocino County	Big River Estuary State Marine Conservation Area³	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take of surfperch (family Embiotocidae) by hook and line from shore only; and Dungeness crab by hoop net or hand is allowed. 2. The following federally recognized tribes (listed alphabetically) are exempt from the area and take regulations for Big River Estuary State Marine Conservation Area [subsection 632(b) (25)] and shall comply with all other existing regulations and statutes: SEE FOOTNOTE 2 Waterfowl may be taken in accordance with the general waterfowl regulations [sections 502, 550, 551, and 552].	This area consists of waters below the mean high tide line within the Big River Estuary, eastward of a line connecting the following two points: 39° 18.134' N. lat. 123° 47.517' W. long.; and 39° 18.070' N. lat. 123° 47.543' W. long. and westward of a line connecting the following two points: 39° 18.222' N. lat. 123° 46.242' W. long.; and 39° 18.150' N. lat. 123° 46.240' W. long.
Mendocino County	Van Damme State Marine Conservation Area	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. All recreational take is allowed in accordance with current regulations.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and a straight line connecting the following points: 39° 16.335' N. lat. 123° 47.712' W. long.; and 39° 16.147' N. lat. 123° 47.429' W. long.

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Mendocino County	Navarro River Estuary State Marine Conservation Area	<p>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The recreational take of salmonids by hook and line is allowed consistent with salmonid regulations in Section 7.50. 2. The following federally recognized tribes (listed alphabetically) are exempt from the area and take regulations for Navarro River Estuary State Marine Conservation Area [subsection 632(b)(27)] and shall comply with all other existing regulations and statutes: SEE FOOTNOTE 2 3. Waterfowl may be taken in accordance with the general waterfowl regulations [sections 502, 550, 551, and 552]. 	<p>This area consists of waters below the mean high tide line within the Navarro River Estuary, eastward of a line connecting the following two points:</p> <p>39° 11.536' N. lat. 123° 45.685' W. long.; and 39° 11.489' N. lat. 123° 45.516' W. long. and westward of a line connecting the following two points 39° 11.846' N. lat. 123° 44.809' W. long.; and 39° 11.803' N. lat. 123° 44.843' W. long.</p>
Mendocino County	Point Arena State Marine Reserve	<p>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.</p>	<p>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:</p> <p>38° 57.350' N. lat. 123° 44.500' W. long; 38° 59.000' N. lat. 123° 44.500' W. long; 38° 59.000' N. lat. 123° 46.000' W. long; 38° 56.400' N. lat. 123° 46.000' W. long; and 38° 56.400' N. lat. 123° 43.820' W. long.</p>
Mendocino County	Point Arena State Marine Conservation Area	<p>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The recreational take of salmon by trolling [subsection 27.80(a)(3)] is allowed. 	<p>This area is bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted:</p> <p>38° 59.000' N. lat. 123° 46.000' W. long.;; 38° 59.000' N. lat. 123° 48.162' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 38° 56.400' N. lat. 123° 48.350' W. long.;; 38° 56.400' N. lat. 123° 46.000' W. long.;; and 38° 59.000' N. lat. 123° 46.000' W. long.</p>

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Mendocino County	Sea Lion Cove State Marine Conservation Area	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: the recreational... take of finfish [subsection 632(a)(2)] is allowed.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 38° 56.400' N. lat. 123° 43.820' W. long.; 38° 56.400' N. lat. 123° 44.000' W. long.; 38° 55.790' N. lat. 123° 44.000' W. long.; and 38° 55.790' N. lat. 123° 43.740' W. long.
Mendocino County	Saunders Reef State Marine Conservation Area	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take of salmon by trolling [subsection 27.80(a)(3)] is allowed.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 38° 51.800' N. lat. 123° 39.230' W. long.; 38° 51.800' N. lat. 123° 44.780' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 38° 50.000' N. lat. 123° 42.580' W. long.; and 38° 50.000' N. lat. 123° 37.600' W. long.
Sonoma County	Del Mar Landing State Marine Reserve	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 38° 44.706' N. lat. 123° 31.000' W. long.; 38° 44.200' N. lat. 123° 31.000' W. long.; 38° 44.200' N. lat. 123° 30.300' W. long.; and 38° 44.430' N. lat. 123° 30.300' W. long.
Sonoma County	Stewarts Point State Marine Conservation Area	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: the following may be taken recreationally from shore only: marine aquatic plants other than sea palm, marine invertebrates, finfish [subsection 632(a)(2)] by hook and line, surf smelt by beach net, and species authorized in Section 28.80 of these regulations by hand-held dip net.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 38° 39.527' N. lat. 123° 24.483' W. long.; 38° 39.527' N. lat. 123° 24.851' W. long.; 38° 36.958' N. lat. 123° 23.139' W. long.; 38° 36.958' N. lat. 123° 22.468' W. long.

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Sonoma County	Stewarts Point State Marine Reserve	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 38° 40.500' N. lat. 123° 25.345' W. long. and 38° 40.500' N. lat. 123° 30.243' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 38° 35.600' N. lat. 123° 26.018' W. long.; and 38° 35.600' N. lat. 123° 20.800' W. long. except that Stewarts Point SMCA as described in subsection 632(b)(33)(A) [above] is excluded.
Sonoma County	Salt Point State Marine Conservation Area⁴	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: the recreational take of abalone and finfish [subsection 632(a)(2)] is allowed. [note that abalone season is currently closed]	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 38° 35.600' N. lat. 123° 20.800' W. long.; 38° 35.600' N. lat. 123° 21.000' W. long.; 38° 33.500' N. lat. 123° 21.000' W. long.; 38° 33.500' N. lat. 123° 18.910' W. long., except that Gerstle Cove as described in subsection 632(b)(36)(A) is excluded.
Sonoma County	Gerstle Cove State Marine Reserve	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	This area lies within the Salt Point State Marine Conservation Area and is bounded by the mean high tide line and a straight line connecting the following points: 38° 33.950' N. lat. 123° 19.920' W. long.; and 38° 33.950' N. lat. 123° 19.760' W. long.
Sonoma County	Russian River State Marine Recreational Management Area	Waterfowl may be taken in accordance with the general waterfowl regulations (Sections 502, 550, 551, and 552). Take of all living, geological, or cultural marine resources is prohibited.	This area includes the waters below the mean high tide line eastward of the mouth of the Russian River estuary defined as a line connecting the following two points: 38° 27.160' N. lat. 123° 07.910' W. long.; 38° 27.010' N. lat. 123° 07.740' W. long. and westward of the Highway 1 Bridge.

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Sonoma County	Russian River State Marine Conservation Area	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take of Dungeness crab by trap, and surf smelt using hand-held dip net or beach net is allowed.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line, the mouth of the Russian River estuary as defined in subsection 632(b)(37)(A), and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 38° 27.380' N. lat. 123° 08.580' W. long.; 38° 26.380' N. lat. 123° 08.580' W. long.; 38° 26.380' N. lat. 123° 07.700' W. long.
Sonoma County	Bodega Head State Marine Reserve	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource with specified exceptions for scientific research. Additionally, within the Bodega Marine Life Refuge (a small nearshore area within Bodega Head SMR): No anchoring except as permitted by federal law, or during hazardous weather. CDFW and the Bodega Marine Life Refuge director may permit access, anchoring, and take for scientific or educational purposes. <i>See CCR Title 14, Section 632(b)(39)</i>	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 38° 20.100' N. lat. 123° 04.123' W. long.; 38° 20.100' N. lat. 123° 08.448' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 38° 18.000' N. lat. 123° 08.140' W. long.; and 38° 18.000' N. lat. 123° 03.680' W. long.
Sonoma County	Bodega Head State Marine Conservation Area	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take of pelagic finfish ⁵ [subsection 632(a)(3)] by trolling [subsection 27.80(a)(3)], Dungeness crab by trap, and market squid by hand-held dip net, is allowed.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 38° 18.000' N. lat. 123° 03.680' W. long.; 38° 18.000' N. lat. 123° 08.140' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 38° 13.340' N. lat. 123° 03.510' W. long.; and 38° 17.930' N. lat. 123° 03.510' W. long.
Sonoma County	Estero Americano State Marine Recreational Management Area	Waterfowl may be taken in accordance with the general waterfowl regulations (Sections 502, 550, 551, and 552). Take of all living, geological, or cultural marine resources is prohibited.	This area includes the waters below the mean high tide line within Estero Americano westward of longitude 122° 59.250' W.

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Napa County	Fagan Marsh State Marine Park (estuarine)	Any human use that would compromise protection of the species of interest, natural community or habitat, or geological, cultural, or recreational features, may be restricted, with the following specified exceptions: the recreational hook and line take of species other than marine aquatic plants is allowed. Only lightweight, hand- carried boats may be launched or operated within the park. Other restrictions apply. See subsection 632(a)(1)(B) on pg. 55.	This area consists of waters below the mean high tide line within the Fagan Marsh Ecological Reserve.
Marin County	Estero de San Antonio State Marine Recreational Management Area	Waterfowl may be taken in accordance with the general waterfowl regulations (Sections 502, 550, 551, and 552). Take of all living, geological, or cultural marine resources is prohibited.	This area includes the waters below the mean high tide line within Estero de San Antonio westward of longitude 122° 57.400'W.
Marin County	Point Reyes State Marine Reserve	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 37° 59.900' N. lat. 123° 01.278' W. long.; 37° 59.900' N. lat. 123° 02.000' W. long.; 37° 59.000' N. lat. 123° 02.000' W. long.; 37° 59.000' N. lat. 122° 57.340' W. long.; and 38° 01.750' N. lat. 122° 55.000' W. long.; thence westward along the mean high tide line onshore boundary to 38° 01.783' N. lat. 122° 55.286' W. long.; and 38° 01.941' N. lat. 122° 56.364' W. long.
Marin County	Point Reyes State Marine Conservation Area	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take of salmon by trolling [subsection 27.80(a)(3)] and Dungeness crab by trap is allowed.	This area is bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 37° 59.000' N. lat. 123° 02.000' W. long.; 37° 56.712' N. lat. 123° 02.000' W. long.; thence eastward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 37° 56.370' N. lat. 122° 57.340' W. long.; 37° 59.000' N. lat. 122° 57.340' W. long.; and 37° 59.000' N. lat. 123° 02.000' W. long.

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Marin County	Point Reyes Headlands Special Closure	<p>Special restrictions on boating and access apply to the Point Reyes Headlands as follows.</p> <p>(A) A special closure is designated on the south side of the Point Reyes Headlands from the mean high tide line to a distance of 1,000 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline between lines extending due south from each of the following two points: 37° 59.650' N. lat. 123° 01.000' W. long; and 37° 59.390' N. lat. 122° 57.800' W. long.</p> <p>(B) No person except department employees or employees of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, or United States Coast Guard, in performing their official duties, or unless permission is granted by the department, shall enter this area at any time.</p>	
Marin County	Estero de Limantour State Marine Reserve	<p>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.</p>	<p>This area consists of waters below the mean high tide line within Estero de Limantour and within Drakes Estero, southward of a line connecting the following two points: 38° 02.660' N. lat. 122° 56.900' W. long.; and 38° 02.660' N. lat. 122° 56.150' W. long. and northward of a line connecting the following two points: 38° 01.783' N. lat. 122° 55.286' W. long.; and 38° 01.941' N. lat. 122° 56.364' W. long.</p>
Marin County	Drakes Estero State Marine Conservation Area	<p>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exception: 1. The recreational take of clams is allowed.</p>	<p>This area includes the waters below the mean high tide line within Drakes Estero northward of a line connecting the following two points: 38° 02.660' N. lat. 122° 56.900' W. long.; and 38° 02.660' N. lat. 122° 56.150' W. long.</p>
Marin County	Point Resistance Rock Special Closure	<p>Special restrictions on boating and access apply to Point Resistance Rock as follows.</p> <p>(A) A special closure is designated from the mean high tide line to a distance of 300 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of Point Resistance Rock, located in the vicinity of 37° 59.916' N. lat. 122° 49.759' W. long.</p> <p>(B) No person except department employees or employees of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, or United States Coast Guard, in performing their official duties, or unless permission is granted by the department, shall enter this area at any time.</p>	

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Marin County	Double Point/ Stormy Stack Rock Special Closure	<p>Special restrictions on boating and access apply to Stormy Stack Rock as follows.</p> <p>(A) A special closure is designated from the mean high tide line to a distance of 300 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of Stormy Stack Rock, located in the vicinity of 37° 56.830' N. lat. 122° 47.140' W. long.</p> <p>(B) No person except department employees or employees of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, or United States Coast Guard, in performing their official duties, or unless permission is granted by the department, shall enter this area at any time.</p>	
Marin County	Duxbury Reef State Marine Conservation Area⁴	<p>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: the recreational take of finfish [subsection 632(a)(2)] from shore and abalone is allowed. <i>[note that abalone season is currently closed]</i></p>	<p>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line, a distance of 1,000 feet seaward of mean lower low water, and the following points:</p> <p>37° 55.514' N. lat. 122° 44.179' W. long.;</p> <p>37° 55.420' N. lat. 122° 44.310' W. long.;</p> <p>37° 53.650' N. lat. 122° 41.910' W. long.; and</p> <p>37° 53.770' N. lat. 122° 42.020' W. long.</p>
Marin County	Corte Madera Marsh State Marine Park	<p>Any human use that would compromise protection of the species of interest, natural community or habitat, or geological, cultural, or recreational features, may be restricted, with the following specified exceptions: the recreational hook and line take of species other than marine aquatic plants from shore only is allowed. Only lightweight, hand-carried boats may be launched or operated within the park. Swimming, wading, and diving are prohibited within the park. <i>Other restrictions apply. See subsection 632(a)(1)(B) on pg. 55</i></p>	<p>This area consists of waters below the mean high tide line within the Corte Madera Marsh Ecological Reserve.</p>

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Marin County	Marin Islands State Marine Park	Any human use that would compromise protection of the species of interest, natural community or habitat, or geological, cultural, or recreational features, may be restricted, with the following specified exceptions: the recreational hook and line take of species other than marine aquatic plants from shore only is allowed. Boating, swimming, wading, and diving are prohibited within the park. <i>Other restrictions apply. See subsection 632(a)(1)(B) on pg. 55</i>	This area consists of waters below the mean high tide line within the Marin Islands Ecological Reserve.
San Francisco County	North Farallon Islands State Marine Reserve	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	This area is bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 37° 45.700' N. lat. 122° 59.085' W. long.; thence northwestward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 37° 49.344' N. lat. 123° 7.000' W. long.; 37° 45.700' N. lat. 123° 7.000' W. long.; and 37° 45.700' N. lat. 122° 59.085' W. long.
San Francisco County	North Farallon Islands Special Closure	Special regulations on boating and access apply to the North Farallon Islands as follows. (A) A special closure is established at the islets comprising the North Farallon Islands. (B) Except as permitted by federal law or emergency caused by hazardous weather, or as authorized by subsection 632(b)(52)(C), no vessel shall be operated or anchored at any time from the mean high tide line to a distance of 1,000 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of North Farallon Island, or to a distance of 300 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of the remaining three southern islets, including the Island of St. James, in the vicinity of 37°46.025' N. lat. 123° 06.018' W. long. (C) No person except department employees or employees of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or United States Coast Guard, in performing their official duties, or unless permission is granted by the department, shall enter the area defined in subsection 632(b)(52)(B). (D) All vessels shall observe a five (5) nautical mile per hour speed limit within 1,000 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of the islets defined in subsection 632(b)(52)(B).	

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San Francisco County	<p>Southeast Farallon Island State Marine Reserve</p>	<p>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.</p>	<p>This area is bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 37° 42.600' N. lat. 122° 59.500' W. long.; 37° 42.600' N. lat. 123° 02.000' W. long.; 37° 40.500' N. lat. 123° 02.000' W. long.; 37° 40.500' N. lat. 122° 59.500' W. long.; and 37° 42.600' N. lat. 122° 59.500' W. long.</p>
San Francisco County	<p>Southeast Farallon Island State Marine Conservation Area</p>	<p>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take of salmon by trolling [subsection 27.80(a)(3)] is allowed.</p>	<p>This area is bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 37° 42.600' N. lat. 123° 02.000' W. long.; 37° 42.600' N. lat. 123° 05.461' W. long.; thence southeastward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 37° 38.654' N. lat. 122° 59.500' W. long.; 37° 40.500' N. lat. 122° 59.500' W. long.; 37° 40.500' N. lat. 123° 02.000' W. long.; and 37° 42.600' N. lat. 123° 02.000' W. long.</p>

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San Francisco County	Southeast Farallon Islands Special Closure	<p>Special regulations on boating and access apply to the island and islets comprising the Southeast Farallon Island as follows.</p> <p>(A) A special closure is established at Southeast Farallon Island.</p> <p>(B) Except as permitted by federal law or emergency caused by hazardous weather, or as authorized by subsection 632(b)(55)(D), no vessel shall be operated or anchored at any time from the mean high tide line to a distance of 300 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of the Southeast Farallon Island year-round, EXCEPT:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The area north of Fisherman's Bay, from a line extending due west from 37° 42.260' N. lat.; 123° 00.160' W long., following clockwise around the island (including Fisherman's Bay) to a line extending due east from 37° 42.050' N lat. 123° 00.070' W long. 2. At East Landing from a line extending due east from 37° 41.830' N. lat. 122° 59.980' W. long., following clockwise around the island to a straight line connecting the following two points: 37° 41.720' N. lat. 123° 00.050' W. long. and 37° 41.680' N. lat. 123° 00.070' W. long. <p>(C) This closure as defined in subsection 632(b)(55)(B) exists year-round, except for the following areas, which are closed only from December 1 through September 14 of each year.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From Fisherman's Bay to East Landing, from a line extending due east from 37° 42.050' N. lat. 123° 00.070' W. long., following clockwise around the island to a line extending due east from 37° 41.830' N. lat. 122° 59.980' W. long. 2. The area southwest of East Landing from a straight line connecting the following two points: 37° 41.720' N. lat. 123° 00.050' W. long., and 37° 41.680' N. lat 123° 00.070' W. long. Following clockwise around the main island to a straight line extending due south from 37° 41.760' N. lat. 123° 00.160' W. long. to 37° 41.640' N. lat 123° 00.160' W. long. and on the southeast side of Saddle (Seal) Rock from a straight line extending due south from 37° 41.760' N. lat. 123° 00.160' W. long. following clockwise around Saddle (Seal) Rock to a line extending due west from 37° 41.600' N. lat 123° 00.260' W long. <p>(D) No person except department employees or employees of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or United States Coast Guard, in performing their official duties, or unless permission is granted by the department, shall enter the area defined in subsection 632(b)(55)(B) or 632(b)(55)(C) during the closure period.</p> <p>(E) All vessels shall observe a five (5) nautical mile per hour speed limit 1,000 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of the Southeast Farallon Island.</p>	
Solano County	Peytonia Slough State Marine Park	<p>Any human use that would compromise protection of the species of interest, natural community or habitat, or geological, cultural, or recreational features, may be restricted, with the following specified exceptions: the recreational hook and line take of species other than marine aquatic plants is allowed. Only lightweight, hand-carried boats may be launched or operated within the park. <i>Other restrictions apply. See subsection 632(a)(1)(B) on pg. 55</i></p>	<p>This area consists of waters below the mean high tide line within the Peytonia Slough Ecological Reserve.</p>

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Alameda County	Albany Mudflats State Marine Park	Any human use that would compromise protection of the species of interest, natural community or habitat, or geological, cultural, or recreational features, may be restricted, with the following specified exceptions: the recreational hook and line take of species other than marine aquatic plants from shore only is allowed. Boating, swimming, wading, and diving are prohibited within the park. <i>Other restrictions apply. See subsection 632(a)(1)(B) on pg. 55</i>	This area consists of waters below the mean high tide line within the Albany Mudflats Ecological Reserve.
Alameda County	Robert W. Crown State Marine Conservation Area	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take of finfish by hook and line only is allowed.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and a distance of 150 feet seaward of mean lower low water, between the following points: 37° 45.970' N. lat. 122° 16.840' W. long.; and 37° 45.950' N. lat. 122° 16.520' W. long.
San Mateo County	Egg (Devil's Slide) Rock to Devil's Slide Special Closure	Special restrictions on boating and access apply as follows. (A) A special closure is designated from the mean high tide line to a distance of 300 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of any of the three rocks comprising Egg (Devil's Slide) Rock, located in the vicinity of: 37° 34.640' N. lat. 122° 31.290' W. long.; 37° 34.660' N. lat. 122° 31.320' W. long.; and 37° 34.630' N. lat. 122° 31.290' W. long.; and the area bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 37° 34.740' N. lat. 122° 31.080' W. long.; 37° 34.720' N. lat. 122° 31.310' W. long.; 37° 34.600' N. lat. 122° 31.330' W. long.; and 37° 34.520' N. lat. 122° 31.210' W. long. (B) Transit in between the rock and the mainland between these points is prohibited at any time. (C) No person except department employees or employees of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or United States Coast Guard, in performing their official duties, or unless permission is granted by the department, shall enter this area.	

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San Mateo County	Montara State Marine Reserve	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 37° 32.700' N. lat. 122° 31.000' W. long.; 37° 32.700' N. lat. 122° 34.908' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 37° 30.000' N. lat. 122° 34.608' W. long.; and 37° 30.000' N. lat. 122° 29.920' W. long.
San Mateo County	Pillar Point State Marine Conservation Area	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take of pelagic finfish ⁵ [subsection 632(a)(3)] by trolling [subsection 27.80(a)(3)], Dungeness crab by trap, and market squid by hand-held dip net is allowed.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 37° 30.000' N. lat. 122° 29.920' W. long.; 37° 30.000' N. lat. 122° 34.608' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 37° 28.330' N. lat. 122° 33.489' W. long.; 37° 28.330' N. lat. 122° 30.830' W. long.; 37° 29.180' N. lat. 122° 30.360' W. long.; 37° 29.740' N. lat. 122° 29.970' W. long.; and 37° 29.733' N. lat. 122° 29.950' W. long.
San Mateo County	Redwood Shores State Marine Park	Any human use that would compromise protection of the species of interest, natural community or habitat, or geological, cultural, or recreational features, may be restricted, with the following specified exceptions: the recreational hook and line take of species other than marine aquatic plants is allowed. Only lightweight, hand-carried boats may be launched or operated within the park. <i>Other restrictions apply. See subsection 632(a)(1)(B) on pg. 55</i>	This area consists of waters below the mean high tide line within the Redwood Shores Ecological Reserve.

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San Mateo County	Bair Island State Marine Park	Any human use that would compromise protection of the species of interest, natural community or habitat, or geological, cultural, or recreational features, may be restricted, with the following specified exceptions: the recreational hook and line take of species other than kelp from shore only is allowed. Boating, swimming, wading, and diving are prohibited within the park. No person, except state and local law enforcement officers, fire suppression agencies and employees of the department in the performance of their official duties or persons possessing written permission from the department, shall enter this park during the period February 15 through May 20. Waterfowl may be taken in accordance with the general waterfowl regulations [sections 502, 550, 551, and 552]. <i>Other restrictions apply. See subsection 632(a)(1)(B) on pg. 55</i>	This area consists of waters below the mean high tide line within the Bair Island Ecological Reserve.
San Mateo County	Año Nuevo State Marine Reserve	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and a distance of 200 feet seaward of mean lower low water between the following two points: 37° 10.000' N. lat. 122° 21.800' W. long.; and 37° 08.725' N. lat. 122° 21.000' W. long. The area then continues southward bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 37° 08.725' N. lat. 122° 21.000' W. long.; 37° 04.700' N. lat. 122° 21.000' W. long.; 37° 04.700' N. lat. 122° 16.062' W. long.; and 37° 04.742' N. lat. 122° 16.026' W. long.

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Santa Cruz County	Greyhound Rock State Marine Conservation Area	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take of giant kelp (<i>Macrocystis pyrifera</i>) by hand harvest only, market squid, salmon, and, by hook and line from shore only, other finfish is allowed.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line, the three nautical mile offshore boundary and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 37° 04.742' N. lat. 122° 16.026' W. long.; 37° 04.700' N. lat. 122° 16.062' W. long.; 37° 04.700' N. lat. 122° 21.000' W. long.; 37° 03.520' N. lat. 122° 21.000' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 37° 02.570' N. lat. 122° 18.963' W. long.; and 37° 02.570' N. lat. 122° 13.989' W. long.
Santa Cruz County	Natural Bridges State Marine Reserve	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and a distance of 200 feet seaward of mean lower low water between the following two points: 36° 57.912' N. lat. 122° 07.650' W. long.; and 36° 57.015' N. lat. 122° 03.504' W. long.
Monterey County	Elkhorn Slough State Marine Reserve	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	This area includes the waters below mean high tide within Elkhorn Slough lying east of longitude 121° 46.400' W. and south of latitude 36° 50.500' N.
Monterey County	Elkhorn Slough State Marine Conservation Area	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take of fin fish by hook and line only and clams is allowed. Clams may only be taken on the north shore of the slough in the area adjacent to the Moss Landing State Wildlife Area [subsection 550(a)].	This area includes the waters below mean high tide within Elkhorn Slough east of the Highway 1 Bridge and west of longitude 121° 46.400' W.

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Monterey County	Moro Cojo Slough State Marine Reserve	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	This area includes the waters within Moro Cojo Slough below mean high tide and east of the Highway 1 Bridge and west of the crossing of the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks.
Monterey County	Soquel Canyon State Marine Conservation Area	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: the... recreational take of pelagic finfish ⁵ [subsection 632(a)(3)] is allowed.	This area is bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 36° 51.000' N. lat. 121° 56.000' W. long.; 36° 51.000' N. lat. 122° 03.652' W. long.; 36° 48.000' N. lat. 122° 02.767' W. long.; 36° 48.000' N. lat. 121° 56.000' W. long.; and 36° 51.000' N. lat. 121° 56.000' W. long.
Monterey County	Portuguese Ledge State Marine Conservation Area	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: the... recreational take of pelagic finfish ⁵ [subsection 632(a)(3)] is allowed.	This area is bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 36° 43.000' N. lat. 121° 56.000' W. long.; 36° 43.000' N. lat. 122° 01.294' W. long.; 36° 41.000' N. lat. 122° 00.706' W. long.; 36° 41.000' N. lat. 121° 56.000' W. long.; and 36° 43.000' N. lat. 121° 56.000' W. long.
Monterey County	Edward F. Ricketts State Marine Conservation Area	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take of finfish by hook and line is allowed.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 36° 36.508' N. lat. 121° 53.379' W. long.; 36° 37.250' N. lat. 121° 53.780' W. long.; and 36° 37.100' N. lat. 121° 54.093' W. long.

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Monterey County	Lovers Point- Julia Platt State Marine Reserve	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line, and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 36° 37.100' N. lat. 121° 54.093' W. long.; 36° 37.250' N. lat. 121° 53.780' W. long.; 36° 37.380' N. lat. 121° 53.850' W. long.; 36° 37.600' N. lat. 121° 54.750' W. long.; and 36° 37.600' N. lat. 121° 54.919' W. long.
Monterey County	Pacific Grove Marine Gardens State Marine Conservation Area	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take of finfish is allowed.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 36° 37.600' N. lat. 121° 54.919' W. long.; 36° 37.600' N. lat. 121° 54.750' W. long.; 36° 38.700' N. lat. 121° 55.400' W. long.; 36° 38.900' N. lat. 121° 56.600' W. long.; 36° 38.314' N. lat. 121° 56.292' W. long.; and 36° 38.226' N. lat. 121° 56.159' W. long.
Monterey County	Asilomar State Marine Reserve	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 36° 38.226' N. lat. 121° 56.159' W. long.; 36° 38.314' N. lat. 121° 56.292' W. long.; 36° 38.900' N. lat. 121° 56.600' W. long.; and 36° 36.554' N. lat. 121° 57.518' W. long.
Monterey County	Carmel Pinnacles State Marine Reserve	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	This area is bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 36° 33.650' N. lat. 121° 57.600' W. long.; 36° 33.650' N. lat. 121° 58.500' W. long.; 36° 33.100' N. lat. 121° 58.500' W. long.; 36° 33.100' N. lat. 121° 57.600' W. long.; and 36° 33.650' N. lat. 121° 57.600' W. long.

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Monterey County	Carmel Bay State Marine Conservation Area	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take of finfish is allowed.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 36° 33.663' N. lat. 121° 57.117' W. long.; 36° 31.700' N. lat. 121° 56.300' W. long.; and 36° 31.700' N. lat. 121° 55.550' W. long.
Monterey County	Point Lobos State Marine Reserve	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource. Within the portion of the Point Lobos State Marine Reserve which also falls within the boundary of the Point Lobos State Reserve (State Park Unit), restrictions on boating and diving activities exist. Contact the California Department of Parks and Recreation for current restrictions.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 36° 31.700' N. lat. 121° 55.550' W. long.; 36° 31.700' N. lat. 121° 58.250' W. long.; 36° 28.880' N. lat. 121° 58.250' W. long.; and 36° 28.880' N. lat. 121° 56.285' W. long.
Monterey County	Point Lobos State Marine Conservation Area	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take of salmon and albacore is allowed.	This area is bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 36° 31.700' N. lat. 121° 58.250' W. long.; 36° 31.700' N. lat. 122° 01.267' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 36° 28.880' N. lat. 122° 00.490' W. long.; 36° 28.880' N. lat. 121° 58.250' W. long.; and 36° 31.700' N. lat. 121° 58.250' W. long.
Monterey County	Point Sur State Marine Reserve	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 36° 18.400' N. lat. 121° 54.150' W. long.; 36° 18.400' N. lat. 121° 56.000' W. long.; 36° 15.000' N. lat. 121° 52.500' W. long.; and 36° 15.000' N. lat. 121° 50.250' W. long.

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Monterey County	Point Sur State Marine Conservation Area	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: the ...recreational take of salmon and albacore is allowed.	This area is bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 36° 18.400' N. lat. 121° 56.000' W. long.; 36° 18.400' N. lat. 121° 57.932' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 36° 15.000' N. lat. 121° 55.955' W. long.; 36° 15.000' N. lat. 121° 52.500' W. long.; and 36° 18.400' N. lat. 121° 56.000' W. long.
Monterey County	Big Creek State Marine Reserve	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource. Except as pursuant to Federal law or emergency caused by hazardous weather, it is unlawful to anchor or moor a vessel in waters shallower than 10 fathoms in the Big Creek State Marine Reserve.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 36° 07.200' N. lat. 121° 37.968' W. long.; 36° 07.200' N. lat. 121° 39.000' W. long.; 36° 05.200' N. lat. 121° 38.000' W. long.; 36° 05.200' N. lat. 121° 41.222' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 36° 02.650' N. lat. 121° 39.654' W. long.; and 36° 02.650' N. lat. 121° 35.130' W. long.
Monterey County	Big Creek State Marine Conservation Area	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take of salmon and albacore is allowed.	This area is bounded by the three nautical mile offshore boundary and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 36° 07.200' N. lat. 121° 39.000' W. long.; 36° 07.200' N. lat. 121° 42.869' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 36° 05.200' N. lat. 121° 41.222' W. long.; 36° 05.200' N. lat. 121° 38.000' W. long.; and 36° 07.200' N. lat. 121° 39.000' W. long.

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San Luis Obispo County	Piedras Blancas State Marine Reserve	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 35° 42.850' N. lat. 121° 18.950' W. long.; 35° 42.850' N. lat. 121° 21.000' W. long.; 35° 39.150' N. lat. 121° 18.500' W. long.; and 35° 39.150' N. lat. 121° 14.519' W. long.
San Luis Obispo County	Piedras Blancas State Marine Conservation Area	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: the... recreational take of salmon and albacore is allowed.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 35° 42.850' N. lat. 121° 21.000' W. long.; 35° 42.850' N. lat. 121° 22.763' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 35° 39.150' N. lat. 121° 20.913' W. long.; 35° 39.150' N. lat. 121° 18.500' W. long.; and 35° 42.850' N. lat. 121° 21.000' W. long.
San Luis Obispo County	Cambria State Marine Conservation Area/ State Marine Park	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: recreational take is allowed.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 35° 37.100' N. lat. 121° 09.225' W. long.; 35° 37.100' N. lat. 121° 10.700' W. long.; 35° 32.850' N. lat. 121° 06.700' W. long.; and 35° 32.850' N. lat. 121° 05.855' W. long.

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San Luis Obispo County	White Rock State Marine Conservation Area	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 35° 32.850' N. lat. 121° 05.855' W. long.; 35° 32.850' N. lat. 121° 06.700' W. long.; 35° 30.500' N. lat. 121° 05.000' W. long.; and 35° 30.500' N. lat. 121° 03.423' W. long.
San Luis Obispo County	Morro Bay State Marine Recreational Management Area³	Waterfowl may be taken in accordance with the general waterfowl regulations (Sections 502, 550, 551, and 552). Take of all living, geological, or cultural marine resources is prohibited except the following specified activities are allowed north of latitude 35°19.700' N: 1. The recreational take of finfish. ...3. Storing finfish taken outside the Morro Bay State Marine Recreational Management Area in a receiver for bait purposes.	This area includes the area below mean high tide within Morro Bay east of the Morro Bay entrance breakwater and west of longitude 120° 50.340' W.
San Luis Obispo County	Morro Bay State Marine Reserve	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	This area includes the area below mean high tide line within Morro Bay east of longitude 120° 50.340' W.

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<i>San Luis Obispo County</i>	Point Buchon State Marine Reserve	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 35° 15.250' N. lat. 120° 53.817' W. long.; 35° 15.250' N. lat. 120° 56.000' W. long.; 35° 11.000' N. lat. 120° 52.400' W. long.; and 35° 13.348' N. lat. 120° 52.400' W. long.
<i>San Luis Obispo County</i>	Point Buchon State Marine Conservation Area	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: the... recreational take of salmon and albacore is allowed.	This area is bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 35° 15.250' N. lat. 120° 56.000' W. long.; 35° 15.250' N. lat. 120° 57.878' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 35° 11.000' N. lat. 120° 55.149' W. long.; 35° 11.000' N. lat. 120° 52.400' W. long.; and 35° 15.250' N. lat. 120° 56.000' W. long.
<i>Santa Barbara County</i>	Vandenberg State Marine Reserve³	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource. Public entry into the Vandenberg State Marine Reserve may be restricted at the discretion of the department to protect wildlife, aquatic life, or habitat, or by the Commander of Vandenberg Air Force Base to protect and provide safety for base operations.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 34° 44.650' N. lat. 120° 37.750' W. long.; 34° 44.650' N. lat. 120° 40.000' W. long.; 34° 33.250' N. lat. 120° 40.000' W. long.; and 34° 33.250' N. lat. 120° 37.407' W. long.

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<i>Santa Barbara County</i>	Point Conception State Marine Reserve	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 34° 27.000' N. lat. 120° 28.280' W. long.; 34° 27.000' N. lat. 120° 32.151' W. long.; thence southeastward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 34° 23.961' N. lat. 120° 25.000' W. long.; and 34° 27.211' N. lat. 120° 25.000' W. long.
<i>Santa Barbara County</i>	Kashtayit State Marine Conservation Area	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take of finfish [subsection 632(a)(2)], invertebrates except rock scallops and mussels, and giant kelp (<i>Macrocystis pyrifera</i>) by hand harvest is allowed. 2. The following federally recognized tribe is exempt from the area and take regulations and shall comply with all other existing regulations and statutes: Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 34° 28.130' N. lat. 120° 14.460' W. long.; 34° 27.300' N. lat. 120° 14.460' W. long.; 34° 27.300' N. lat. 120° 12.470' W. long.; and 34° 28.230' N. lat. 120° 12.470' W. long.
<i>Santa Barbara County</i>	Naples State Marine Conservation Area	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take by spearfishing [Section 1.76] of white seabass and pelagic finfish ⁵ [subsection 632(a)(3)] is allowed. ...3. The following federally recognized tribe is exempt from the area and take regulations and shall comply with all other existing regulations and statutes: Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 34° 26.517' N. lat. 119° 58.000' W. long.; 34° 25.000' N. lat. 119° 58.000' W. long.; 34° 25.000' N. lat. 119° 56.000' W. long.; and 34° 26.140' N. lat. 119° 56.000' W. long.

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Santa Barbara County	Campus Point State Marine Conservation Area^{3,6}	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 34° 25.207' N. lat. 119° 53.600' W. long.; 34° 21.475' N. lat. 119° 53.600' W. long.; thence eastward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 34° 21.212' N. lat. 119° 50.650' W. long.; and 34° 24.300' N. lat. 119° 50.650' W. long.
Santa Barbara County	Goleta Slough State Marine Conservation Area^{3,6}	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource. In waters below the mean high tide line inside the Goleta Slough Ecological Reserve as defined within Section 630, the following restrictions apply: 1. Boating, swimming, wading, and diving are prohibited. 2. No person shall enter this area and remain therein except on established trails, paths or other designated areas except department employees or designated employees of Santa Barbara Airport, City of Santa Barbara, Goleta Sanitary District and Goleta Valley Vector Control District for the purposes of carrying out official duties.	This area includes the waters below the mean high tide line within Goleta Slough.
Santa Barbara County	Richardson Rock State and Federal Marine Reserves (San Miguel Island)	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	This area includes Richardson Rock State Marine Reserve and the adjoining federal Richardson Rock Marine Reserve. Coordinates are provided for outer boundaries of the joined state and federal areas*. This area is bounded by the mean high tide line of Richardson Rock and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 34° 02.211' N. lat. 120° 28.200' W. long.; 34° 02.211' N. lat. 120° 36.290' W. long.; 34° 10.400' N. lat. 120° 36.290' W. long.; 34° 10.400' N. lat. 120° 28.200' W. long.; and 34° 02.211' N. lat. 120° 28.200' W. long.

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Santa Barbara County	Harris Point State and Federal Marine Reserves (San Miguel Island)	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	<p>This area includes Harris Point State Marine Reserve and the adjoining federal Harris Point Marine Reserve. Coordinates are provided for outer boundaries of the joined state and federal areas*.</p> <p>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 34° 03.160' N. lat. 120° 23.300' W. long.; 34° 12.295' N. lat. 120° 23.300' W. long.; 34° 12.295' N. lat. 120° 18.400' W. long., and 34° 01.755' N. lat. 120° 18.400' W. long.</p> <p>An exemption to the (state) reserve, where recreational take of living marine resources is allowed, exists between the mean high tide line in Cuyler Harbor and a straight line between the following points: 34° 03.554' N. lat. 120° 21.311' W. long. and 34° 02.908' N. lat. 120° 20.161' W. long.</p>
Santa Barbara County	Judith Rock State Marine Reserve (San Miguel Island)	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	<p>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 34° 01.802' N. lat. 120° 26.600' W. long.; 33° 58.513' N. lat. 120° 26.600' W. long.; thence eastward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 33° 58.518' N. lat. 120° 25.300' W. long; and 34° 01.689' N. lat. 120° 25.300' W. long.</p>

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Santa Barbara County	San Miguel Island Special Closure	<p>Special restrictions on recreational boating and access apply to San Miguel Island as follows.</p> <p>(A) Boating is allowed at San Miguel Island except west of a line drawn between Judith Rock (34° 01.500' N. lat. 120° 25.300' W. long.) and Castle Rock (34° 03.300' N. lat. 120° 26.300' W. long.) where boats are prohibited closer than 300 yards from shore.</p> <p>1. Notwithstanding the 300-yard boating closure between Judith Rock and Castle Rock, ...boats may approach San Miguel Island no nearer than 100 yards from shore during the period(s) from March 15 through April 30, and October 1 through December 15.</p> <p>2. The department may rescind permission for boats to enter waters within 300 yards between Judith Rock and Castle Rock upon finding that impairment to the island marine mammal resource is imminent. Immediately following such closure, the department will request the commission to hear, at its regularly scheduled meeting, presentation of documentation supporting the need for such closure.</p> <p>(B) Other Requirements:</p> <p>1. Boats traveling within 300 yards of the shoreline or anchorages shall operate with a minimum amount of noise and shall not exceed speeds of five miles per hour.</p> <p>2. Except as permitted by federal law or emergency caused by hazardous weather, boats may be anchored overnight only at Tyler Bight and Cuyler Harbor.</p> <p>3. Landing is allowed on San Miguel Island only at the designated landing beach in Cuyler Harbor.</p> <p>4. No person shall have access to all other offshore rocks and islands at San Miguel Island.</p>	
Santa Barbara County	Carrington Point State Marine Reserve (Santa Rosa Island)	<p>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.</p>	<p>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:</p> <p>34° 01.280' N. lat. 120° 05.200' W. long.;</p> <p>34° 04.000' N. lat. 120° 05.200' W. long.;</p> <p>34° 04.000' N. lat. 120° 01.000' W. long.;</p> <p>34° 00.500' N. lat. 120° 01.000' W. long.;</p> <p>34° 00.500' N. lat. 120° 02.930' W. long.</p>

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<i>Santa Barbara County</i>	Skunk Point State Marine Reserve (Santa Rosa Island)	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 33° 59.000' N. lat. 119° 58.985' W. long.; 33° 59.000' N. lat. 119° 58.000' W. long.; 33° 57.100' N. lat. 119° 58.000' W. long.; and 33° 57.100' N. lat. 119° 58.257' W. long.
<i>Santa Barbara County</i>	South Point State and Federal Marine Reserves (Santa Rosa Island)	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	This area includes the South Point State Marine Reserve and the adjoining federal South Point Marine Reserve. Coordinates are provided for outer boundaries of the joined state and federal areas*. This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 33° 55.014' N. lat. 120° 10.000' W. long.; 33° 50.400' N. lat. 120° 10.000' W. long.; 33° 50.400' N. lat. 120° 06.500' W. long.; 33° 53.800' N. lat. 120° 06.500' W. long.; and 33° 53.800' N. lat. 120° 06.544' W. long.
<i>Santa Barbara County</i>	Painted Cave State Marine Conservation Area (Santa Cruz Island)	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: the recreational take of spiny lobster and pelagic finfish ⁵ [subsection 632(a)(3)] is allowed.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 34° 04.492' N. lat. 119° 53.000' W. long.; 34° 05.200' N. lat. 119° 53.000' W. long.; thence eastward along a line one nautical mile offshore to 34° 05.000' N. lat. 119° 51.000' W. long.; and 34° 04.034' N. lat. 119° 51.000' W. long.

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Santa Barbara County	Gull Island State and Federal Marine Reserves (Santa Cruz Island)	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	<p>This area includes Gull Island State Marine Reserve and the adjoining federal Gull Island Marine Reserve. Coordinates are provided for outer boundaries of the joined state and federal areas*.</p> <p>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:</p> <p>33° 58.065' N. lat. 119° 50.967' W. long.;</p> <p>33° 58.000' N. lat. 119° 51.000' W. long.;</p> <p>33° 58.000' N. lat. 119° 53.000' W. long.;</p> <p>33° 51.717' N. lat. 119° 53.000' W. long.;</p> <p>33° 51.717' N. lat. 119° 48.000' W. long.; and</p> <p>33° 57.769' N. lat. 119° 48.000' W. long.</p>
Santa Barbara County	Scorpion State and Federal Marine Reserves (Santa Cruz Island)	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	<p>This area includes the Scorpion State Marine Reserve and the adjoining federal Scorpion Marine Reserve. Coordinates are provided for outer boundaries of the joined state and federal areas*.</p> <p>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:</p> <p>34° 02.958' N. lat. 119° 35.500' W. long.;</p> <p>34° 09.270' N. lat. 119° 35.500' W. long.;</p> <p>34° 09.270' N. lat. 119° 32.800' W. long.; and</p> <p>34° 02.700' N. lat. 119° 32.800' W. long.</p>
Santa Barbara County	Santa Barbara Island State and Federal Marine Reserves	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	<p>This area includes the Santa Barbara Island State Marine Reserve and the adjoining federal Santa Barbara Island Marine Reserve. Coordinates are provided for outer boundaries of the joined state and federal areas*.</p> <p>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:</p> <p>33° 28.500' N. lat. 119° 01.813' W. long.;</p> <p>33° 28.500' N. lat. 118° 54.527' W. long.;</p> <p>33° 21.792' N. lat. 118° 54.527' W. long.;</p> <p>33° 21.792' N. lat. 119° 02.200' W. long.; and</p> <p>33° 27.911' N. lat. 119° 02.200' W. long.</p>

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Santa Barbara County	Anacapa Island State and Federal Marine Conservation Areas	<p>Area restrictions defined in subsection 632(a)(1)(C) apply (see pg. 55), with the following specified exceptions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The recreational take of spiny lobster and pelagic finfish⁵ [subsection 632(a)(3)]... is allowed. 2. The following federally recognized tribe is exempt from the area and take regulations and shall comply with all other existing regulations and statutes: Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians. 	<p>This area includes the Anacapa Island State Marine Conservation Area and the adjoining federal Anacapa Island Marine Conservation Area.</p> <p>Coordinates are provided for outer boundaries of the joined state and federal areas*.</p> <p>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:</p> <p>34° 00.828' N. lat. 119° 26.623' W. long.;</p> <p>34° 00.800' N. lat. 119° 26.700' W. long.;</p> <p>34° 04.998' N. lat. 119° 26.700' W. long.;</p> <p>34° 04.998' N. lat. 119° 24.600' W. long.; and</p> <p>34° 00.411' N. lat. 119° 24.600' W. long.</p>
Santa Barbara County	Footprint State and Federal Marine Reserves (Anacapa Channel)	<p>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.</p>	<p>This area includes the Footprint State Marine Reserve and the adjoining federal Footprint Marine Reserve. Coordinates are provided for outer boundaries of the joined state and federal areas*.</p> <p>This area is bounded by the straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:</p> <p>33° 59.300' N. lat. 119° 30.965' W. long.;</p> <p>33° 54.119' N. lat. 119° 30.965' W. long.;</p> <p>33° 54.119' N. lat. 119° 25.987' W. long.;</p> <p>33° 59.300' N. lat. 119° 25.987' W. long., and</p> <p>33° 59.300' N. lat., 119° 30.965' W. long.</p>

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Ventura County	Anacapa Island State and Federal Marine Reserves	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	<p>This area includes the Anacapa Island State Marine Reserve and the adjoining federal Anacapa Island Marine Reserve. Coordinates are provided for outer boundaries of the joined state and federal areas*.</p> <p>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 34° 00.411' N. lat. 119° 24.600' W. long.; 34° 04.998' N. lat. 119° 24.600' W. long.; 34° 04.998' N. lat. 119° 21.400' W. long.; 34° 01.000' N. lat. 119° 21.400' W. long.; and 34° 00.960' N. lat. 119° 21.463' W. long.</p>
Ventura County	Anacapa Island Special Closure	<p>A) No net or trap may be used in waters less than 20 feet deep off the Anacapa Islands, commonly referred to as Anacapa Island.</p> <p>(B) A brown pelican fledgling area is designated from the mean high tide mark seaward to a water depth of 20 fathoms (120 feet) on the north side of West Anacapa Island between a line extending 000° True off Portuguese Rock (34° 00.910' N. lat. 119° 25.260' W. long.) to a line extending 000° True off the western edge of Frenchy's Cove (34° 00.411' N. lat. 119° 24.600' W. long.), a distance of approximately 4,000 feet.</p> <p>No person except department employees or employees of the National Park Service in the performance of their official duties shall enter this area during the period January 1 to October 31.</p>	
Ventura County	Begg Rock State Marine Reserve (San Nicholas Is. Quad)	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	This area includes all state waters below the mean high tide line surrounding Begg Rock, located in the vicinity of 33° 21.743' N. lat. 119° 41.718' W. long.

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Los Angeles County	Point Dume State Marine Conservation Area³	Area restrictions defined in subsection 632(a)(1)(C) apply (see pg. 55), with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take by spearfishing [Section 1.76] of white seabass and pelagic finfish ⁵ [subsection 632(a)(3)] is allowed. ...3. The following federally recognized tribe is exempt from the area and take regulations and shall comply with all other existing regulations and statutes: Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians..	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 34° 02.306' N. lat. 118° 53.000' W. long.; 33° 59.140' N. lat. 118° 53.000' W. long.; thence southeastward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 33° 56.960' N. lat. 118° 49.200' W. long.; and 34° 00.780' N. lat. 118° 49.200' W. long.
Los Angeles County	Point Dume State Marine Reserve	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 34° 00.780' N. lat. 118° 49.200' W. long.; 33° 56.960' N. lat. 118° 49.200' W. long.; thence eastward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 33° 57.061' N. lat. 118° 47.260' W. long.; and 34° 01.178' N. lat. 118° 47.260' W. long
Los Angeles County	Point Vicente State Marine Conservation Area^{3,6}	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 33° 44.800' N. lat. 118° 24.807' W. long.; 33° 44.800' N. lat. 118° 28.931' W. long.; thence southeastward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 33° 41.155' N. lat. 118° 23.800' W. long.; and 33° 44.198' N. lat. 118° 23.800' W. long.

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Los Angeles County	Abalone Cove State Marine Conservation Area³	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take by spearfishing [Section 1.76] of white seabass and pelagic finfish ⁵ [subsection 632(a)(3)]; and market squid by hand-held dip net [Section 1.42] is allowed.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 33° 44.198' N. lat. 118° 23.800' W. long.; 33° 41.155' N. lat. 118° 23.800' W. long.; thence southeastward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 33° 40.851' N. lat. 118° 22.500' W. long.; and 33° 44.240' N. lat. 118° 22.500' W. long.
Los Angeles County	Arrow Point to Lion Head Point State Marine Conservation Area (Catalina Island)	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. All recreational take is allowed in accordance with current regulations, except the recreational take of invertebrates is prohibited.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line to a distance of 1,000 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline southeastward of a line connecting the following two points: 33° 28.652' N. lat. 118° 32.310' W. long.; and 33° 28.820' N. lat. 118° 32.310' W. long. and northwestward of a line connecting the following two points: 33° 27.240' N. lat. 118° 29.900' W. long.; and 33° 27.174' N. lat. 118° 30.089' W. long.
Los Angeles County	Blue Cavern Onshore State Marine Conservation Area^{3, 6} (Catalina Island)	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource. Except as pursuant to federal law, emergency caused by hazardous weather, or as provided in subsection 632(b)(124)(D), it is unlawful to anchor or moor a vessel in the formerly designated Catalina Marine Science Center Marine Life Refuge (Section 10932, Fish and Game Code). The director of the Catalina Marine Science Center Marine Life Refuge, or any person that the director of the refuge has authorized may anchor or moor a vessel or take, for scientific purposes, any fish or specimen of marine plant life in the formerly designated Catalina Marine Science Center Marine Life Refuge under the conditions prescribed in a scientific collecting permit issued by the department (Section 10655, Fish and Game Code).	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 33° 25.960' N. lat. 118° 27.000' W. long.; 33° 27.500' N. lat. 118° 27.000' W. long.; 33° 27.500' N. lat. 118° 29.300' W. long.; and 33° 26.640' N. lat. 118° 29.300' W. long.

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Los Angeles County	Blue Cavern Offshore State Marine Conservation Area (Catalina Island)	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take of pelagic finfish ⁵ [subsection 632(a) (3)], by hook and line or by spearfishing [Section 1.76], white seabass by spearfishing [Section 1.76], and market squid by hand-held dip net [Section 1.42] is allowed	This area is bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 33° 27.500' N. lat. 118° 27.000' W. long.; 33° 29.970' N. lat. 118° 27.000' W. long.; thence northwestward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 33° 30.810' N. lat. 118° 29.300' W. long.; 33° 27.500' N. lat. 118° 29.300' W. long.; and 33° 27.500' N. lat. 118° 27.000' W. long
Los Angeles County	Long Point State Marine Reserve (Catalina Island)	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 33° 24.380' N. lat. 118° 21.980' W. long.; 33° 25.500' N. lat. 118° 21.980' W. long.; 33° 25.500' N. lat. 118° 24.000' W. long.; and 33° 25.102' N. lat. 118° 24.000' W. long.
Los Angeles County	Casino Point State Marine Conservation Area^{3,6} (Catalina Island)	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource. Feeding of fish for marine life viewing is allowed.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 33° 20.900' N. lat. 118° 19.430' W. long.; 33° 20.900' N. lat. 118° 19.420' W. long.; 33° 20.920' N. lat. 118° 19.380' W. long.; 33° 20.950' N. lat. 118° 19.420' W. long.; 33° 20.970' N. lat. 118° 19.470' W. long.; 33° 21.000' N. lat. 118° 19.520' W. long.; and 33° 20.960' N. lat. 118° 19.560' W. long.

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Los Angeles County	Lover's Cove State Marine Conservation Area³ (Catalina Island)	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take by hook and line from the Cabrillo Mole is allowed. Feeding of fish for marine life viewing is allowed	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 33° 20.460' N. lat. 118° 18.900' W. long.; 33° 20.711' N. lat. 118° 18.900' W. long.; and 33° 20.711' N. lat. 118° 19.321' W. long.
Los Angeles County	Farnsworth Onshore State Marine Conservation Area (Catalina Island)	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take by spearfishing [Section 1.76] of white seabass and pelagic finfish ⁵ [subsection 632(a)(3)]; marlin, tunas, and dorado (dolphinfish) (<i>Coryphaena hippurus</i>) by trolling [subsection 27.80(a)(3)]; and market squid by hand-held dip net [Section 1.42] is allowed.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 33° 21.000' N. lat. 118° 29.080' W. long.; 33° 21.000' N. lat. 118° 30.000' W. long.; 33° 19.000' N. lat. 118° 29.000' W. long.; 33° 19.000' N. lat. 118° 27.900' W. long.; and 33° 19.560' N. lat. 118° 27.900' W. long.
Los Angeles County	Farnsworth Offshore State Marine Conservation Area⁷ (Catalina Island)	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take of pelagic finfish ⁵ [subsection 632(a)(3)] by hook and line or by spearfishing [Section 1.76]; white seabass by spearfishing [Section 1.76]; marlin, tunas and dorado (dolphinfish) (<i>Coryphaena hippurus</i>) by trolling [subsection 27.80(a)(3)] and market squid by hand-held dip net [Section 1.42] is allowed.	This area is bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 33° 21.000' N. lat. 118° 30.000' W. long.; 33° 21.000' N. lat. 118° 32.878' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 33° 19.000' N. lat. 118° 31.978' W. long.; 33° 19.000' N. lat. 118° 29.000' W. long.; and 33° 21.000' N. lat. 118° 30.000' W. long.

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Los Angeles County	Cat Harbor State Marine Conservation Area³ (Catalina Island)	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take of finfish [subsection 632(a)(2)] by hook and line or by spearfishing [Section 1.76], market squid by hookand-line, and spiny lobster and sea urchin is allowed.	This area includes the waters below the mean high tide line on the west side of Catalina Island northward of a straight line connecting Pin Rock (33° 25.486' N. lat. 118° 30.294' W. long.) and Cat Head Point (33° 25.320' N. lat. 118° 30.760' W. long.).
Orange County	Bolsa Bay State Marine Conservation Area³	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: The recreational take of finfish [subsection 632(a)(2)] by hook and line from shore in designated areas only is allowed. Boating, swimming, wading, and diving are prohibited within the conservation area. No person, except state and local law enforcement officers, fire suppression agencies and employees of the department in the performance of their official duties or persons possessing written permission from the department or employees of Signal Corporation and its invitees for the purpose of carrying out oil and gas operations, shall enter this conservation area and remain therein except on established trails, paths, or other designated areas. No person shall enter this conservation area between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.	This area includes the waters below the mean high tide line within Bolsa Bay estuary southward of a line that approximates the Warner Avenue bridge located between the following two points: 33° 42.700' N. lat. 118° 03.633' W. long.; and 33° 42.700' N. lat. 118° 03.604' W. long.; and northward of a line that approximates the pedestrian bridge located between the following two points: 33° 42.219' N. lat. 118° 03.167' W. long.; and 33° 42.177' N. lat. 118° 03.186' W. long.

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Orange County	Bolsa Chica Basin State Marine Conservation Area^{3,6}	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource. Boating, swimming, wading, and diving are prohibited within the conservation area. No person, except state and local law enforcement officers, fire suppression agencies and employees of the department in the performance of their official duties or persons possessing written permission from the department or employees of Signal Corporation and its invitees for the purpose of carrying out oil and gas operations, shall enter this conservation area and remain therein except on established trails, paths, or other designated areas. No person shall enter this conservation area between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.	This area includes the waters below the mean high tide line within the Bolsa Chica Basin estuary northeastward of the Pacific Coast Highway Bridge, approximated by a straight line between the following two points: 33° 41.028' N. lat. 118° 02.153' W. long.; and 33° 40.981' N. lat. 118° 02.109' W. long.; and southeastward of a straight line between the following two points: 33° 42.219' N. lat. 118° 03.167' W. long.; and 33° 42.177' N. lat. 118° 03.186' W. long.
Orange County	Upper Newport Bay State Marine Conservation Area³	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exception: The recreational take of finfish [subsection 632(a)(2)] by hook and line from shore only is allowed. In waters below the mean high tide line inside the Upper Newport Bay Ecological Reserve, northeastward of a line connecting Shellmaker Island (33° 37.200' N. lat. 117° 53.510' W. long.) and North Star Beach (33° 37.380' N. lat. 117° 53.600' W. long.) the following restrictions apply: Swimming is allowed only in the area between North Star Beach and mid-channel. Boats are limited to speeds less than five miles per hour. Shoreline access is limited to established trails, paths, or other designated areas.	This area includes the waters below the mean high tide line within Upper Newport Bay northeastward of the Pacific Coast Highway approximated by a line between the following two points: 33° 37.014' N. lat. 117° 54.237' W. long.; 33° 37.014' N. lat. 117° 54.336' W. long.; and southwestward of Jamboree Road approximated by a line between the following two points: 33° 39.071' N. lat. 117° 52.021' W. long.; and 33° 39.027' N. lat. 117° 52.014' W. long.

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Orange County	Crystal Cove State Marine Conservation Area³	<p>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions:</p> <p>1. The recreational take of finfish [subsection 632(a)(2)] by hook and line or by spearfishing [Section 1.76], and spiny lobster and sea urchin is allowed.</p> <p>Take of all living marine resources from inside tidepools is prohibited. For purposes of this section, tidepools are defined as the area encompassing the rocky pools that are filled with seawater due to retracting tides between the mean higher high tide line and the mean lower low tide line.</p>	<p>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:</p> <p>33° 35.372' N. lat. 117° 52.645' W. long.;</p> <p>33° 35.065' N. lat. 117° 52.692' W. long.;</p> <p>33° 32.400' N. lat. 117° 49.200' W. long.;</p> <p>33° 33.211' N. lat. 117° 49.200' W. long.; and</p> <p>33° 33.224' N. lat. 117° 49.184' W. long.</p>
Orange County	Laguna Beach State Marine Reserve	<p>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.</p>	<p>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:</p> <p>33° 33.224' N. lat. 117° 49.184' W. long.;</p> <p>33° 33.211' N. lat. 117° 49.200' W. long.;</p> <p>33° 30.713' N. lat. 117° 49.200' W. long.; and</p> <p>33° 30.713' N. lat. 117° 45.264' W. long.</p>
Orange County	Laguna Beach State Marine Conservation Area^{3,6}	<p>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.</p>	<p>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:</p> <p>33° 30.713' N. lat. 117° 45.264' W. long.;</p> <p>33° 30.713' N. lat. 117° 49.200' W. long.;</p> <p>33° 30.050' N. lat. 117° 49.200' W. long.; and</p> <p>33° 30.050' N. lat. 117° 44.762' W. long.</p>

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Orange County	Dana Point State Marine Conservation Area³	<p>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions:</p> <p>1. The recreational take of finfish [subsection 632(a)(2)] by hook and line or by spearfishing [Section 1.76], and spiny lobster and sea urchin is allowed.</p> <p>Take of all living marine resources from inside tidepools is prohibited. For purposes of this section, tidepools are defined as the area encompassing the rocky pools that are filled with seawater due to retracting tides between the mean higher high tide line and the mean lower low tide line.</p>	<p>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:</p> <p>33° 30.050' N. lat. 117° 44.762' W. long.;</p> <p>33° 30.050' N. lat. 117° 46.000' W. long.;</p> <p>33° 30.000' N. lat. 117° 46.000' W. long.;</p> <p>33° 27.300' N. lat. 117° 43.300' W. long.;</p> <p>33° 27.478' N. lat. 117° 42.276' W. long.; and</p> <p>33° 27.622' N. lat. 117° 42.425' W. long.</p>
San Diego County	Batiquitos Lagoon State Marine Conservation Area^{3,6}	<p>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource. Boating, swimming, wading, and diving are prohibited within the conservation area.</p>	<p><i>This area overlaps the San Dieguito Lagoon Ecological Reserve. Ecological reserve rules are in effect as defined in Section 630 or as posted.</i></p> <p>This area includes the waters below the mean high tide line within Batiquitos Lagoon eastward of the Interstate Highway 5 Bridge, approximated by a line between the following two points:</p> <p>33° 05.44'0 N. lat. 117° 18.120' W. long.; and</p> <p>33° 05.460' N. lat. 117° 18.130' W. long.</p>
San Diego County	Swami's State Marine Conservation Area³	<p>It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions:</p> <p>1. Recreational take by hook and line from shore is allowed.</p> <p>2. The recreational take by spearfishing [Section 1.76] of white seabass and pelagic finfish⁵ [subsection 632(a)(3)] is allowed.</p>	<p>This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted:</p> <p>33° 02.900' N. lat. 117° 17.927' W. long.;</p> <p>33° 02.900' N. lat. 117° 21.743' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to</p> <p>33° 00.000' N. lat. 117° 20.398' W. long.; and</p> <p>33° 00.000' N. lat. 117° 16.698' W. long., thence northward along the mean high tide line onshore boundary to</p> <p>33° 00.962' N. lat. 117° 16.850' W. long.; and</p> <p>33° 00.980' N. lat. 117° 16.857' W. long.</p>

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San Diego County	San Elijo Lagoon State Marine Conservation Area^{3, 6}	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource. Boating, swimming, wading, and diving are prohibited within the conservation area.	This area includes the waters below the mean high tide line within San Elijo Lagoon southeastward of a straight line between the following two points: 33° 00.980' N. lat. 117° 16.857' W. long.; and 33° 00.962' N. lat. 117° 16.850' W. long.
San Diego County	San Dieguito Lagoon State Marine Conservation Area³	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: the recreational take of finfish by hook and line from shore is allowed. Boating, swimming, wading, and diving are prohibited within the conservation area. No person, except state and local law enforcement officers, fire suppression agencies and employees of the department in the performance of their official duties or persons possessing written permission from the department, shall be permitted on the California least tern nesting island. No person, except state and local law enforcement officers, fire suppression agencies and employees of the department in the performance of their official duties or persons possessing written permission from the department, shall enter this conservation area between 8:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.	<i>This area overlaps the San Dieguito Lagoon Ecological Reserve. Ecological reserve rules are in effect as defined in Section 630 or as posted. In addition, access to the ecological reserve shoreline is currently closed to the public, as authorized under Section 630(a)(10).</i> This area consists of waters below the mean high tide line within the San Dieguito Lagoon Ecological Reserve southeastward of a straight line between the following two points: 32° 58.066' N. lat. 117° 15.579' W. long.; and 32° 58.072' N. lat. 117° 15.548' W. long.
San Diego County	San Diego-Scripps Coastal State Marine Conservation Area³	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take of coastal pelagic species ⁸ [Section 1.39], except market squid, by hook and line only is allowed.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 32° 53.000' N. lat. 117° 15.166' W. long.; 32° 53.000' N. lat. 117° 16.400' W. long.; 32° 51.964' N. lat. 117° 16.400' W. long.; and 32° 51.964' N. lat. 117° 15.252' W. long.

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San Diego County	Matlahuayl State Marine Reserve	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource. Boats may be launched and retrieved only in designated areas and may be anchored within the reserve only during daylight hours.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 32° 51.964' N. lat. 117° 15.252' W. long.; 32° 51.964' N. lat. 117° 16.400' W. long.; and 32° 51.067' N. lat. 117° 16.400' W. long.
San Diego County	South La Jolla State Marine Reserve	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 32° 49.573' N. lat. 117° 16.781' W. long.; 32° 49.573' N. lat. 117° 19.000' W. long.; 32° 47.945' N. lat. 117° 19.000' W. long.; and 32° 47.945' N. lat. 117° 15.495' W. long.
San Diego County	South La Jolla State Marine Conservation Area	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: the recreational take of pelagic finfish ⁵ [subsection 632(a)(3)] by hook and line only is allowed.	This area is bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 32° 49.573' N. lat. 117° 19.000' W. long.; 32° 49.573' N. lat. 117° 20.528' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to 32° 47.945' N. lat. 117° 20.068' W. long.; 32° 47.945' N. lat. 117° 19.000' W. long.; and 32° 49.573' N. lat. 117° 19.000' W. long.
San Diego County	Famosa Slough State Marine Conservation Area^{3,6}	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	This area includes the waters below the mean high tide line within Famosa Slough estuary southward of the San Diego River channel, located at approximately 32° 45.430' N. lat. 117° 13.750' W. long.

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San Diego County	Cabrillo State Marine Reserve	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed: 32° 40.600' N. lat. 117° 14.820' W. long.; 32° 40.600' N. lat. 117° 15.000' W. long.; 32° 39.700' N. lat. 117° 15.000' W. long.; 32° 39.700' N. lat. 117° 14.300' W. long.; and 32° 40.000' N. lat. 117° 14.300' W. long.
San Diego County	Tijuana River Mouth State Marine Conservation Area³	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for... recreational purposes, with the following specified exceptions: 1. The recreational take of coastal pelagic species ⁸ [Section 1.39], except market squid, by hand-held dip net [Section 1.42] only is allowed.	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted: 32° 34.000' N. lat. 117° 07.980' W. long.; 32° 34.000' N. lat. 117° 09.000' W. long.; 32° 31.970' N. lat. 117° 09.000' W. long.; thence eastward along the U.S.-Mexico Border to 32° 32.064' N. lat. 117° 07.428' W. long.

Marine Protected Areas Endnotes

*This area includes a state MPA and a federal MPA with identical regulations. For complete boundaries and rules, see CCRT-14, Section 632 for state MPAs, and Code of Federal Regulations, Federal Register 15 CFR Part 922 and 50 CFR Part 660 for federal MPAs.

1 Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria, Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians of the Big Valley Rancheria, Cahto Indian Tribe of the Laytonville Rancheria, Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians, Elem Indian Colony of Pomo Indians of the Sulphur Bank Rancheria, Guidiville Rancheria, Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake, Hopland Band of Pomo Indians of the Hopland Rancheria, Lower Lake Rancheria, Manchester Band of Pomo Indians of the Manchester-Point Arena Rancheria, Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians, Pinoleville Pomo Nation, Potter Valley Tribe, Redwood Valley Rancheria of Pomo Indians, Robinson Rancheria of Pomo Indians, Round Valley Indian Tribes of the Round Valley Reservation, Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians, Sherwood Valley Rancheria of Pomo Indians

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3 Existing activities and operations permitted by CDFW and other federal, state, or local entities, such as dredging, wastewater outfall operations, maintenance of artificial structures, scientific collecting, and sand replenishment and other sediment management activities have been identified as occurring within this MPA, which may result in take of marine resources incidental to the activity. Operations or activities identified at the time of designation are included within the regulation to make explicit that MPA designation is not intended to interfere with these permitted activities.

4 This area is designated as an SMCA, and could subsequently be designated an SMP at the discretion of the State Parks and Recreation Commission.

5 Pelagic finfish are defined in CCRT-14, Section 632(a)(3) as: northern anchovy (*Engraulis mordax*), barracudas (*Sphyrna* spp.), billfishes (family Istiophoridae), dolphinfish (*Coryphaena hippurus*), Pacific herring (*Clupea pallasii*), jack mackerel (*Trachurus symmetricus*), Pacific mackerel (*Scomber japonicus*), salmon (*Oncorhynchus* spp.), Pacific sardine (*Sardinops sagax*), blue shark (*Prionace glauca*), salmon shark (*Lamna ditropis*), shortfin mako shark (*Isurus oxyrinchus*), thresher sharks (*Alopias* spp.), swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*), tunas (family Scombridae), including Pacific bonito (*Sarda chiliensis*), and yellowtail (*Seriola lalandi*).

6 This MPA is designated as an SMCA that does not allow take, except as associated with activities regulated by other agencies, pursuant to any valid permits.

7 A preliminary wave energy permit has been granted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at Catalina that includes part of the Farnsworth Offshore SMCA, which may need to be included in future regulations for this MPA.

8 Coastal pelagic species are defined in CCRT-14, Section 1.39 as: northern anchovy (*Engraulis mordax*), Pacific sardine (*Sardinops sagax*), Pacific mackerel (*Scomber japonicus*), jack mackerel (*Trachurus symmetricus*), and market squid (*Loligo (Doryteuthis) opalescens*).

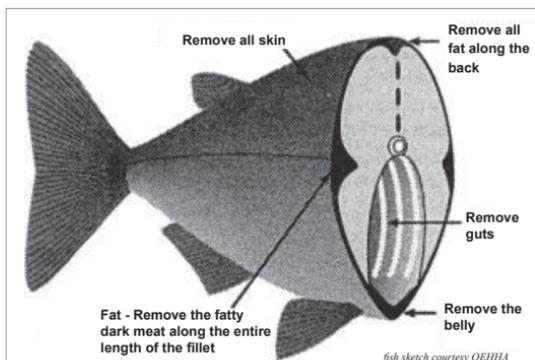
Public Health Advisories and Guidance on Sport Fish Consumption

Fish are an excellent source of protein and beneficial fats, and are recommended as part of a healthy, balanced diet. It is important, however, to choose the fish you eat wisely. The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) provided the guidelines on the following pages. For more information, visit the OEHHA website at www.oehha.ca.gov/fish or call (916) 324-7572.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issued a joint "Federal Advisory for Mercury in Fish" for fish you buy at stores and restaurants. The federal advisory can be found online at www.fda.gov/food/foodborneillnesscontaminants/metals/ucm351781.htm.

FISH PREPARATION AND CONSUMPTION

Eat only the fillet portions of fish and the meat of crabs. Cook the fish thoroughly and allow juice to drain away. Do not eat the guts or internal organs because chemicals usually concentrate in these parts. Also, avoid frequent consumption of any reproductive parts such as eggs or roe. If you make stews or chowders, use fillet parts.



Many chemicals are stored in the fat. When advisories are based on PCBs or pesticides (DDTs or dieldrin), skin the fish, when possible, do not eat the skin, and trim any visible fat to reduce the levels of these chemicals. Removing fat will not reduce mercury levels.

SAFE EATING GUIDELINES

OEHHA gives special guidelines for women ages 18-49 years and children 1-17 years because children and fetuses are more sensitive to chemicals. Women over 49 years and

men have less risk and can safely eat more fish, as shown in the following tables.

The consumption guidelines in the following tables are based on the chemicals noted in each table. Fish consumption recommendations in the following tables are provided as the number of servings per week. A serving is about the size and thickness of your hand. Give children smaller servings.

The guidelines for each species and area assume that no other fish are being eaten in the same week. These safe eating guidelines are for fish from marine and anadromous waters only. OEHHA's guidelines for freshwater fish can be found in the CDFW's Freshwater Sport Fishing regulations booklet, available online at wildlife.ca.gov/regulations. If you do not see your specific location in these tables, follow OEHHA's Eating Fish from California Coastal Locations Without Site-Specific Advice located online at oehha.ca.gov/advisories/statewide-advisory-eating-fish-california-coastal-locations-without-site-specific-advice or OEHHA's Advisory for Fish that Migrate located online at oehha.ca.gov/advisories/advisory-fish-migrate.

What is a Serving?

For Adults **For Children**

The recommended serving of fish is about the size and thickness of your hand. Give children smaller servings.

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STATEWIDE ADVISORY FOR CALIFORNIA COASTAL LOCATIONS WITHOUT SITE-SPECIFIC ADVICE		SERVINGS PER WEEK	
		Women ages 18-49 and children 1-17 years	Women 50 years and older, and men 18 years and older
Advice based on PCBs or mercury	Diamond or spotted turbot, longfin or speckled sanddab or	6	6
	Topsmelt, barred, rainbow, spotfin or white surfperch, black or pile perch, or	2	6
	White Croaker, yellowfin croaker, queenfish or	2	4
	Shiner perch, silver or walleye surfperch, or	2	2
	Black, blue, brown, kelp, olive, rosethorn, or vermilion rockfish or	1	4
	Barred sand bass, cabezon, kelp bass, lingcod or	1	2
	California corbina or	1	1
	Black-and-yellow, China, copper or gopher rockfish, sharks	Do Not Eat	1

Do not combine recommendations. For example, if you eat one serving of California Corbina, do not eat any more fish until the following week.

ANADROMOUS FISH*		SERVINGS PER WEEK	
		Women ages 18-49 and children 1-17 years	Women 50 years and older, and men 18 years and older
Advice based on PCBs or mercury	American shad or	2	7
	Chinook (king) salmon or steelhead trout or	2	5
	Striped bass or White sturgeon	Do Not Eat	1

This advice does not apply to these fish when caught in lakes or reservoirs.

*Fish that migrate between ocean and fresh water

TOMALES BAY (Marin County)		SERVINGS PER WEEK	
		Women ages 18-49 and children 1-17 years	Women 50 years and older, and men 18 years and older
Advice based on PCBs or mercury	Brown smoothhound shark	Do Not Eat	Do Not Eat
	Leopard shark or	Do Not Eat	1
	Pacific angel shark or	Do Not Eat	1
	Bat rays or	Do Not Eat	1
	California halibut or	1	3
	Red rock crab or	1	3
	Surfperches or	2	7
	Jacksmelt	2	7

This advisory does not apply to commercially grown Tomales Bay oysters, clams, and mussels, which do not contain high levels of mercury.

MISSION BAY		SERVINGS PER WEEK	
		Women ages 18-49 and children 1-17 years	Women 50 years and older, and men 18 years and older
Advice based on PCBs or mercury	Diamond or spotted turbot, opaleye or	7	7
	Topsmelt or	6	7
	Black perch, white or rainbow surfperch or	3	7
	Shiner or striped mullet or	3	3
	Yellowfin croaker or	2	5
	Spotted sand bass, brown smoothhound shark	1	3

Do not combine recommendations. For example, if you eat three servings of striped mullet, do not eat any more fish until the following week.

SAN DIEGO BAY		SERVINGS PER WEEK	
		Women ages 18-49 and children 1-17 years	Women 50 years and older, and men 18 years and older
Advice based on PCBs or mercury	Pile perch or rainbow surfperch or	2	7
	Diamond or spotted turbot or	2	2
	Black perch, California spiny lobster, round stingray, shovelnose guitarfish or	1	2
	Barred sand bass, spotted sand bass, gray smoothhound shark, leopard shark, Pacific chubmackerel, yellowfin croaker or	Do Not Eat	1
	Topsmelt, shiner perch	Do Not Eat	Do Not Eat

Do not combine recommendations. For example, if you eat two servings of diamond turbot, do not eat any more fish until the following week.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY		SERVINGS PER WEEK	
		Women ages 18-49 and children 1-17 years	Women 50 years and older, and men 18 years and older
Advice based on PCBs or mercury	Chinook (king) salmon or	2	7
	Brown rockfish or	2	5
	Red rock crab or	2	5
	Jacksmelt or	2	2
	California halibut or	1	2
	Striped bass or	Do Not Eat	2
	White croaker, skinless fillet only, or	1	1
	Sharks or	Do Not Eat	1
	White sturgeon	Do Not Eat	1
	Surfperches	Do Not Eat	Do Not Eat

Because of high concentrations of dieldrin or DDTs or both, OEHHA recommends that no one eat fish from the Lauritzen Channel in Richmond Inner Harbor.

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VENTURA HARBOR TO SANTA MONICA PIER <i>and</i> SOUTH OF SEAL BEACH PIER TO SAN MATEO POINT		SERVINGS PER WEEK	
		Women ages 18-49 and children 1-17 years	Women 50 years and older, and men 18 years and older
Advice based on PCBs or mercury	Jacksmelt <i>or</i>	4	7
	Pacific chub mackerel <i>or</i>	2	4
	Corbina, yellowfin croaker, queenfish, surfperches, opaleye, topsmelt <i>or</i>	2	2
	California halibut, rockfishes, barred sand bass, white croaker, shovelnose guitarfish <i>or</i>	1	2
	Sargo, kelp bass, sardines, California scorpionfish (sculpin) <i>or</i>	1	1
	Barracuda, black croaker	Do Not Eat	1

Do not combine recommendations. For example, if you eat one serving of kelp bass, do not eat any more fish until the following week.

SANTA MONICA BEACH south of SANTA MONICA PIER to SEAL BEACH PIER		SERVINGS PER WEEK	
		Women ages 18-49 and children 1-17 years	Women 50 years and older, and men 18 years and older
Advice based on PCBs or mercury	Jacksmelt <i>or</i>	4	7
	Pacific chub mackerel <i>or</i>	2	4
	Corbina, yellowfin croaker, queenfish, surfperches, opaleye <i>or</i>	2	2
	California halibut, rockfishes, shovelnose guitarfish <i>or</i>	1	2
	Sargo, kelp bass, sardines, California scorpionfish (sculpin), <i>or</i>	1	1
	Barracuda, black croaker	Do Not Eat	1
	Topsmelt, barred sand bass, white croaker	Do Not Eat	Do Not Eat

Do not combine recommendations. For example, if you eat one serving of kelp bass, do not eat any more fish until the following week.

ELKHORN SLOUGH		SERVINGS PER WEEK	
		Women ages 18-49 and children 1-17 years	Women 50 years and older, and men 18 years and older
Advice based on PCBs or mercury	Asian clam (Corbicula), speckled sanddab or	7	7
	Surfperches or	3	4
	Bat ray under 24 in. wide or	1	4
	Bat ray 24 in. wide or more, leopard shark	Do Not Eat	1

Do not combine recommendations. For example, if you eat one serving of bat ray under 24 in. wide, do not eat any more fish until the following week.

HUMBOLDT BAY		SERVINGS PER WEEK	
		Women ages 18-49 and children 1-17 years	Women 50 years and older, and men 18 years and older
Advice based on PCBs or mercury	Speckled sanddab or	7	7
	Shiner perch, white surfperch or	2	5
	Red rock crab or	2	4
	Pile perch, walleye surfperch or	1	3
	Lingcod or	1	2
	Leopard shark	Do Not Eat	Do Not Eat

Do not combine recommendations.

Healthy Seabirds, Healthy Oceans

Special Closures protect seabirds and marine mammals from close-approaching watercraft. Know Before You Go! Special Closures are often closed to all watercraft.

Please review the table beginning on pg. 51 for Special Closures in your area.

Follow these tips to minimize your impact:

- Stay at least 1,000 feet from cliffs, rocks, and islands
- Dispose of fishing line, hooks, lures, and extra bait properly
Do not throw anything overboard
- Steer around, not through, floating flocks of seabirds
- If birds begin to flutter wings, move away, you are too close
- Avoid shining bright lights at cliffs and islands where seabirds nest



Why? The productive marine environment off the California coast is a feeding, breeding, and resting area for hundreds of thousands of seabirds. Seabirds nest on offshore rocks, islands, and steep mainland cliffs in order to avoid predators. Many seabirds lay only one egg a year, or every other year. This low reproductive rate makes seabirds extremely vulnerable. Getting too close to seabirds in a boat or on foot may disrupt breeding and feeding or harm seabirds and their chicks.

Find out more information at www.SeabirdProtectionNetwork.org

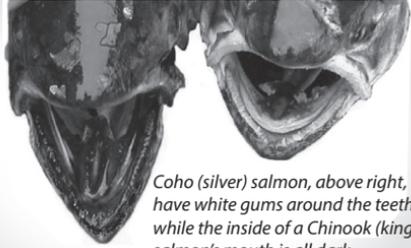
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SPORT FISHING SPECIAL ALERT FOR CALIFORNIA SALMON FISHERIES

The California coast coho (silver) salmon has been designated as an endangered species under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA). It is unlawful to fish for, capture, keep, or possess under any circumstances any (marked or unmarked) coho salmon. Violation of the ESA may result in civil or criminal penalties.

Large numbers of coho salmon have been contacted in California's ocean waters. Although it is likely that many of these salmon originated from hatcheries in the Northwest, some of the fish are California coast coho salmon which are protected under the ESA. Thus, the retention of any coho salmon is PROHIBITED in all California



*Coho (silver) salmon, above right, have white gums around the teeth, while the inside of a Chinook (king) salmon's mouth is all dark.
photo by CDFW Warden Bob Aldrich*

ocean fisheries. Please take the time to correctly identify each salmon caught before removing it from the water.

TO AVOID CONTACT WITH COHO SALMON:

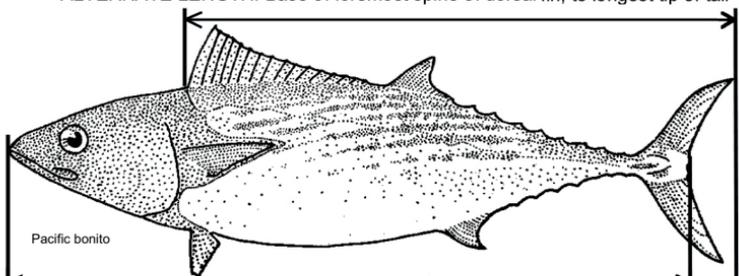
- **Fish near shore** for Chinook– coho are usually more offshore.
- **Use larger lures** that select for large Chinook and reduce the coho catch.

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

- Fish without a valid fishing license if you are 16 years of age or older (FGC, Section 7145)
- Fail to return a report card by the deadline printed on the report card. Reporting harvest online at wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/online-sales satisfies the return requirement. (CCR T-14, Section 1.74)
- Use a sport fishing license that is not signed by the licensee. (CCR T-14, Section 705)
- Transfer any license, tag, validation, stamp, permit, application or reservation to another person. (FGC, Section 1052)
- Use or possess any license, validation, tag, stamp, permit, application or reservation that was not lawfully issued to the user. (FGC, Section 1052)
- Alter, mutilate, deface, duplicate or counterfeit any license, tag, validation, stamp, permit, application or reservation. (FGC, Section 1052)
- Fail to exhibit on demand all licenses, tags, device or apparatus used, or catch to any person authorized by the department to enforce this code. (FGC, Section 2012)
- Fish without the required report card on a free fishing day. (CCR T-14, Section 1.74)
- Disturb the legal traps of another person. (CCR T-14, Section 29.80)
- Sell fish taken under the authority of a sport fishing license. (FGC, Section 7121)
- Cause the deterioration or waste of any fish taken in the waters of this state. (CCR T-14, Section 1.87)
- Use explosives in state waters inhabited by fish. (FGC, Section 5500)
- Not allow the inspection, by a warden, of any boat, market, or receptacle, where fish or wildlife may be found. (FGC, Section 1006)
- Litter into or within 150 feet of state waters. (FGC, Section 5652)
- Possess fish in a condition that the size or species cannot be determined. (FGC, sections 5508 and 5509)
- Use or possess any net in state waters except as is authorized. (FGC, Section 8603)
- Possess fish or wildlife taken unlawfully. (FGC, Section 2002)
- Take fish or wildlife in violation of any section of law. (FGC, Section 2000)

MEASUREMENT METHODS

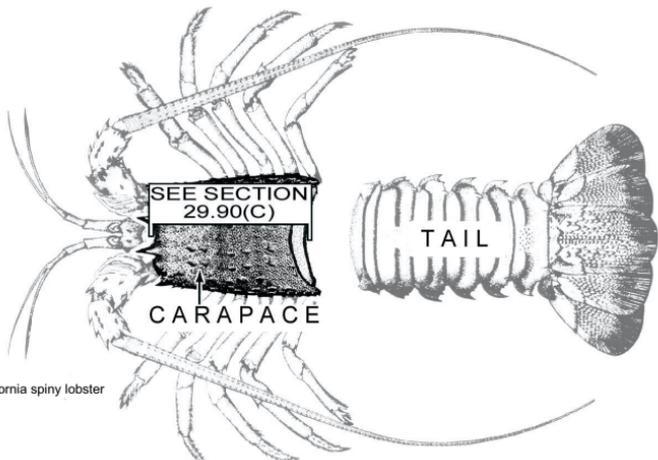
ALTERNATE LENGTH: Base of foremost spine of dorsal fin, to longest tip of tail



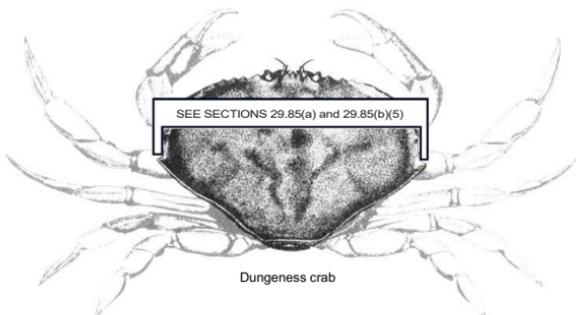
Pacific bonito

FORK LENGTH: Tip of head with mouth closed, to fork of tail (FL)

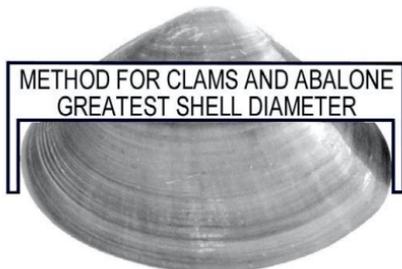
TOTAL LENGTH: Tip of head with mouth closed, to longest tip of tail (TL)



California spiny lobster



Dungeness crab



Pismo clam

CDFW Artwork

831-649-2801
Recreational Pacific Halibut Regulations Hotline

wildlife.ca.gov/regions/marine
Saltwater fishing and fishery management information

707-576-3429
Recreational Ocean Salmon Regulations Hotline

2023 Table of Applicable Sportfishing Regulations for Marine Finfish by Species

Listed in alphabetical order by species; references regulations pertaining to all species mentioned in the 2023-2024 California Ocean Sport Fishing Regulations booklet and CCR T-14.

Species	Individual Daily Bag and Possession Limit	Size Limit	Seasonal Closures, Area Closures and Depth Restrictions	Fillet Length, Skin Requirement At Sea	Gear Restrictions or Methods of Take
Anchovy, northern	Sec. 27.60(b)	None	None	Sec. 27.65(b)(13)	Sec. 28.65, 28.80, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Barracuda, California	Sec. 27.60(a)	Sec. 28.25	None	Sec. 27.65(b)(2)	Sec. 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Bass, giant sea (a.k.a. black sea bass)	Sec. 28.10 (a and b)	May not be taken off California; Sec. 28.10(a), 28.90 and 28.95			
Basses - kelp, barred sand and spotted sand	Sec. 28.30(b)	Sec. 28.30(a)	None	Sec. 27.65(b)(1)	Sec. 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Bass, striped	Sec. 27.85(b)	Sec. 27.85(c) (1) and (2)	Sec. 27.85(a)	Sec. 27.65(c)	Sec. 27.85(d), 28.28(d), 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Bonito, Pacific	Sec. 28.32(a)	Sec. 28.32(b)	None	Sec. 27.65(b)(5)	Sec. 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Butterfish, Pacific (a.k.a. Pacific pompano)	Sec. 27.60(b)	None	None	Sec. 27.65(b)(13)	Sec. 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Cabezon ¹	Sec. 28.28(b)	Sec. 28.28(c)	Sec. 27.20 through 27.51	Sec. 27.65(c)	Sec. 28.65(c), 28.28, 28.90, 28.95
Coastal Pelagic Species as defined in Sec. 1.39	See regulations for individual species				
Cod, Pacific ¹	Sec. 27.60(a), 28.49(b)(2)	None	Sec. 27.20 through 27.51 and 28.49(a)	Sec. 27.65(b)(13)	Sec. 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95, 28.49(c)

Species	Individual Daily Bag and Possession Limit	Size Limit	Seasonal Closures, Area Closures and Depth Restrictions	Fillet Length, Skin Requirement At Sea	Gear Restrictions or Methods of Take
Codling ¹	Sec. 27.60(a), 28.49(b)(2)	None	Sec. 27.20 through 27.51, 28.49(a)	Sec. 27.65(b)(13)	Sec. 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.49(c), 28.95.
Dolphinfish (a.k.a. dorado)	Sec. 27.60(a)	None	None	Sec. 27.65(b)(13)	Sec. 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Fish, Other ¹ as defined in Sec. 1.91(a)(11)	See regulations for individual species				
Flatfish, Federally Managed ¹ as defined in Sec. 1.91(a)(9)	Sec. 27.60(a), 28.47(b), 28.49(b)	None	Sec. 27.20 through 27.51	Sec. 27.65(b)(13)	Sec. 28.49(c), 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Flatfish, Other ¹ as defined in Sec. 1.91(a)(10)	Sec. 27.60(a), 28.48(b)	None	Sec. 28.48(a)	Sec. 27.65(b)(13)	Sec. 28.48, 28.49(c), 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Flounder, Starry	Sec. 28.47(b)	None	Sec. 28.47(a)	Sec. 27.65(b)(13)	Sec. 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Garibaldi	Take or possession is PROHIBITED ; Sec. 28.05, 28.90, 28.95				
Greenlings - kelp and rock ¹ (a.k.a. sea trout)	Sec. 28.29(b)	Sec. 28.29(c)	Sec. 27.20 through 27.51	Sec. 27.65(c)	Sec. 28.29(d), 28.65(c), 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Groundfish, Federal ¹ as defined in Sec. 1.91(a)	See regulations for individual species		Sec. 27.20 through 27.51, 28.47(a), 28.49(a), 28.54(a), 28.56(a), and 28.48(a)	See regulations for individual species	
Groupers - gulf and broomtail	Take or possession is PROHIBITED ; Sec. 28.12, 28.90, 28.95				
Grunion, Calif.	28.00(b)	None	Sec. 28.00(a)	Sec. 27.65(b)(13)	Sec. 29.00

Species	Individual Daily Bag and Possession Limit	Size Limit	Seasonal Closures, Area Closures and Depth Restrictions	Fillet Length, Skin Requirement At Sea	Gear Restrictions or Methods of Take
Halibut, Calif.	Sec. 28.15(a)	Sec. 28.15(b)	None	Sec. 27.65(b)(6) south of Pt. Arena Sec. 27.65(c) north of Pt. Arena	Sec. 28.65, 28.90, 28.95
Halibut, Pacific	See Pacific Halibut In-Season Information on pg. 34 or visit the Pacific Halibut web page at wildlife.ca.gov/conservation/marine/pacific-halibut .				
Herring, Pacific	Sec. 28.60, 28.62	None	None	Sec. 27.65(b)(13)	Sec. 28.65, 28.80, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Herring, round	Sec. 27.60(b)	None	None	Sec. 27.65(b)(13)	Sec. 28.65, 28.80, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Highly Migratory Species as defined in Sec. 1.49	See regulations for individual species				
Jacksmelt	Sec. 27.60(b)	None	None	Sec. 27.65(b)(13)	Sec. 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Lingcod¹	Sec. 28.27(b)	Sec. 28.27(c)	Sec. 27.20 through 27.50	Sec. 27.65(b)(3)	Sec. 28.27(d), 28.65(c), 28.90, 28.95
Mackerel, jack (a.k.a. Spanish mackerel)	Sec. 27.60(b)	None	None	Sec. 27.65(b)(13)	Sec. 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Mackerel, Pacific chub (a.k.a. chub mackerel)	Sec. 27.60(b)	None	None	Sec. 27.65(b)(13)	Sec. 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Marlin - black, blue, and striped	Sec. 28.50	None	None	Sec. 27.65(b)(13)	Sec. 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Mudsucker, longjaw	Sec. 27.60(a)	None	None	Sec. 27.65(b)(13)	Sec. 28.65, 28.75, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Prickleback, monkey-face (a.k.a. monkeyface eel)	Sec. 27.60(a)	None	None	Sec. 27.65(b)(13)	Sec. 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Queenfish (a.k.a. herring)	Sec. 27.60(b)	None	None	Sec. 27.65(b)(13)	Sec. 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95

Species	Individual Daily Bag and Possession Limit	Size Limit	Seasonal Closures, Area Closures and Depth Restrictions	Fillet Length, Skin Requirement At Sea	Gear Restrictions or Methods of Take
Ratfish¹	Sec. 27.60(a), 28.49(b)(2)	None	Sec. 27.20 through 27.51 and 28.49(a)	Sec. 27.65(b)(13)	Sec. 28.49(c), 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Rattail¹ a.k.a. grenadier	Sec. 27.60(b), 28.49(b)(2)	None	Sec. 27.20 through 27.51 and 28.49(a)	Sec. 27.65(b)(13)	Sec. 28.49(c), 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
RCG Complex¹ (Rockfish, Cabezon, and Greenlings) as defined in Sec. 1.91(b)	Sec. 28.28(b), 28.29(b), 28.55(b)	Sec. 28.28(c), 28.29(c), 28.55(c)	Sec. 27.20 through 27.51	Sec. 27.65(b)(8) and (c).	Sec. 28.28(d), 28.29(d), 28.55(d), 28.65(c), 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Rockfish, vermilion quillback, copper	Sec. 28.55(b)(2), (b)(3), b(4)	Sec. 28.55(c)	Sec. 27.20 through 27.51	Sec. 27.65(b)(8)	Sec. 28.55(d), 28.65(c), 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Rockfishes - bronzespotted, cowcod, yelloweye¹	Take or possession is PROHIBITED ; Sec. 28.55(b)(1)				
Roundfish¹ as defined in Sec. 1.91(a)(7)	See regulations for individual species				
Sablefish¹ (a.k.a. black cod)	28.49(b)(2)	None	Sec. 27.20 through 27.51 and 28.49(a)	Sec. 27.65(b)(13)	Sec. 28.49(c), 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Salmon - king (a.k.a. Chinook), pink, sock-eye, silver, and chum	See Ocean Salmon Informational Note on pg. 32 or visit the ocean salmon web page at wildlife.ca.gov/oceansalmon Section 27.80 will be included in full in the Sport Fishing Regulations Supplement available in May. Take or possession of coho (silver) salmon is PROHIBITED .				
Sanddabs - all except Pacific¹ (for Pacific sanddab see "Flatfish, Other")	Sec. 27.60(b)	None	None	Sec. 27.65(b)(13)	Sec. 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Sardine, Pacific	Sec. 27.60(b)	None	None	Sec. 27.65(b)(13)	Sec. 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95

Species	Individual Daily Bag and Possession Limit	Size Limit	Seasonal Closures, Area Closures and Depth Restrictions	Fillet Length, Skin Requirement At Sea	Gear Restrictions or Methods of Take
Scorpionfish, Calif.¹ (a.k.a. sculpin)	Sec. 28.54(b)	Sec. 28.54(c)	Sec. 27.20 through 27.51, 28.54(a)	Sec. 27.65(b)(9)	Sec. 28.65(c), 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Sculpin, Pacific staghorn (a.k.a. bullhead)	Sec. 27.60(b)	None	None	Sec. 27.65(b)(13)	Sec. 28.65, 28.75, 28.80, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Seabass, white	Sec. 28.35(c)	Sec. 28.35(a)	Sec. 28.35(b)	Sec. 27.65(b)(4)	Sec. 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Sharks¹ as defined in Sec. 1.91(a)(5)	See regulations for individual species				
Shark, leopard¹	Sec. 28.56(b)	Sec. 28.56(c)	Sec. 27.20 through 27.51, 28.56(a)	Sec. 27.65(c)	Sec. 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Sharks - sixgill and sevengill	Sec. 28.41	None	None	Sec. 27.65(b)(13)	Sec. 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Sharks - blue, shortfin mako and thresher	Sec. 28.42	None	None	Sec. 27.65(b)(13)	Sec. 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Sharks - spiny dogfish and soupfin¹	28.49(b)(1) and (2)	None	Sec. 27.20 through 27.51, 28.49(a)	Sec. 27.65(b)(13)	Sec. 28.49(c), 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Shark, white	Take or possession is PROHIBITED ; Sec. 28.06, 28.95				
Sheephead, California¹	Sec. 28.26(b)	Sec. 28.26(c)	Sec. 28.26(a)	Sec. 27.65(b)(12)	Sec. 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Skate - big, California, and longnose¹ as defined in Sec. 1.91(a)(6)	28.49(b)(2)	None	Sec. 28.49(a), 27.20 through 27.51	Sec. 27.65(b)(13)	Sec. 28.49(c), 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Smelt, surf	Sec. 28.45	None	None	Sec. 27.65(b)(13)	Sec. 28.65, 28.80, 28.85, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95

Species	Individual Daily Bag and Possession Limit	Size Limit	Seasonal Closures, Area Closures and Depth Restrictions	Fillet Length, Skin Requirement At Sea	Gear Restrictions or Methods of Take
Sole, Petrale ¹	Sec. 28.47(b)	None	Sec. 28.47(a)	Sec. 27.65(b)(13)	Sec 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Steelhead	Take or possession is PROHIBITED ; Sec. 27.70(b)				
Sturgeon, white	Sec. 27.90(b)	Sec. 27.90(c)	Sec. 27.90(a), 27.95	Sec. 27.65(c)	Sec. 27.90(d) and (e), 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Sturgeon, green	Take or possession is PROHIBITED ; Sec. 27.91(a)				
Surfperches, general	Sec. 28.59(c)(1)	Sec. 28.59(d)	Sec. 28.59(b)	Sec. 27.65(b)(13), Sec 27.65(c)	Sec. 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Surfperch, shiner; perch, shiner	Sec. 28.59(c)(2)	Sec. 28.59(d)	Sec. 28.59(b)	Sec. 27.65(b)(13)	Sec. 28.65, 28.75, 28.80, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Swordfish, broadbill	Sec. 28.40	None	None	Sec. 27.65(b)(13)	Sec. 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Thornyheads - longspine and shortspine ¹ Sec. 1.91(a)(8)	Sec. 28.49(b)(2)	None	Sec. 27.20 through 27.51, 28.49(a)	Sec. 27.65(b)(13)	Sec. 28.49(c), 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Topsmelt	Sec. 27.60(b)	None	None	Sec. 27.65(b)(13)	Sec. 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Trout (other than steelhead)	Sec. 27.70(b)	None	None	Sec. 27.65(b)(13)	Sec. 27.70(a), 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Tuna, albacore	Sec. 28.38(a)	None	None	Sec. 27.65(b)(11) south of Pt. Conception Sec. 27.65(b)(13) north of Pt. Conception	Sec. 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95

Species	Individual Daily Bag and Possession Limit	Size Limit	Seasonal Closures, Area Closures and Depth Restrictions	Fillet Length, Skin Requirement At Sea	Gear Restrictions or Methods of Take
Tuna, bluefin	Sec. 28.38(b)	None	None	Sec. 27.65(b)(11) south of Pt. Conception Sec. 27.65(b)(13) north of Pt. Conception	Sec. 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Tuna, skipjack	Sec. 27.60(b), 28.38(c)	None	None	Sec. 27.65(b)(11) south of Pt. Conception Sec. 27.65(b)(13) north of Pt. Conception	Sec. 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Tunas - bigeye and yellowfin	Sec. 27.60(a), 28.38(d)	None	None	Sec. 27.65(b)(11) south of Pt. Conception Sec. 27.65(b)(13) north of Pt. Conception	Sec. 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Whitefish, ocean¹	Sec. 27.60(a), 28.58(b)	None	None	Sec. 27.65(b)(10)	Sec. 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Whiting, Pacific¹ (a.k.a. Pacific hake)	Sec. 27.60(a), 28.49(b)(2)	None	Sec 27.20 through 27.51, 28.49(a)	Sec. 27.65(b)(13)	Sec. 28.49(c), 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
Yellowtail	Sec. 28.37(a)	Sec. 28.37(b)	None	Sec. 27.65(b)(7)	Sec. 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
All flatfish not listed above (for example, diamond turbot, etc.)	Sec. 27.60(a)	None	None	Sec. 27.65(b)(13)	Sec. 28.49(c), 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95
All marine finfish not listed above (including but not limited to: white croaker, opaleye, sargo, Calif. lizardfish, etc.)	Sec. 27.60(a)	None	None	Sec. 27.65(b)(13)	Sec. 28.65, 28.90, 28.91, 28.95

¹ CDFW may modify seasons, depth constraints, gear restrictions, fillet requirements, and bag and size limits for any species of federally managed groundfish or aggregate group of federal groundfish species, and all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*.

2023 Table of Applicable Sportfishing Regulations for Marine Invertebrates by Species

Listed in alphabetical order by species; references regulations pertaining to all species mentioned in the 2023-2024 California Ocean Sport Fishing Regulations booklet and CCR T-14.

GENERAL INVERTEBRATE REGULATIONS

Species	Individual Daily Bag and Possession Limit	Size Limit	Seasonal Closures, Area Closures and Depth Restrictions	Gear Restrictions or Methods of Take
All marine invertebrates not listed below (including but not limited to: limpets, turban snails, native oysters, octopuses, non- <i>Cancer</i> crabs, shrimp, sand dollars, red sea urchins, worms etc.)	Sec. 29.05	Sec. 29.05(a) and (c)	Sec. 29.05(a) and (b)	Sec. 29.05; 29.10(a), 29.80
Sea Urchin, Purple	Sec. 29.06	None	Sec. 29.06	Sec. 29.05; Sec. 29.06; Sec. 29.10(a), Sec. 29.80

MOLLUSKS

Species	Individual Daily Bag and Possession Limit	Size Limit	Seasonal Closures, Area Closures and Depth Restrictions	Gear Restrictions or Methods of Take
Abalone	Take and possession of red abalone is PROHIBITED through at least 2026 . Take and possession of all other abalone prohibited year-round; Sec 29.15(c).			
Clams, general	Sec. 29.05(a)	Sec. 29.05(a), 29.10(b), 29.20(a) and (d)	Sec. 29.05(a) and (b), 29.20(b)	Sec. 29.05(d), 29.10(a), 29.20(c)
Clams - gaper and Washington	Sec. 29.25	None	Sec. 29.20(b)	Sec. 29.05(d), 29.10(a), 29.20(c)
Clams - geoduck (a.k.a. horse or horseneck clams)	Sec. 29.30	None	Sec. 29.20(b)	Sec. 29.05(d), 29.10(a), 29.20(c)
Clams - littleneck, soft-shell, chiones, northern quahogs, cockles	Sec. 29.35(a)	Sec. 29.05(c), 29.10(b), 29.20(d), 29.35(b)	Sec. 29.20(b)	Sec. 29.05(d), 29.10(a), 29.20(c)
Clam, Pismo	Sec. 29.40(b)	Sec. 29.05(c), 29.10(b), 29.20(d), 29.40(c)	Sec. 29.20(b), 29.40(a) and (d)	Sec. 29.05(d), 29.10(a), 29.20(c)
Clam, razor	Sec. 29.45(b)	None	Sec. 29.20(b), 29.45(a)	Sec. 29.05(d), 29.10(a), 29.20(c)
Mussels	Sec. 29.55	None	Annual quarantine issued by CDPH. CDPH Biotoxin Information Line: 1-800-553-4133	Sec. 29.05(d), 29.10(a)

MOLLUSKS, cont.

Species	Individual Daily Bag and Possession Limit	Size Limit	Seasonal Closures, Area Closures and Depth Restrictions	Gear Restrictions or Methods of Take
Scallop, rock	Sec. 29.60(a)	None	None	Sec. 29.05(d), 29.60(b)
Scallop, speckled (bay)	Take and possession is PROHIBITED ; Sec. 29.65			
Squid - market and jumbo	Sec. 29.70	None	None	Sec. 29.05(d), 29.10(a), and 29.70
Snail, moon	Sec. 29.71(a)	None	Sec. 29.71(b)	Sec. 29.05(d), 29.10(a)

CRUSTACEANS

Species	Individual Daily Bag and Possession Limit	Size Limit	Seasonal Closures, Area Closures and Depth Restrictions	Gear Restrictions or Methods of Take
Barnacles	Take or possession in the intertidal zone is PROHIBITED . See note at end of table and Sec. 29.05(b)(1)			
Crab, Dungeness <i>Metacarcinus magister</i>	Sec. 29.85(b)(3)	29.85(b)(5)	Sec. 29.85(b)(1), (b)(2)(A), and (b)(2)(B)	Sec. 29.05(c) and (d); 29.85(b)(4), 29.80(a) through (e) and (g)
Crabs other than Dungeness crab (rock crab, etc.)	Sec. 29.85(c)(2)	Sec. 29.85(c)(3)	Sec. 29.85(c)(1)	Sec. 29.05(c) and (d); Sec. 29.80(a) through (e) and (g)
Crab, sand a.k.a. mole crab	Sec. 29.85(e)	None	Sec. 29.05(a)	Sec. 29.80(h)
Lobster, spiny	Sec. 29.90(b)	29.90(c) and (e)	Sec. 29.90(a)	Sec. 29.05(c) and (d); Sec. 29.80(a), (b) and (g), 29.90(d)
Shrimp, bay a.k.a. grass shrimp	Sec. 29.86	None	Sec. 29.05(a) and (b)	Sec. 29.80(a), (f) through (j)
Shrimp - ghost and blue mud	Sec. 29.87	None	Sec. 29.05(a) and (b)	Sec. 29.80(a), (f) through (j)
Shrimp, coonstripe	Sec. 29.88(b)	None	Sec. 29.05(a)	Sec. 29.80(a), (f) through (j)

Note: Except for the species listed above, "tidal invertebrates may not be taken in any tidepool or other areas between the high tide mark (defined as Mean Higher High Tide) and 1,000 ft. seawards and lateral to the low tide mark (defined as Mean Lower Low Water)." per Section 29.05(b).

Spiny Lobster Report Card

\$21.60 Non-Return Fee



Any person fishing for or taking spiny lobster must have a Spiny Lobster Report Card (including children, those who are fishing from a public pier, and those who are fishing on Free Fishing Days). All Spiny Lobster Report Cards must be returned, either by mail to the address printed on the card, or reported online at wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/online-sales, by April 30 following the end of the spiny lobster season.

Important: If you report your catch online, retain the confirmation number generated by a successful online report as proof of submittal. If you do not receive a confirmation number, it means that the report was not successfully recorded in the database; please try resubmitting the report. Successfully submitted reports will display in your reporting history on the main harvest reporting list page. You must report even if no lobster were taken. If a card was purchased but not used, report it online or write "Did Not Lobster Fish" across the card and return it by mail. If you report online you are not required to return your card by mail. A \$21.60 non-return fee will be charged when purchasing a Spiny Lobster Report Card if the previous year's report card is not returned

or reported by the April 30 deadline. To avoid the fee, you may either return or report your card by the deadline, or skip one lobster fishing season. After skipping one season, you can purchase a spiny lobster report card the following season at no extra cost. **All** cards associated with your GOID must be reported. This includes, but is not limited to: lost cards, re-issued or re-printed cards at retail stores, and second cards purchased by accident. If you think you accidentally purchased additional lobster report cards or lost your report card, you can contact lobster@wildlife.ca.gov before the reporting deadline of April 30 to have any issues resolved and avoid paying the non-report fee for any redundant report cards.

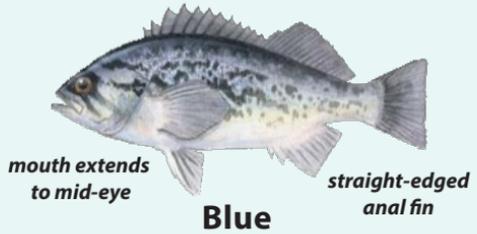
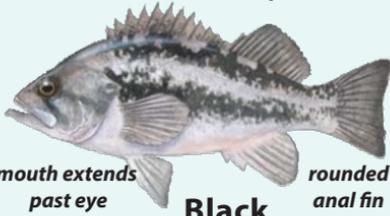


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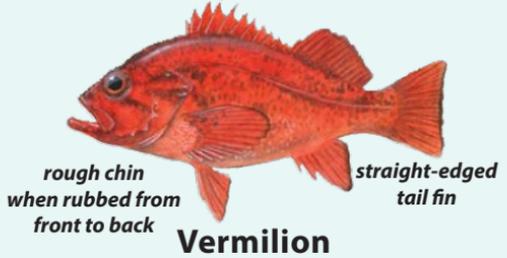
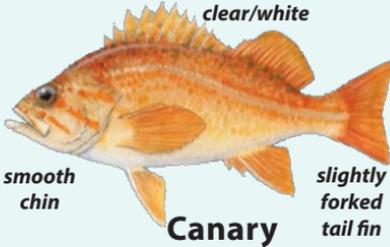
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Selected California Rockfishes

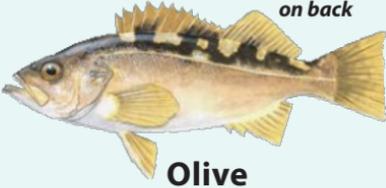
black spots on dorsal fin



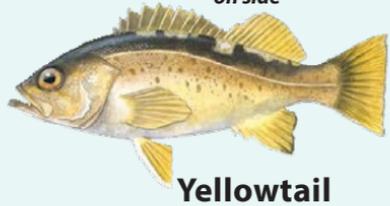
lateral line clear/white



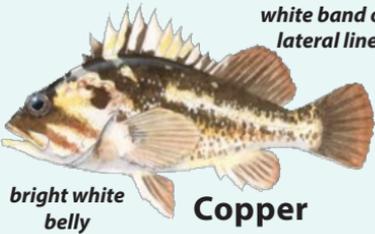
whitish blotches on back



light brown to gray mottling on side



white band on lateral line



pinkish blotches



For more information, see Section 28.55

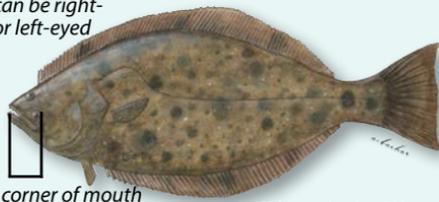
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Selected California Game Fish

can be right-
or left-eyed



corner of mouth
beyond eye;
numerous teeth

California halibut



indented
tail fin

right-eyed

corner of mouth
forward of eye

Pacific halibut



Barred sand bass

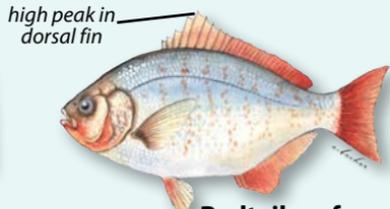


Kelp bass

also known as Calico bass



White seabass

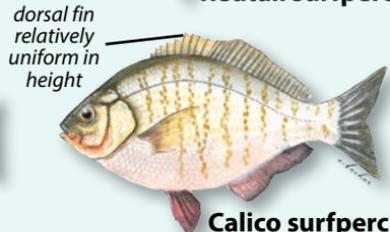


high peak in
dorsal fin

Redtail surfperch



Lingcod



dorsal fin
relatively
uniform in
height

Calico surfperch



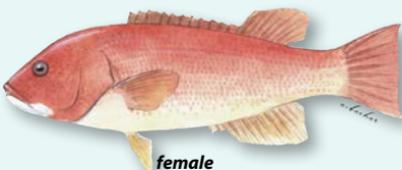
California scorpionfish
also known as Sculpin



does not
possess scales

Cabezon

eggs
poisonous



female

California sheephead



male

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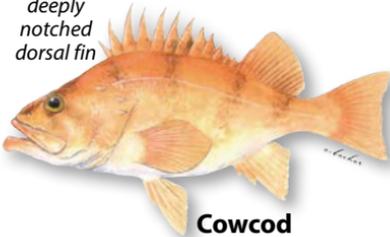
Giant sea bass

*also known as
Black sea bass
See Section 28.10(b) for possession requirements for giant
sea bass taken off Mexico*



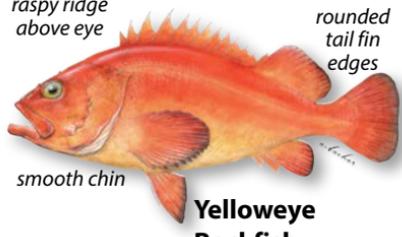
Garibaldi

*deeply
notched
dorsal fin*



Cowcod

*raspy ridge
above eye*

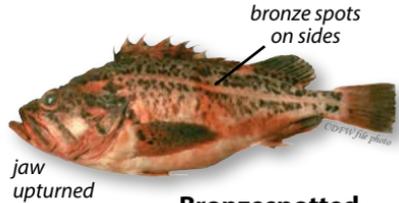


smooth chin

**Yelloweye
Rockfish**

*rounded
tail fin
edges*

Other prohibited saltwater species: coho salmon (see pg. 92), steelhead (in ocean waters), white shark, broomtail grouper, gulf grouper, green sturgeon, all abalone [abalone fishery is currently closed], and speckled (bay) scallop. See sportfishing regulations for complete information.



*jaw
upturned*

**Bronzespotted
Rockfish**

*bronze spots
on sides*

rarely seen in recreational catch

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