

NOTICE OF PROPOSED EMERGENCY REGULATIONS  
Recreational Quillback Rockfish  
October 9, 2023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) proposes to adopt the addition of Sections 27.20, 27.25, 27.30, 27.35, 27.40, 27.45, 27.50, 28.55, Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR) to make changes to protect declining quillback rockfish stocks from overfishing. These regulations will prohibit the take of quillback rockfish statewide, set up a nearshore fishery closure shoreward of the 50 fathom line in management areas north of Point Conception, and authorize use of hoop nets, crab traps and dips nets as specified, when legally-taken groundfish are aboard in closed areas. Pursuant to the requirements of Government Code Section 11346.1, the Department is providing notice of proposed emergency action with regard to the above-entitled emergency regulation. The documents outlining the proposed emergency action can be found on the Department's webpage at <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Notices/Regulations/Rockfish>.

Government Code section 11346.1(a)(2) requires that, at least five working days prior to submission of the proposed emergency action to the Office of Administrative Law, the adopting agency provide a notice of the proposed emergency action to every person who has filed a request for notice of regulatory action with the agency. After submission of the proposed emergency to the Office of Administrative Law, the Office of Administrative Law shall allow interested persons five calendar days to submit comments on the proposed emergency regulations as set forth in Government Code section 11349.6.

**WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD**

Any interested person may present statements, arguments, or contentions, in writing, submitted via U.S. mail or e-mail, relevant to the proposed emergency regulatory action. Written comments submitted via U.S. mail or e-mail must be received at OAL within five days after the Department submits the emergency regulations to OAL for review.

Please reference submitted comments as regarding "CDFW Emergency Regulations: Quillback Rockfish" addressed to:

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The Department anticipates it will submit the rulemaking to OAL on or after October 16, 2023. For the status of the Department's submittal to OAL for review, and the end of the five-day written submittal period, please consult OAL's website at <http://www.oal.ca.gov> under the heading "Emergency Regulations."