



State of California
Department of Fish and Wildlife
Ocean Salmon Project – Marine Region
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2024 Ocean Salmon Commercial Regulations

OR/CA Border to the 40°10' Line (Klamath Management Zone):

Closed

40°10' Line to Point Arena (Fort Bragg):

Closed

Point Arena to Pigeon Point (San Francisco):

Closed

Point Reyes to Point San Pedro (Fall Area Target Zone):

Closed

Pigeon Point to the U.S./Mexico Border (Monterey and south):

Closed

General Commercial Regulations

- **All salmon except coho; all commercial salmon must be landed in California ***
- **Single point, single shank barbless hooks are required ***
- **No more than 6 lines are allowed per vessel (CCR T-14, §182)**
- **Compliance with minimum size or other special restrictions:** All salmon on board a vessel must meet the minimum size and other special requirements for the area being fished and the area in which they are landed if that area is open or has been closed less than 48 hours. Salmon may be landed in an area that is closed more than 48 hours only if they meet the minimum size and other special requirements for the area in which they were caught AND it is not otherwise prohibited in the regulations.*
- **Electronic Reporting Requirements:** Any fish receiver or fisherman with a fisherman's retail license shall record landing information on an electronic fish ticket, including the number of individual fish (CCR T-14, §197). Submission is required within three business days (Cal. Fish & Game Code, § 8046). Any person who lands salmon shall keep a copy of all landing receipts documenting salmon landings on board the fishing vessel that caught the salmon until 15 days after the last salmon season closure for the calendar year (CCR T-14, §182).
- **Transit through closed area with salmon on board:** It is unlawful for a vessel to have fishing gear in the water while transiting any area closed to salmon fishing while possessing salmon (CCR T-14, §182).
- **Barbless circle hooks¹ required when fishing with bait and fishing by any means other than trolling²**
 1. 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 (CCR T-14, §182).
 2. *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 (CCR T-14, §182).

NOTE: When Pacific halibut are caught and landed incidentally in the commercial salmon troll fishery under a license issued by the IPHC, both the number of Pacific halibut landed and the number of salmon landed must be recorded on the electronic fish ticket. Please see federal regulations for incidental Pacific halibut harvest requirements and restrictions.*

* Federal Regulations for West Coast Salmon Fisheries per 86 FR 26425

