



California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Reference Table – Use Codes

2025

Use Code	Name	Description
1	Human Food (Canned)	For general human consumption (to be canned).
2	Bait	Used as bait for commercial or recreational fishing in both marine and freshwater.
3	Human Food (Not Canned)	For general human consumption (not canned).
4	Seized Load of Fish ¹	Catch seized by CDFW.
5	Personal Consumption	Taken for personal consumption by the fisher.
6	Reduction	Processed into fish meal or fertilizer.
7	Research	Used for research purposes only.
8	Animal Food	Processed into pet or other animal food. Can be fresh, canned, dried, or frozen.
9	Curio	Used for decorative purposes.
10	Seized Landing Receipt ^{1,2}	Landing Receipt seized by CDFW.
11	Unmarketable Fish	Catch that cannot be sold and/or has no commercial value.

1. Codes 4 and 10 are only used when CDFW Law Enforcement Division performs corresponding enforcement action.
2. Commercial landings were reported on paper landing receipts up until June 30th, 2019. As of July 1st, 2019, commercial landings are now reported via electronic fish tickets.