

Regulatory Language

Section 27.80, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

§ 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 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.

(c) Open Fishing Days, Daily Bag Limits, and Minimum Size in effect ~~on or after May 16, 2024~~ from May 16, 2025 through August 31, 2025. In-season action may be taken by the National Marine Fisheries Service to close open days when total harvest is approaching a statewide harvest guideline of 7,000 Chinook salmon. Anglers are advised to check the department's website at: wildlife.ca.gov/oceansalmon for current information on harvest guidelines. Public notification of any in-season change to state salmon regulations to conform to in-season changes to federal regulations is made through the National Marine Fisheries Service ocean salmon hotline at (800) 662-9825. Anglers are advised to call the ocean salmon hotline at (800) 662-9825 before fishing.

(1) North of 40°10'00" N. lat. (near Cape Mendocino) and in Humboldt Bay.

(A) ~~Closed~~. Open to salmon fishing June 7 through 8, July 5 through 6, July 31 through August 3, and August 25 through 31.

(B) Daily Bag Limit: 2 salmon per day. See subsection (b) above and subsection (g) below.

(C) Minimum Size: 20 inches total length.

(2) Between 40°10'00" N. lat. and Point Arena (38°57'30" N. lat.).

(A) ~~Closed~~. Open to salmon fishing June 7 through 8, July 5 through 6, July 31 through August 3, and August 25 through 31.

(B) Daily Bag Limit: 2 salmon per day. See subsection (b) above and subsection (g) below.

(C) Minimum Size: 20 inches total length.

(3) Between Point Arena and Pigeon Point (37°11'00" N. lat.).

(A) ~~Closed~~. Open to salmon fishing June 7 through 8, July 5 through 6, July 31 through August 3, and August 25 through 31.

(B) Daily Bag Limit: 2 salmon per day. See subsection (b) above and subsection (g) below.

(C) Minimum Size: 20 inches total length.

(4) Between Pigeon Point and Point Sur (36°18'00" N. lat.)

(A) ~~Closed~~. Open to salmon fishing June 7 through 8, July 5 through 6, July 31 through August 3, and August 25 through 31.

(B) Daily Bag Limit: 2 salmon per day. See subsection (b) above and subsection (g) below.

(C) Minimum Size: 20 inches total length.

(5) South of Point Sur.

(A) ~~Closed~~. Open to salmon fishing June 7 through 8, July 5 through 6, July 31 through August 3, and August 25 through 31.

(B) Daily Bag Limit: 2 salmon per day. See subsection (b) above and subsection (g) below.

(C) Minimum Size: 20 inches total length.

(d) Open Fishing Days, Daily Bag Limits, and Minimum Size in effect from September 1, 2025 through October 31, 2025. In-season action may be taken by the National Marine Fisheries Service to close open days when total harvest is approaching a harvest guideline of 7,500 Chinook salmon. Anglers are advised to check the department's

website at: wildlife.ca.gov/oceansalmon for current information on harvest guidelines. Public notification of any in-season change to state salmon regulations to conform to in-season changes to federal regulations is made through the National Marine Fisheries Service ocean salmon hotline at (800) 662-9825. Anglers are advised to call the ocean salmon hotline at (800) 662-9825 before fishing.

(1) North of Point Reyes (37°59'44" N. lat.). Closed.

(2) Between Point Reyes and Pigeon Point (37°11'00" N. lat.) (San Francisco Subarea).

(A) Open to salmon fishing September 4 through 7, September 29 through 30, October 1 through 5, and October 27 through 31.

(B) Daily Bag Limit: 2 salmon per day. See subsection (b) above and subsection (g) below.

(C) Minimum Size: 20 inches total length.

(3) Between Pigeon Point and Point Sur (36°18'00" N. lat.) (Monterey Subarea).

(A) Open to salmon fishing September 4 through 7 and September 29 through 30.

(B) Daily Bag Limit: 2 salmon per day. See subsection (b) above and subsection (g) below.

(C) Minimum Size: 20 inches total length.

(4) South of Point Sur. Closed.

(e) Open Fishing Days, Daily Bag Limits, and Minimum Size in effect on or after November 1, 2025: Closed statewide until the 2026 opening dates prescribed in subsection (f), or as modified in-season.

(d)(f) Open Fishing Days, Daily Bag Limits, and Minimum Size in effect on or after April 1, 2025April 1, 2026. Harvest guidelines and bag limits may be considered inseason in-season. Inseason In-season action to close fisheries, modify season dates, or modify the bag limit may be considered when total sport harvest is approaching a harvest guideline. Anglers are advised to check the Department's department's website at: wildlife.ca.gov/oceansalmon for current information on harvest guidelines. Public notification of any in-season change to state salmon regulations to conform to in-season changes to federal regulations is made through the National Marine Fisheries Service ocean salmon hotline at (800) 662-9825. Anglers are advised to call the ocean salmon hotline at (800) 662-9825 before fishing.

(1) North of 40°10'00" N. lat. (near Cape Mendocino) and in Humboldt Bay.

(A) Open to salmon fishing beginning April 5, 2025May 1, 2026. Fishing is authorized 7 days per week. Anglers are advised to call the ocean salmon hotline at (800) 662-9825 before fishing.

(B) Daily Bag Limit: 2 salmon per day. ~~Anglers are advised to call the ocean salmon hotline at (800) 662-9825 before fishing.~~ See subsection (b) above and subsection ~~(e)~~(g) below.

(C) Minimum Size: 20 inches total length.

(2) Between 40°10'00" N. lat. and Point Arena (38°57'30" N. lat.).

(A) Open to salmon fishing beginning ~~April 5, 2025~~April 4, 2026. Fishing is authorized 7 days per week. ~~Anglers are advised to call the ocean salmon hotline at (800) 662-9825 before fishing.~~

(B) Daily Bag Limit: 2 salmon per day. ~~Anglers are advised to call the ocean salmon hotline at (800) 662-9825 before fishing.~~ See subsection (b) above and subsection ~~(e)~~(g) below.

(C) Minimum Size: 20 inches total length.

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(B) Daily Bag Limit: 2 salmon per day. ~~Anglers are advised to call the ocean salmon hotline at (800) 662-9825 before fishing.~~ See subsection (b) above and subsection ~~(e)~~(g) below.

(C) Minimum Size: 24 inches total length.

(4) Between Pigeon Point and Point Sur (36°18'00" N. lat.).

(A) Open to salmon fishing beginning ~~April 5, 2025~~April 4, 2026. Fishing is authorized 7 days per week. ~~Anglers are advised to call the ocean salmon hotline at (800) 662-9825 before fishing.~~

(B) Daily Bag Limit: 2 salmon per day. ~~Anglers are advised to call the ocean salmon hotline at (800) 662-9825 before fishing.~~ See subsection (b) above and subsection ~~(e)~~(g) below.

(C) Minimum Size: 24 inches total length.

(5) South of Point Sur.

(A) Open to salmon fishing beginning ~~April 5, 2025~~April 4, 2026. Fishing is authorized 7 days per week. ~~Anglers are advised to call the ocean salmon hotline at (800) 662-9825 before fishing.~~

(B) Daily Bag Limit: 2 salmon per day. ~~Anglers are advised to call the ocean salmon hotline at (800) 662-9825 before fishing.~~ See subsection (b) above and subsection ~~(e)~~(g) below.

(C) Minimum Size: 24 inches total length.

~~(e)~~(g) 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.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, 205, 265, 316.5, 399, 2084 and 7110, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 205, 265, 316.5, 2084 and 7110, Fish and Game Code.