



Tracking Number: (2025-01)

To request a change to regulations under the authority of the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission), you are required to submit this completed form to: California Fish and Game Commission, (physical address) 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1320, Sacramento, CA 95814, (mailing address) P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090 or via email to FGC@fgc.ca.gov. Note: This form is not intended for listing petitions for threatened or endangered species (see Section 670.1 of Title 14).

Incomplete forms will not be accepted. A petition is incomplete if it is not submitted on this form or fails to contain necessary information in each of the required categories listed on this form (Section I). A petition will be rejected if it does not pertain to issues under the Commission's authority. A petition may be denied if any petition requesting a functionally equivalent regulation change was considered within the previous 12 months and no information or data is being submitted beyond what was previously submitted. If you need help with this form, please contact Commission staff at (916) 653-4899 or FGC@fgc.ca.gov.

SECTION I: Required Information.

Please be succinct. Responses for Section I should not exceed five pages

1. Person or organization requesting the change (Required)

Name of primary contact person: Cheryl Wilen

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone number: [REDACTED]

Email address: [REDACTED]

2. Rulemaking Authority (Required) - Reference to the statutory or constitutional authority of the Commission to take the action requested: **Authority cited: Sections 200, 205, 219, 265 and 275, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 205, 255, 265, 270 and 275, Fish and Game Code.**

3. Overview (Required) - Summarize the proposed changes to regulations: Replace "hook-and-line" with "flexible blades or knife, e.g. putty knife**". This is requested specifically for limpets.**

4. Rationale (Required) - Describe the problem and the reason for the proposed change: Mollusks Abalone, clams, scallops, mussels, etc. 14 CCR § 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." be modified to allow the use of flexible blades, e.g. putty knife, to collect limpets.

As you know, there is no way to collect them using a hook and line and collecting by hand is quite dangerous as one must hit them with their hand in a very specific way to get them to disengage with the rocks. One wrong hit and the collector can fall into the ocean or hard onto slippery rocks. Use of flexible knives is safer and less likely to damage the substrate. Keeping the collection limit at 35/day will ensure that the area is not overfished.

SECTION II: Optional Information



5. **Date of Petition: January 15, 2025**

6. **Category of Proposed Change**

☐ Sport Fishing

☐ Commercial Fishing

☐ Hunting

☒ Other, please specify: **California Recreational Ocean Fishing Regulations
General Ocean Invertebrate Fishing Regulations**

7. **The proposal is to:** *(To determine section number(s), see current year regulation booklet or <https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs>)*

☒ Amend Title 14 CCR § 29.10 Section(s) Mollusks Abalone, clams, scallops, mussels, etc. 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

☐ Add New Title 14 Section(s): [Click here to enter text.](#)

☐ Repeal Title 14 Section(s): [Click here to enter text.](#)

8. **If the proposal is related to a previously submitted petition that was rejected, specify the tracking number of the previously submitted petition** [Click here to enter text.](#)

Or ☒ Not applicable.

9. **Effective date:** If applicable, identify the desired effective date of the regulation. If the proposed change requires immediate implementation, explain the nature of the emergency: [Click here to enter text.](#)

10. **Supporting documentation:** Identify and attach to the petition any information supporting the proposal including data, reports and other documents: [Click here to enter text.](#)

11. **Economic or Fiscal Impacts:** Identify any known impacts of the proposed regulation change on revenues to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, individuals, businesses, jobs, other state agencies, local agencies, schools, or housing: None

12. **Forms:** If applicable, list any forms to be created, amended or repealed:

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SECTION 3: FGC Staff Only

Date received: [01/16/2025](#)

FGC staff action:

☒ Accept - complete

☐ Reject - incomplete

☐ Reject - outside scope of FGC authority

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Date petitioner was notified of receipt of petition and pending action: _____

Meeting date for FGC consideration: _____



FGC action:

- ☐ Denied by FGC
- ☐ Denied - same as petition Tracking Number
- ☐ Granted for consideration of regulation change