

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 from May 16, ~~2025~~2026 through August 31, ~~2025~~2026. In-season action may be taken by the National Marine Fisheries Service to close open days when total harvest is approaching a ~~statewide~~ an area-specific 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) Open to salmon fishing ~~June 7 through 8, July 5 through 6, July 31 through August 3, and August 25 through 31.~~ June 13 through July 19 and August 1 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) Area-Specific Harvest Guideline: In-season action may be taken to close the fishery or remaining open days when total harvest is approaching an area-specific harvest guideline of 3,900 Chinook salmon.
 - (E) Salmon may not be possessed on a vessel in this area except when open to salmon fishing.
- (2) Between 40°10'00" N. lat. and Point Arena (38°57'30" N. lat.).
- (A) Open to salmon fishing ~~June 7 through 8, July 5 through 6, July 31 through August 3, and August 25 through 31.~~ June 13 through July 19 and August 1 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) Area-Specific Harvest Guideline: In-season action may be taken to close the fishery or remaining open days when total harvest is approaching an area-specific harvest guideline of 5,100 Chinook salmon.
 - (E) Except when open to salmon fishing, no fishing gear may be deployed in this area with salmon in possession.
- (3) Between Point Arena and Pigeon Point (37°11'00" N. lat.).
- (A) Open to salmon fishing ~~June 7 through 8, July 5 through 6, July 31 through August 3, and August 25 through 31.~~ June 27 through July 22 and August 1 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) Area-Specific Harvest Guideline: In-season action may be taken to close the fishery or remaining open days when total harvest is approaching an area-specific harvest guideline of 34,900 Chinook salmon.

(E) Except when open to salmon fishing, no fishing gear may be deployed in this area with salmon in possession.

(4) Between Pigeon Point and Point Sur (36°18'00" N. lat.) the U.S./Mexico border.

(A) ~~Open to salmon fishing June 7 through 8, July 5 through 6, July 31 through August 3, and August 25 through 31.~~ May 16 through August 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) Area-Specific Harvest Guideline: In-season action may be taken to close the fishery or remaining open days when total harvest is approaching an area-specific harvest guideline of 21,800 Chinook salmon.

(E) Except when open to salmon fishing, no fishing gear may be deployed in this area with salmon in possession.

~~(5) South of Point Sur.~~

~~(A) 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~~2026 through October 31, ~~2025~~2026. In-season action may be taken by the National Marine Fisheries Service to close open days when total harvest is approaching a fall harvest guideline of ~~7,500~~20,000 Chinook salmon applicable to both open areas defined in (d)(2) and (d)(3) below. 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.~~

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

(A) Salmon may not be possessed on a vessel in this area except when open to salmon fishing.

(2) Between 40°10'00" N. lat. and 38°02'00" N. lat. Closed.

(A) Except when open to salmon fishing, no fishing gear may be deployed in this area with salmon in possession.

~~(2)~~ (3) Between Point Reyes 38°02'00" N. lat. 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.~~ September 1 through October 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) Except when open to salmon fishing, no fishing gear may be deployed in this area with salmon in possession.

~~(3)~~ (4) Between Pigeon Point and Point Sur (36°18'00" N. lat.) (Monterey Subarea) the U.S./Mexico border.

(A) Open to salmon fishing ~~September 4 through 7 and September 29 through 30.~~ September 1 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.

(D) Except when open to salmon fishing, no fishing gear may be deployed in this area with salmon in possession.

~~(4) South of Point Sur. Closed.~~

(e) Open Fishing Days, Daily Bag Limits, and Minimum Size in effect on or after November 1, ~~2025~~2026: Closed statewide until the ~~2026~~2027 opening dates prescribed in subsection (f), or as modified in-season.

(f) Open Fishing Days, Daily Bag Limits, and Minimum Size in effect on or after April 1, ~~2026~~2027. Open fishing days, harvest ~~Harvest~~ guidelines, size, and bag limits may be considered in-season. 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 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: ~~Closed.~~

- (A) Open to salmon fishing beginning May 1, 2027. Fishing is authorized 7 days per week.
- (B) Daily Bag Limit: 2 salmon per day. See subsection (b) above and subsection (g) below.
- (C) Minimum Size: 20 inches total length.
- (D) Salmon may not be possessed on a vessel in this area except when open to salmon fishing.
- (2) Between 40°10'00" N. lat. and Point Arena (38°57'30" N. lat.): ~~Closed.~~
- (A) Open to salmon fishing beginning April 3, 2027. Fishing is authorized 7 days per week.
- (B) Daily Bag Limit: 2 salmon per day. See subsection (b) above and subsection (g) below.
- (C) Minimum Size: 20 inches total length.
- (D) Except when open to salmon fishing, no fishing gear may be deployed in this area with salmon in possession.
- (3) Between Point Arena and Pigeon Point (37°11'00" N. lat.): ~~Closed.~~
- (A) Open to salmon fishing beginning April 3, 2027. Fishing is authorized 7 days per week.
- (B) Daily Bag Limit: 2 salmon per day. See subsection (b) above and subsection (g) below.
- (C) Minimum Size: 24 inches total length.
- (D) Except when open to salmon fishing, no fishing gear may be deployed in this area with salmon in possession.
- (4) Between Pigeon Point and the U.S./Mexico border.
- (A) Open to salmon fishing beginning ~~April 11, 2026~~April 3, 2027. Fishing is authorized 7 days per week.
- (B) Daily Bag Limit: 2 salmon per day. See subsection (b) above and subsection (g) below.
- (C) Minimum Size: 24 inches total length.
- ~~(D) No fishing gear may be deployed with salmon aboard north of Pigeon Point. (37°11' N. lat).~~ Except when open to salmon fishing, no fishing gear may be deployed in this area with salmon in possession.

~~(E) Regional Harvest Guideline: Inseason action may be taken to close the fishery or remaining open days when total harvest is approaching an area-specific harvest guideline of 21,000 Chinook Salmon.~~

(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.