

California Recreational Groundfish Fishery Regulations (2000–2010)

Key:

	Allowed in all waters
20	Depth closed > 20fm
30	Depth closed > 30fm
40	Depth closed > 40fm
60	Depth closed > 60fm
20-40	Depth open between 20-40fm
30-60	Depth open between 30-60fm
	Closed depth In-season change In-season closure

CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATORY HISTORY, 2000

Northern Management Area

California/Oregon Border to Near Cape Mendocino (40°10' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ California scorpionfish, California sheephead Cabezon, Greenlings (rock, kelp), Ocean whitefish, Shelf rockfish ²												
Lingcod ³												
Sanddabs												

Central Management Area

Near Cape Mendocino (40°10' N) to Lopez Point (36°00' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
California scorpionfish, California sheephead, Cabezon, Greenlings, Ocean whitefish												
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , Shelf rockfish ²												
Lingcod ³												
Sanddabs												

Southern Management Area

Lopez Point (36°00' N) to US/Mexico Border

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
California scorpionfish, California sheephead, Cabezon, Greenlings (rock, kelp), Ocean whitefish												
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , Shelf rockfish ²												
Lingcod ³												
Sanddabs												

Notes for 2000:

1. "Nearshore rockfish" is defined as: black, black-and-yellow, blue, brown, calico, China, copper, gopher, grass, kelp, olive, quillback, and treefish rockfishes.
2. "Shelf rockfish" is defined as: bocaccio, canary, cowcod, widow, yelloweye, yellowtail, shortbelly, bronzespotted, chameleon, chilipepper, dwarf-red, flag, freckled, greenblotched, greenspotted, greenstriped, halfbanded, honeycomb, Mexican, pink, pinkrose, pygmy, redstripe, rosethorn, rosy, silvergrey, speckled, squarespot, starry, stripetail, swordspine, tiger, and vermilion rockfishes.
3. Statewide emergency lingcod closure in November and December; closure did not apply to shore-based anglers.

CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATORY HISTORY, 2001

Northern Management Area^{3, 4, 5}

California/Oregon Border to Near Cape Mendocino (40°10' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , California scorpionfish, California sheephead, Cabezon, Greenlings (rock, kelp), & Ocean whitefish												
Shelf rockfish ^{2, 4} , Lingcod ⁴												
Sanddabs												

Central Management Area^{3, 4, 5}

Near Cape Mendocino (40°10' N) to Point Conception (34°27' N)

Species	Jan ⁵	Feb ⁵	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , California scorpionfish					20	20					20	20
California sheephead, Ocean whitefish												
Cabezon, Greenlings (rock, kelp)											20	20
Shelf rockfish ^{2, 4} , Lingcod ⁴												
Sanddabs												

Southern Management Area^{3, 4, 5}

Point Conception (34°27' N) to the U.S./Mexico border

Species	Jan ⁵	Feb ⁵	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹											20	20
California scorpionfish, Ocean whitefish	20	20									20	20
California sheephead												
Cabezon, Greenlings (rock, kelp)											20	20
Shelf rockfish ^{2, 4} , Lingcod ⁴												
Sanddabs												

Notes for 2001:

1. "Nearshore rockfish" is defined as: black, black-and-yellow, blue, brown, calico, China, copper, gopher, grass, kelp, olive, quillback, and treefish rockfishes.
2. "Shelf rockfish" is defined as: bocaccio, canary, cowcod, widow, yelloweye, yellowtail, shortbelly, bronzespotted, chameleon, chilipepper, dwarf-red, flag, freckled, greenblotched, greenspotted, greenstriped, halfbanded, honeycomb, Mexican, pink, pinkrose, pygmy, redstripe, rosethorn, rosy, silvergrey, speckled, squarespot, starry, stripetail, swordspine, tiger, and vermilion rockfishes.
3. Emergency action was taken by the Commission in order to conform to federal regulations; closures did not apply to shore-based anglers.
4. Inseason emergency closure on October 29 prohibited angling for shelf and slope rockfishes and lingcod. Possession of these fishes was prohibited in state waters. In waters less than 20 fathoms, fishing for nearshore rockfishes, California scorpionfish, cabezon, and greenlings continued to be permitted (including waters around offshore rocks and islands less than 20 fathoms). Fishing for California sheephead continued to be permitted in all waters except in the Cowcod Conservation Areas.
5. On January 1, 2000 the Commission adopted regulations to be effective through 2002 that closed lingcod and nearshore and shelf rockfishes as follows: south of Lopez Point to the Mexico border Jan–Feb; and north of Lopez Point to Cape Mendocino Mar–Apr. New regulations that superceded the regulations adopted January 1, 2000 went into effect March 5, 2001. These new regulations included a different regional management boundary between the central and southern management areas—Point Conception instead of Lopez Point. Because of the delay in implementation (March instead of January), the area between Lopez Point and Point Conception was closed from January 1–February 28, 2001 (as part of the southern area under the 2000 regulations). This area then was open to fishing from March 1–4, 2001 (as part of the 2000 open fishing period for the southern area). However, once the 2001 regulations took affect on March 5, 2001, this section of coast was closed again from March 5–April 30 (as part of the central area under the 2001 regulations).

CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATORY HISTORY, 2002

Northern Management Area^{3, 5}

California/Oregon Border to Near Cape Mendocino (40°10' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , California scorpionfish, Ocean whitefish, Shelf rockfish ² , Lingcod												
California sheephead ³												
Cabezon ³												
Greenlings (rock, kelp) ³												
Sanddabs												

Central Management Area^{3, 4, 5}

Near Cape Mendocino (40°10' N) to Point Conception (34°27' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , California scorpionfish ⁴					20	20	20	20	20	20		
California sheephead ³												
Cabezon ³												
Greenlings (rock, kelp) ³												
Ocean whitefish ⁴							20	20	20	20	20	20
Shelf rockfish ^{2, 4} , Lingcod ⁴					20	20	20	20	20	20		
Sanddabs												

Southern Management Area^{3, 4, 5}

Point Conception (34°27' N) to the U.S./Mexico border

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , California scorpionfish ⁴							20	20	20	20		
California sheephead ³												
Cabezon ³												
Greenlings (rock, kelp) ³												
Ocean whitefish ⁴							20	20	20	20	20	20
Shelf rockfish ^{2, 4} , Lingcod ⁴							20	20	20	20		
Sanddabs												

Notes for 2002:

1. "Nearshore rockfish" is defined as: black, black-and-yellow, blue, brown, calico, China, copper, gopher, grass, kelp, olive, quillback, and treefish rockfishes.

2. "Shelf rockfish" is defined as: bocaccio, canary, cowcod, widow, yelloweye, yellowtail, shortbelly, bronzespotted, chameleon, chilipepper, dwarf-red, flag, freckled, greenblotched, greenspotted, greenstriped, halfbanded, honeycomb, Mexican, pink, pinkrose, pygmy, redstripe, rosethorn, rosy, silvergrey, speckled, squarespot, starry, stripetail, swordspine, tiger, and vermilion rockfishes.

3. Inseason emergency closures took effect for greenlings on July 1, cabezon on July 29, and California sheephead on November 1. Closures do not apply to shore based anglers, or spearfishing from shore or a man-made structure.

4. The emergency closure for shelf rockfish, lingcod, California scorpionfish, and ocean whitefish went into effect July 1. Nearshore fishing was still allowed in < 20 fathoms for nearshore rockfishes, California scorpionfish and ocean whitefish. There was a special allowance for two shelf rockfish ONLY if taken incidental to nearshore fishing in < 20 fathoms EXCLUDING bocaccio, canary, cowcod, and yelloweye rockfish, which could not be taken.

5. Management Area boundaries changed January 10, 2002.

CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATORY HISTORY, 2003

Northern Management Area^{4, 5}

California/Oregon Border to Near Cape Mendocino (40°10' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ^{1, 5} , California scorpionfish ⁵												
California sheephead ⁴ , Cabezon ⁴ , Greenlings (rock, kelp) ⁴												
Ocean whitefish												
Shelf rockfish ^{2, 5} , Lingcod ⁵												
Sanddabs												

Central Management Area^{4, 5}

Near Cape Mendocino (40°10' N) to Point Conception (34°27' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
California scorpionfish ⁵	20	20					20	20	20	20	20	
California sheephead ⁴												
Cabezon ⁴ , Greenlings (rock, kelp) ⁴							20	20	20			
Ocean whitefish							20	20	20	20	20	20
Nearshore rockfish ^{1, 5} , Shelf rockfish ^{2, 5} , Lingcod ⁵							20	20	20	20	20	
Sanddabs												

Southern Management Area^{3, 4, 5}

Point Conception (34°27' N) to the U.S./Mexico border

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
California scorpionfish ^{3, 5}	20	20					<20fm	<20fm	30	30	30	
California sheephead ⁴												
Cabezon ⁴ , Greenlings (rock, kelp) ⁴							20	20	30			
Ocean whitefish							20	20	30	30	30	30
Nearshore rockfish ^{1, 5} , Shelf rockfish ^{2, 5} , Lingcod ⁵							20	20	30	30	30	
Sanddabs												

Notes for 2003:

1. "Nearshore rockfish" is defined as: black, black-and-yellow, blue, brown, calico, China, copper, gopher, grass, kelp, olive, quillback, and treefish rockfishes.
2. "Shelf rockfish" is defined as: bocaccio, canary, cowcod, widow, yelloweye, yellowtail, shortbelly, bronzespotted, chameleon, chilipepper, dwarf-red, flag, freckled, greenblotched, greenspotted, greenstriped, halfbanded, honeycomb, Mexican, pink, pinkrose, pygmy, redstripe, rosethorn, rosy, silvergrey, speckled, squarespot, starry, stripetail, swordspine, tiger, and vermilion rockfishes.
3. Fishing for California scorpionfish was allowed in <50 fm during July and August, only in the area of Huntington Flats, as defined by California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 27.82(d). 7.
4. Inseason emergency closures on October 8 for cabezon, greenlings, and California sheephead.
5. Inseason emergency closure on December 8 for nearshore rockfishes, California scorpionfish, shelf rockfishes, and lingcod.

CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATORY HISTORY, 2004

Northern Management Area^{3, 4}

California/Oregon Border to Near Cape Mendocino (40°10' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , California sheephead, Cabezon, Greenlings (rock, kelp), Ocean whitefish, Shelf rockfish ² ,					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Black rockfish ³						30	30	30				
Lingcod ⁴					30	30	30	30	30	30		
Sanddabs												

North-Central Management Area^{4, 5}

Near Cape Mendocino (40°10' N) to Lopez Point (36°00' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , California scorpionfish, California sheephead, Cabezon, Greenlings (rock, kelp), Ocean whitefish, Shelf rockfish ²	30	30						20	20	20		
Lingcod ⁴	30	30						20	20	20		
Sanddabs												

South-Central Management Area⁴

Lopez Point (36°00' N) to Pt. Conception (34°27' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , California scorpionfish, California sheephead, Cabezon, Greenlings, Ocean whitefish, Shelf rockfish ²	30	30			20	20		20	20	20	20	20
Lingcod ⁴	30	30			20	20		20	20	20		
Sanddabs												

Southern Management Area⁴

Pt. Conception (34°27' N) to US/Mexico Border

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , California sheephead, Cabezon, Greenlings, Ocean Whitefish, Shelf rockfish ²			60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
California scorpionfish			60	60							60	60
Lingcod ⁴			60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30		
Sanddabs												

Notes for 2004:

1. "Nearshore rockfish" is defined as: black, black-and-yellow, blue, brown, calico, China, copper, gopher, grass, kelp, olive, quillback, and treefish rockfishes.
2. "Shelf rockfish" is defined as: bocaccio, canary, cowcod, widow, yelloweye, yellowtail, shortbelly, bronzespotted chameleon, chilipepper, dwarf-red, flag, freckled, greenblotched, greenspotted, greenstriped, halfbanded, honeycomb, Mexican, pink, pinkrose, pygmy, redstripe, rosethorn, rosy, silvergrey, speckled, squarespot, starry, stripetail, swordspine, tiger, and vermilion rockfishes.
3. Inseason change on May 16, reduced black rockfish bag limit to zero in May, and September thru December.
4. Inseason change on April 1, decreased lingcod bag limit from two to one fish and increased size limit from 24 to 30 inches.
5. Inseason change on March 1, closed rockfish, lingcod and associated species on Cordell Bank (Marin County).

CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATORY HISTORY, 2005

Northern Management Area³ California/Oregon Border to Near Cape Mendocino (40°10' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , Black rockfish, California sheephead, Greenlings (rock, kelp), Ocean whitefish, Shelf rockfish ²					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Cabezon ³					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	
Lingcod					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	
Sanddabs												

North-Central Management Area³ Near Cape Mendocino (40°10' N) to Pigeon Point (37°11' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , California sheephead, Greenlings (rock, kelp), Ocean whitefish, Shelf rockfish ²							20	20	20	20	20	20
Cabezon ³							20	20	20	20	20	
Lingcod							20	20	20	20	20	
Sanddabs												

Monterey South-Central Management Area³ Pigeon Point (37°11' N) to Lopez Point (36°00' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , California sheephead, Greenlings (rock, kelp), Ocean whitefish, Shelf rockfish ²							20	20	20	20	20	20
Cabezon ³							20	20	20	20	20	
Lingcod							20	20	20	20	20	
Sanddabs												

Morro Bay South-Central Management Area³ Lopez Point (36°00' N) to Pt. Conception (34°27' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , California sheephead, Cabezon ³ , Greenlings (rock, kelp), Ocean whitefish, Shelf rockfish ²					40	40	40	40	40			
Sanddabs												

Southern Management Area³ Pt. Conception (34°27' N) to US/Mexico Border

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , California sheephead, Greenlings (rock, kelp), Ocean whitefish, Shelf rockfish ²			30-60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
California scorpionfish										30	60	60
Cabezon ³			30-60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	
Lingcod				60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	
Sanddabs												

Notes for 2005:

- "Nearshore rockfish" is defined as: black, black-and-yellow, blue, brown, calico, China, copper, gopher, grass, kelp, olive, quillback, and treefish rockfishes.
- "Shelf rockfish" is defined as: bocaccio, canary, cowcod, widow, yelloweye, yellowtail, shortbelly, bronzespotted chameleon, chilipepper, dwarf-red, flag, freckled, greenblotched, greenspotted, greenstriped, halfbanded, honeycomb, Mexican, pink, pinkrose, pygmy, redstripe, rosethorn, rosy, silvergrey, speckled, squarespot, starry, stripetail, swordspine, tiger, and vermilion rockfishes.
- Inseason change on November 18 closed cabezon statewide in December.

CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATORY HISTORY, 2006

Northern Management Area³ California/Oregon Border to Near Cape Mendocino (40°10' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , Black rockfish, California sheephead, Greenlings (rock, kelp), Ocean whitefish, Shelf rockfish ²					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Lingcod					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	
Sanddabs												

North-Central Management Area^{4, 5} Near Cape Mendocino (40°10' N) to Pigeon Point (37°11' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , California scorpionfish, California sheephead, Cabezon, Greenlings (rock, kelp), Ocean whitefish, Shelf rockfish ²							30	30	30	30	30	30
Lingcod							30	30	30	30	30	
Sanddabs												

Monterey South-Central Management Area^{4, 5} Pigeon Point (37°11' N) to Lopez Point (36°00' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , California scorpionfish, California sheephead, Cabezon, Greenlings (rock, kelp), Ocean whitefish, Shelf rockfish ²							30	30	30	30	30	30
Lingcod							30	30	30	30	30	
Sanddabs												

Morro Bay South-Central Management Area⁶ Lopez Point (36°00' N) to Pt. Conception (34°27' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , California scorpionfish, California sheephead, Cabezon, Greenlings (kelp, rock), Ocean whitefish, Shelf rockfish ² , Lingcod					40	40	40	40	40	40		
Sanddabs												

Southern Management Area^{7, 8} Pt. Conception (34°27' N) to US/Mexico Border

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , California scorpionfish, California sheephead, Cabezon, Greenlings, Ocean Whitefish, Shelf rockfish ²			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Lingcod				60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	
Sanddabs												

Notes for 2006:

- "Nearshore rockfish" is defined as: black, black-and-yellow, blue, brown, calico, China, copper, gopher, grass, kelp, olive, quillback, and treefish rockfishes.
- "Shelf rockfish" is defined as: bocaccio, canary, cowcod, widow, yelloweye, yellowtail, shortbelly, bronzespotted chameleon, chilipepper, dwarf-red, flag, freckled, greenblotched, greenspotted, greenstriped, halfbanded, honeycomb, Mexican, pink, pinkrose, pygmy, redstripe, rosethorn, rosy, silvergrey, speckled, squarespot, starry, stripetail, swordspine, tiger, and vermilion rockfishes.
- Inseason change on March 28 decreased the fishing depth restriction from 40 to 30 fm (in the North), and opened months November and December to recreational fishing (except for lingcod which was closed).
- Inseason change on March 28 kept depth restriction at 20 fm (in the North-Central and Monterey South-Central), but opened December to recreational fishing (except for lingcod which was closed).
- Inseason change on July 1 increased the fishing depth restriction from 20 to 30 fm (in the North-Central and Monterey South-Central) (except for lingcod which was closed).

6. Inseason change on July 1 kept the depth restriction at 40 fm (in the Morro Bay South-Central), but opened October to recreational fishing.
7. Inseason change on March 28 opened (in the South) the months of October (30 fm), November (60 fm), and December (60 fm) to recreational fishing (lingcod remained closed in December).
8. Inseason change on July 1 increased the fishing depth restriction from 30 fm to 60 fm (in the South) for the rest of the season (lingcod remained closed in December).

CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATORY HISTORY, 2007

Northern Management Area³ California/Oregon Border to Near Cape Mendocino (40°10' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , Black rockfish, Cabezon, Greenlings, Shelf rockfish ² , Lingcod					30	30	30	30	30			
California sheephead and Ocean whitefish					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Sanddabs												

North-Central Management Area³ Near Cape Mendocino (40°10' N) to Pigeon Point (37°11' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , California scorpionfish, Cabezon, Greenlings, Shelf rockfish ² , Lingcod						30	30	30	30			
California sheephead and Ocean whitefish						30	30	30	30	30	30	
Sanddabs												

Monterey South-Central Management Area Pigeon Point (37°11' N) to Lopez Point (36°00' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , California scorpionfish, California sheephead, Cabezon, Greenlings, Ocean whitefish, Shelf rockfish ² , Lingcod					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Sanddabs												

Morro Bay South-Central Management Area Lopez Point (36°00' N) to Pt. Conception (34°27' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , California scorpionfish, California sheephead, Cabezon, Greenlings, Ocean whitefish, shelf rockfish ² , Lingcod					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Sanddabs												

Southern Management Area⁴ Pt. Conception (34°27' N) to US/Mexico Border

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , California sheephead, Cabezon, Greenlings, Ocean whitefish, shelf rockfish ²			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
California scorpionfish	40	40	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Lingcod				60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	
Sanddabs												

Notes for 2007:

1. "Nearshore rockfish" is defined as: black, black-and-yellow, blue, brown, calico, China, copper, gopher, grass, kelp, olive, quillback, and treefish rockfishes.

2. "Shelf rockfish" is defined as: bocaccio, canary, cowcod, widow, yelloweye, yellowtail, shortbelly, bronzespotted chameleon, chilipepper, dwarf-red, flag, freckled, greenblotched, greenspotted, greenstriped, halfbanded, honeycomb, Mexican, pink, pinkrose, pygmy, redstripe, rosethorn, rosy, silvergrey, speckled, squarespot, starry, stripetail, swordspine, tiger, and vermilion rockfishes.

3. Inseason emergency closure on October 1 north of Pigeon Point (37°11' N lat.)

4. Cowcod Conservation Area (west of San Diego) open March–December from 0-20 fm (see <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/cowcod.asp>).

CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATORY HISTORY, 2008

Northern Management Area^{3, 5}

California/Oregon Border to Near Cape Mendocino (40°10' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , Black rockfish, California sheephead, Cabezon, Greenlings, Ocean Whitefish, Shelf rockfish ²					20	20	20	20				
Lingcod					20	20	20	20				
Sanddabs												

North–Central North of Point Arena Management Area^{3, 4, 5}

Near Cape Mendocino (40°10' N) to Point Arena (38°57' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , California scorpionfish, California sheephead, Cabezon, Greenlings, Ocean whitefish, Shelf rockfish ² , Lingcod						20	20	20				
Sanddabs												

North–Central South of Point Arena Management Area^{3, 4, 5}

Point Arena (38°57' N) to Pigeon Point (37°11' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , California scorpionfish, California sheephead, Cabezon, Greenlings, Ocean Whitefish, Shelf rockfish ² , Lingcod						20	20	20	20	20	20	
Sanddabs												

Monterey South–Central Management Area

Pigeon Point (37°11' N) to Lopez Point (36°00' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , California scorpionfish, California sheephead, Cabezon, Greenlings, Ocean whitefish, Shelf rockfish ² , Lingcod					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Sanddabs												

Morro Bay South–Central Management Lopez Point (36°00' N) to Pt. Conception (34°27' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , California scorpionfish, California sheephead, Cabezon, Greenlings, Ocean whitefish, Shelf rockfish ² , Lingcod					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Sanddabs												

Southern Management Area⁶ Pt. Conception (34° 27' N) to US/Mexico Border

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , California sheephead, Cabezon, Greenlings, Ocean whitefish, Shelf rockfish ²			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
California scorpionfish	40	40	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Lingcod				60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	
Sanddabs												

Notes for 2008:

1. "Nearshore rockfish" is defined as: black, black-and-yellow, blue, brown, calico, China, copper, gopher, grass, kelp, olive, quillback, and treefish rockfishes.
2. "Shelf rockfish" is defined as: bocaccio, canary, cowcod, widow, yelloweye, yellowtail, shortbelly, bronzespotted chameleon, chilipepper, dwarf-red, flag, freckled, greenblotched, greenspotted, greenstriped, halfbanded, honeycomb, Mexican, pink, pinkrose, pygmy, redstripe, rosethorn, rosy, silvergrey, speckled, squarespot, starry, stripetail, swordspine, tiger, and vermilion rockfishes.
3. Inseason change on May 9 decreased fishing depth restriction from 30 to 20 fm in the North and North-Central Areas.
4. Inseason emergency change on September 2 split on the North-Central Management Area into two areas.
5. Inseason emergency closure on September 2 (North and North-Central North of Point Arena Areas).
6. Cowcod Conservation Area (west of San Diego) open March–December from 0-20 fm (see <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/cowcod.asp>).

CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATORY HISTORY, 2009

Northern Management Area

California/Oregon Border to Near Cape Mendocino (40°10' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , Black rockfish, California sheephead, Cabezon, Greenlings, Ocean whitefish, Shelf rockfish ² , Lingcod					20	20	20	20	20			
Sanddabs												

North–Central North of Point Arena Management Area

Near Cape Mendocino (40°10' N) to Point Arena (38°57' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , California scorpionfish, California sheephead, Cabezon, Greenlings, Ocean whitefish, Shelf rockfish ² , Lingcod					20	20	20	20				
Sanddabs												

North–Central South of Point Arena Management Area

Point Arena (38°57' N) to Pigeon Point (37°11' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , California scorpionfish, California sheephead, Cabezon, Greenlings, Ocean whitefish, Shelf rockfish ² , Lingcod						20	20	20	20	20		
Sanddabs												

Monterey South–Central Management Area

Pigeon Point (37°11' N) to Lopez Point (36°00' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , California scorpionfish, California sheephead, Cabezon, Greenlings, Ocean whitefish, Shelf rockfish ² , Lingcod					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Sanddabs												

Morro Bay South–Central Management Area

Lopez Point (36° 00' N) to Pt. Conception (34° 27' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , California scorpionfish, California sheephead, Cabezon, Greenlings, Ocean whitefish, Shelf rockfish ² , Lingcod					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Sanddabs												

Southern Management Area
Pt. Conception (34°27' N) to US/Mexico Border

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , California sheephead, Cabezon, Greenlings, Ocean whitefish, Shelf rockfish ²			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
California scorpionfish	40	40	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Lingcod				60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	
Sanddabs												

Notes for 2009:

1. "Nearshore rockfish" is defined as: black, black-and-yellow, blue, brown, calico, China, copper, gopher, grass, kelp, olive, quillback, and treefish rockfishes.
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CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATORY HISTORY, 2010

Northern Management Area
California/Oregon Border to Near Cape Mendocino (40°10' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , Black rockfish, California sheephead, Cabezon, Greenlings, Ocean whitefish, Shelf rockfish ² , Lingcod					20	20	20	20	20			
Sanddabs												

North-Central North of Point Arena Management Area
Near Cape Mendocino (40°10' N) to Point Arena (38°57' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , California scorpionfish, California sheephead, Cabezon, Greenlings, Ocean whitefish, Shelf rockfish ² , Lingcod					20	20	20	20				
Sanddabs												

North-Central South of Point Arena Management Area
Point Arena (38°57' N) to Pigeon Point (37°11' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , California scorpionfish, California sheephead, Cabezon, Greenlings, Ocean whitefish, Shelf rockfish ² , Lingcod						20	20	20	20	20		
Sanddabs												

Monterey South-Central Management Area
Pigeon Point (37°11' N) to Lopez Point (36°00' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , California scorpionfish, California sheephead, Cabezon, Greenlings, Ocean whitefish, Shelf rockfish ² , Lingcod					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Sanddabs												

Morro Bay South–Central Management Area
Lopez Point (36° 00' N) to Pt. Conception (34° 27' N)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , California scorpionfish, California sheephead, Cabezon, Greenlings, Ocean whitefish, Shelf rockfish ² , Lingcod					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Sanddabs												

Southern Management Area
Pt. Conception (34°27' N) to US/Mexico Border

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish ¹ , California sheephead, Cabezon, Greenlings, Ocean whitefish, Shelf rockfish ²			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
California scorpionfish	40	40	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Lingcod				60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	
Sanddabs												

Notes for 2010:

1. "Nearshore rockfish" is defined as: black, black-and-yellow, blue, brown, calico, China, copper, gopher, grass, kelp, olive, quillback, and treefish rockfishes.
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