

Appendix B. Regulations Specific to the Take of White Seabass

Commercial (From Fish and Game Code)

§2362: White seabass may be imported from Mexico according to regulations established by the Fish and Game Commission.

§8051(a)(a18): Landing tax of \$0.0125 per lb.

§8383: Commercial fishing closed 15 March to 15 June, inclusive, between Pt. Conception and the Mexican border. No inter-boat transfers of fish. Restrictions do not apply to fish taken in Mexican waters. A valid permit issued by the Mexican government is evidence that seabass were taken in Mexican waters.

§8383.5: Unlawful to possess, sell, or purchase any white seabass smaller than 28 inches total length.

§8623(a): Unlawful to use purse seine or round haul nets for white seabass.

§8623(b): Unlawful to possess white seabass on a boat carrying or using any purse seine or round haul net unless taken off Mexico.

§8623(d): Six inches minimum stretched mesh size for gill nets used to take white seabass except during 16 June to 14 March when not more than 20% by number of white seabass (greater than 28 in.), up to 10 fish per load, can be taken in gill or trammel nets with meshes 3.5 to 6 inches.

§8610(b): Marine Resources Protection Act of 1990, effective as of 01 January 1994. Specifies that white seabass, in addition to all other species, cannot be taken by gill and trammel nets in ocean waters: 1) 0-3 miles from the mainland shore between Point Arguello and the U.S.-Mexico border, 2) in waters less than 35 fathoms between Point Fermin and the south jetty at Newport Beach, or 3) in waters less than 70 fathoms deep or within one mile, whichever is less, of the Channel Islands.

Recreational (From Title 14, California Code of Regulations)

§27.60: Daily bag and possession limit for white seabass is three fish except as provided in Section 28.35.

§27.65: Fillets taken from white seabass must be a minimum of nineteen inches in length. Each fillet shall bear intact a one-inch square patch of silver skin.

§28.35: The minimum size for white seabass is twenty-eight inches total length or twenty and one-half inches alternate length. The season is open all year. The

daily bag and possession limit for white seabass is three except that only one fish may be taken in waters south of Pt. Conception, Santa Barbara County, between March 15 and June 15.