GETTING STARTED

A few simple practices and gear choices can greatly enhance your enjoyment of Southern California’s year-round fishing for surfperches, croakers, California corbina, and California halibut, among others.

WHEN TO GO FISHING …

You are more likely to catch fish:

- In the early morning or an hour before dusk
- On an incoming high tide. The rising water level dislodges small invertebrates in sand bars, stimulating fish to feed.
- During mild to moderate surf

CASTING TIPS …

- When you are beach fishing, cast to the edges of sand bars and drop-offs and be on the lookout for fish “highways,” or channels with transiting fish in search of food.
- If you are surfperch or corbina fishing, try casting near sand crab beds and learn to spot feeding corbina in the white wash.
- If you are halibut or croaker fishing, look for signs of baitfish, such as feeding birds and marine mammals, and cast into these areas.

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Peak months for some favorite species in Southern California

TURN IN POACHERS AND POLLUTERS.
Cheaters ruin the resource and your sport.
To bust them, make an anonymous call to CalTIP: 1 (888) DFG-CalTIP (1 (888) 334-2258)
COMMONLY CAUGHT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SURF SPECIES

Barred surfperch  
*Amphistichus argenteus*

California corbina  
*Menticirrhus undulatus*

Leopard shark  
*Triakis semifasciata*

Walleye surfperch  
*Hyperprosopon argenteum*

Spotfin croaker  
*Roncador stearnsii*

California halibut  
*Paralichthys californicus*

Bat Ray  
*Myliobatus californica*

Yellowfin croaker  
*Umbrina roncador*

Shovelnose guitarfish  
*Rhinobatos productus*

For fish consumption advisories visit www.oehha.ca.gov/fish.html

For more information and current fishing regulations, visit the California Department of Fish and Game Web site at: www.dfg.ca.gov/marine.