



**State of California  
Department of Fish and Game  
Ocean Salmon Project - Marine Region**



# 2011 Commercial Ocean Salmon Regulations (Effective May 1, 2011)

**OR/CA Border to Humboldt S. Jetty (KMZ):**

- July 2-6, 9-13, 16-20 or 1,400 Chinook quota
- August 1-15 or 1,000 Chinook quota
  - possession & landing limit of 15 Chinook per vessel per day
  - all salmon caught must be landed within the area & within 24 hrs of any closure
  - Chinook remaining from the July quota may be transferred to August on an impact neutral basis

**Horse Mountain to Point Arena:**

- July 23-27
- July 29 – August 29
  - all salmon must be landed within 24 hours of the August 29<sup>th</sup> closure
- September 1-30

**Point Arena to Point Sur:**

- May 1-31
- June 25 – July 5
- July 9-13, 16-20, 23-27
- July 29 – August 29
  - all salmon must be landed within 24 hours of the August 29<sup>th</sup> closure
- September 1-30

**Point Reyes to Point San Pedro:**

- October 3-7, 10-14
  - all salmon caught must be landed between Point Arena and Pigeon Point

**Point Sur to U.S./Mexico Border:**

- May 1 – May 31
- June 1 – June 24
  - all salmon caught in the area June 1-24 must be landed south of Pt. San Pedro
- June 25 - July 5
- July 9-13, 16-20, 23-27
- July 29 – August 29
  - all salmon must be landed within 24 hours of the August 29<sup>th</sup> closure

**General Commercial Regulations**

- **Minimum size limit: 27 inches total length**
- **All salmon must be landed in California and south of Horse Mtn when KMZ quota fisheries are open unless other area specific landing requirements are in effect.**
- **All salmon except coho; no retention of steelhead trout**
- **Single point, single shank barbless hooks are required**
- **No more than 6 lines are allowed per vessel**
- **Compliance with minimum size or other special restrictions:** All salmon on board a vessel must meet the minimum size or other special requirements for the area being fished and the area in which they are landed if that area is open. Salmon may be landed in an area that is closed only if they meet the minimum size and other special requirements for the area in which they were caught AND it is not otherwise prohibited in the regulations.
- **Transit through closed area with salmon on board:** It is unlawful for a vessel to have troll gear in the water while transiting any area closed to salmon fishing while possessing salmon.
- **Barbless circle hooks<sup>1</sup> required when fishing with bait and fishing by any means other than trolling<sup>2</sup>**
  1. 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.
  2. **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.

