



State of California
Department of Fish and Game



ATTENTION
California Recreational Anglers

April 2011 Ocean Salmon Sport Regulations*

Seasons

Humbug Mtn (OR) to Horse Mtn (CA):

- ◆ Closed until season decided in April*

Horse Mountain to Point Arena (Fort Bragg):

- ◆ Opens April 2, 2011
 - 2 salmon per day of any species except coho
 - minimum size limit: 24 inches (total length)

Point Arena to Pigeon Point (San Francisco):

- ◆ Opens April 2, 2011
 - 2 salmon per day of any species except coho
 - minimum size limit: 24 inches (total length)

Pigeon Point to U.S.-Mexico Border (Monterey Bay south):

- ◆ Opens April 2, 2011
 - 2 salmon per day of any species except coho
 - minimum size limit: 24 inches (total length)



* Regulations effective on and after May 1, 2011 will be decided by the Pacific Fishery Management Council & California Fish and Game Commission in mid-April 2011.

General Sport Regulations

- ◆ NO RETENTION OF COHO SALMON OR STEELHEAD TROUT IN ANY OCEAN FISHERY.
- ◆ Salmon may only be taken by angling as defined in Section 1.05. No sinkers or weights exceeding 4 lbs 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 & the fishing line is released automatically by a mechanical device from the sinker or weight when any fish is hooked.
- ◆ North of Pt. Conception: No more than two (2) single-point, single-shank barbless hooks shall be used & no more than one rod per angler when fishing for salmon or fishing from a boat with salmon on board.
- ◆ Horse Mt. to Pt. Conception: If fishing with bait and angling by any other means than TROLLING¹, no more than two (2) single-point, single-shank barbless circle hooks² shall be used. The distance between the two hooks must not exceed five (5) 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).
 - ¹ 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.
 - ² 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.

NOTE: These special gear restrictions apply to each angler fishing for salmon or fishing from any boat or floating device with salmon on board.

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