



## California Fishing Passport Shellfish Awards and Recognition

*For most people, the word "fishing" conjures up the image of an angler with a rod and reel, but California is also home to many species of freshwater and saltwater shellfish. To fully experience all the state has to offer the sport fisherman, you'll need to put down your rod and reel and grab your clam fork or shovel, crayfish trap, abalone iron, hoop net, or dive bag.*



**California Fishing Passport  
Shellfish Awards**

### Three different levels of achievement are available for Shellfish:

- California Fishing Passport **Shellfish Specialist**  
Catch at least 3 different qualifying shellfish.
- California Fishing Passport **Shellfish Expert**  
Catch at least 7 different qualifying shellfish.
- **California Shellfish Master**  
Catch at least 15 different qualifying shellfish.

### Which shellfish qualify?

- Any species from the Ocean Shellfish section of the California Fishing Passport
- Any species from the Inland Shellfish section of the California Fishing Passport

#### Specifically:

- Red swamp crayfish
- Signal crayfish
- California spiny lobster
- Gaper clam
- Pacific littleneck clam
- Pismo clam
- Pacific razor clam
- Nuttall cockle
- California mussel
- Giant rock scallop
- Dungeness crab
- Red rock crab
- Red abalone
- Red sea urchin
- Humboldt squid
- Market squid

Only species listed in the California Fishing Passport as defined above and caught in California during 2006 or afterwards qualify for Shellfish awards.

### What California Fishing Passport awards will I receive?

- California Fishing Passport **Shellfish Specialist**
  - Shellfish Specialist award pin
  - Certificate of Recognition suitable for framing
- California Fishing Passport **Shellfish Expert**
  - Shellfish Expert award pin
  - Certificate of Recognition suitable for framing

- **California Shellfish Master**
  - California Shellfish Master pin
  - Certificate of Recognition suitable for framing
  - DFG Director's Letter of Congratulations

**How to apply for recognition:**

1. Get your Passport book stamped at one of our Department offices or independent stamping agents. Each qualifying species must be fully documented and stamped in your California Fishing Passport. If you have trouble finding an agent, call us at (707) 964-5026.
2. Make clear photocopies of your passport showing all the stamps earned towards your current level of achievement
3. Complete and sign a California Fishing Passport Angler Award application.
4. Send the photocopies and the application to the Department at:

California Department of Fish and Game  
California Fishing Passport Program  
19160 S. Harbor Drive  
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

**What is the ultimate level of achievement?**

Become a **California Supreme Master Angler** by earning two or more of the following:

- California Master Warmwater Angler status
- California Master Coldwater Angler status
- California Master Ocean Angler status
- California Shellfish Master status

Visit the California Supreme Master Angler Web page at [www.dfg.ca.gov/fishingpassport/awards\\_sma.asp](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/fishingpassport/awards_sma.asp) for more information about achieving California Supreme Master Angler status.

Questions? E-mail [passport@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:passport@dfg.ca.gov) or call us at (707) 964-5026.

*All decisions of the California Department of Fish and Game are final.*

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