A Lifetime of Fishing Adventures!

California is home to the greatest diversity of freshwater and saltwater finfish and shellfish in the country. The California Fishing Passport program highlights and promotes all of these tremendous resources. No other state has a greater variety of fishing opportunities available!

- ***1,100 MILES OF OCEAN COASTLINE***
- ***220,000 SQ. MILES OF OCEAN WATERS***
- ***4,122 LAKES AND RESERVOIRS***
- ***29,664 MILES OF STREAMS AND RIVERS***
- ***1,800 MILES OF BAY AND DELTA WATERS***

Fishing provides quality time with family and friends in the great outdoors, while creating lifelong memories.

Who can participate in the California Fishing Passport Challenge?

Sponsors and Supporters

Sponsors and partners throughout the state are important to the success of this program. United Anglers, Berkeley, Abu Garcia, Bass Pro Shops, Alpen Optics, and the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation are some of our major sponsors and partners.

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Take the Passport Challenge!

California Fishing Passport Program

A new program to guide adventure-seeking anglers through a lifetime of fishing journeys

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE

California Fishing Passport - Your Guide to a Lifetime of Fishing Adventures!

What is the California Fishing Passport Program?

A new fishing incentive and angler recognition program to highlight and promote fishing throughout the state. California Fishing Passports serve as the basis of the program and list 150 different species of popular fresh and saltwater finfish and shellfish that occur in California. Anglers are encouraged to get out, go fishing, and try to catch one of every species listed. For each new species caught, anglers receive a stamp in their passport book documenting each achievement and then become eligible for additional recognition and awards.

How Does the Program Work?

Each time a new species is caught, the angler takes a photo of the fish or asks a witness to sign the passport entry to verify the catch. Next, the angler takes book and any verifying photos to an authorized stamping agent to certify the catch and stamp their book. The more stamps you earn, the more awards and prizes you may earn. For a list of all stamping locations, go to:

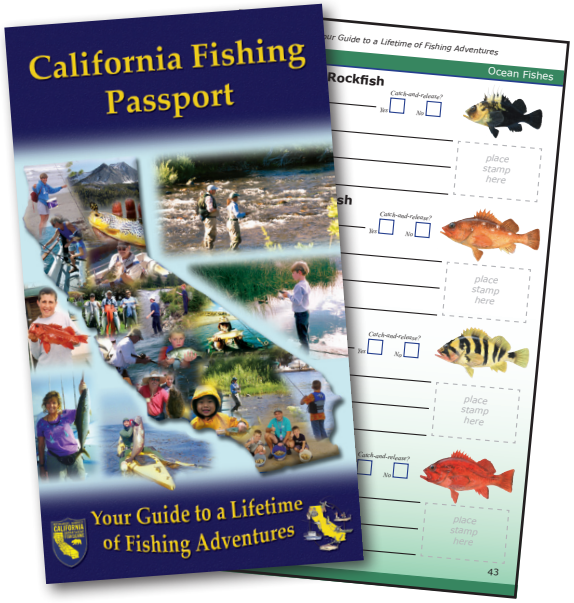
www.fishingpassport.org/stamps.

More Online Fishing Resources

Angler Awards, Recognition and Challenges
www.fishingpassport.org/awards

Online Fishing Guide
www.fishingpassport.org/ FishingGuide

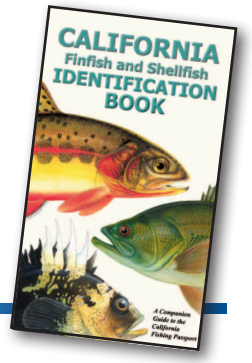
What Are Some of the Program's Benefits?



California Fishing Passports are free to licensed anglers, and to children upon request. Also available for a nominal fee is the ***California Finfish and Shellfish Identification Book,*** a new companion guide to the passport that includes all the finfish and shellfish species in the passport. Loaded with original artwork, the book can provide assistance with identifying species of fish and shellfish, and provides interesting life history and range distribution information. It also provides tips on each species' food, bait, or lure preferences. The ***California Finfish and Shellfish Identification Book*** is an incredible resource for all anglers!

Recognition and Rewards for Angling Excellence!

The California Fishing Passport program offers different "Fishing Challenges" throughout the state. Anglers may earn awards and recognition for their accomplishments. Check our Web site for a schedule of events, and the awards to be won!



Become a California Fishing Passport Program Sponsor, Supporter, Educational Partner or Stamping Agent!

The California Fishing Passport program provides a wide range of opportunities for community support and participation. From sporting goods stores, bait and tackle shops, local fishing clubs, partyboats and fishing boat landings, everyone can be a part of the program. Gain valuable exposure for your establishment and help promote fishing! Sponsorship and partnership opportunities are also available for key sport fishing industry leaders. Visit our website for more information.

For More Information, Visit **www.fishingpassport.org**