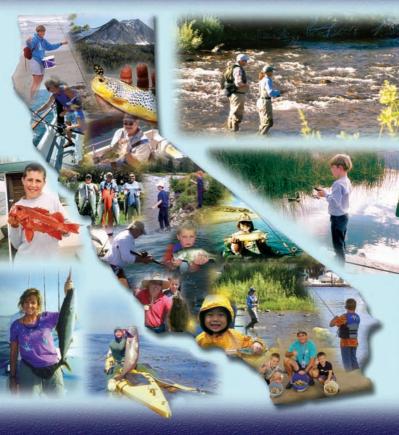
# California Fishing Passport





Your Guide to a Lifetime of Fishing Adventures

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The California Fishing Passport Program is administered by the California Department of Fish and Game with support from the United Anglers of Southern California, the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation, Alpen Optics, West Marine, Berkley, and many, many others.

california is a state of remarkable natural resources and diverse outdoor recreational opportunities. With 1,100 miles of ocean coastline, 220,000 square miles of ocean waters, 4,172 lakes and reservoirs, 29,664 miles of streams and rivers, and 1,800 miles of bay and delta waters, California has more fishing opportunities than any other state in the

The California Department of Fish and Game has designed the California Fishing Passport program to help showcase these vast resources and to encourage and guide people who want to take a lifetime journey throughout the state in pursuit of new outdoor fishing experiences.

The California Fishing Passport program highlights many of the state's fishing opportunities within ocean waters, lakes and reservoirs, streams and rivers, and the delta system, and challenges participants to try to catch one of every finfish and shellfish species

listed in the passport book.

country.

From the first-time angler who wants to feel the sensation of that first bite...

to those who enjoy spending quality time in the outdoors fishing with friends and family... to those who wish to passionately pursue the wide variety of different and unique fishing opportunities that only California can offer... the California Fishing Passport challenge has something for everyone!

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All other illustrations by Jeremy Taylor.

California Fishing Passport layout and design by Mary Patyten

## **How the Program Works**

The California Fishing Passport lists 150 different species of fresh and saltwater finfish and shellfish that occur throughout the state. With this passport book as your guide, you are challenged to try to catch and document all of the different species listed.

For each species caught, you will receive a stamp in this passport book documenting your achievements. Catch and release practices are encouraged whenever possible, and even released fish qualify for stamps.

#### Here's all you need to do:

- 1. For each species caught, fill in the catch report section of your book with all data requested (right).
- 2. Take a clear, side-view, color photo of your fish to verify the species.
- 3. If no photo is taken, have your fishing partner or another witness who can certify the authenticity of your catch sign your book.
- 4. Take your book and any verifying photos to a DFG license office or to
- any authorized stamping agent to verify and stamp your book. A list of all stamping locations is posted on our Web site at **www.fishingpassport.com/stamps**, and available at any license office.
- 5. You can also create your own *online* fishing log book through our Web site and post your data and photos at www.fishingpassport.org/TripTracks. This site will allow you to track your progress and see how well you're doing compared to others who are also taking the California Fishing Passport challenge. Your data will be added to a statewide fishing database but your personal information will be kept private.

# **How To Use Your Passport**

This passport is your personal record of the finfish and shellfish you've caught in California. The passport gives you a place to record catches of the most popular species in California, and any others you may catch along the way (see page 56).

Follow the instructions below to properly record your landings of each species. To qualify for angler recognition awards, be sure to have a witness sign your passport (or take a photo of the catch), and have a stamping agent stamp each species entry.

After you have filled out all of the information and a witness has signed the entry (or Check the 'yes' box if you released the fish alive and the fish has been identified in good health. Check the through a photo or first-hand 'no' box if you kept the examination), the stamping agent will stamp your fish. passport here. **Spotted Bass** Catch-and-release? Date of catch tion of catch s signature Record any additional information here. Have the person who witnessed your catch sign here. Record the location where you caught the finfish or shellfish here. Record the date you caught the finfish or shellfish here.

# California Fishing Passport Resources

# California Fishing Passport Home Page www.fishingpassport.org

The California Fishing Passport program's home page is the central hub for "all things Passport." Here you'll find lots of useful information about the program, including:

- How the program works
- Awards for different levels of achievement
- Tates of future California Fishing Passport Challenge events & Passport Challenge news
- Where to get a passport and a finfish & shellfish identification book
- া Information about California Fishing **Passport Sponsors**
- Where to get your passport stamped
- Links to TripTracks Fishing Logbook and the Department's Online Fishing Guide (right)

For more information about the California Fishing Passport program, check with your local Department office or e-mail program staff at passport@dfg.ca.gov.





State Record Fish www.fishingpassport.org/ StateRecords

# TripTracks Fishing Logbook www.fishingpassport.org/TripTracks

Track your fishing trips online and help provide Department fishery biologists with important data through the **TripTracks Fishing Logbook**, a real-time

personal online fishing logbook. Here you can record each of your fishing trips, enter fish data (species, size, location, and numbers), and even post photos. Each person's online logbook is private but can be shared with selected friends. Only your fishing data will go to the Department to help fishery biologists better



monitor and manage California's fisheries!

# Department of Fish and Game Online Fishing Guide

# www.fishingpassport.org/FishingGuide

To help you plan your fishing day, the Department has developed an online **Fishing Guide** that contains hundreds of great recreational fishing locations

throughout the state. The Guide not only includes directions to fishing sites, but also information about the fish species available, general fishing information, and the services found at various locations.



W armwater fishing in California covers a broad range of fish and



fishing techniques. At one extreme is the simplicity of a youngster fishing for bluegill in a farm pond with a willow pole and a worm on a hook. At the other end of the scale may be the finesse and sophistication of a tournament bass angler in search of a 'kicker' fish, tearing across the lake in a fiberglass boat full of a variety of rods and reels, fish finders, and the latest custom-colored, handmade, artificial lures.

The common link among warmwater fishing experiences is that the anglers target fish that prefer water temperatures generally too warm for trout. This is not to say that trout and warmwater fish cannot occur in the same body of water. Many of California's lakes and reservoirs support excellent "two-story" fisheries where warmwater species such as bass and sunfish can be caught in warmer surface waters and trout in deeper, cooler areas.

Warmwater fish can be found throughout California in urban and rural streams, rivers, ponds, lakes, and reservoirs, and can provide excellent sport and good table fare. They have not only introduced millions to the sport of fishing, they continue to provide a lifetime of angling challenges for many.

<b>Largemouth Bass</b>		Allter
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Location of catch		place
Witness signature		stamp i here i
Redeye Bass	Catch-and-release?	
Date of catch	Yes No No	
Location of catch		place
Witness signature		ı stamp ı ı here ı
Smallmouth Bass	Catch-and-release?	
Date of catch	Yes No No	S. WILLIAM
Location of catch		place
Witness signature		stamp i here i
Spotted Bass		Allin
Date of catch	Catch-and-release? Yes No No	The Items
Location of catch		place
Witness signature		stamp i

Mu	Striped Bass (landl	ocked)  Catch-and-release?
	Date of catch	Yes No
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i here	Witness signature	
	White Bass	Catch-and-release?
place	Location of catch	its
ı stamp ı here	Witness signature	
	Black Bullhead  Date of catch	Catch-and-release? Yes No
l place l stamp l here	Location of catch  Witness signature	
	Brown Bullhead  Date of catch	Catch-and-release? Yes No
place stamp	Location of catch	
here 1	Witness signature	
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Yellow Bullhead	Catch-and-release?	0
Date of catch	Yes No	
Location of catch	r - I I	place
Witness signature	1 1 1	stamp <sub>I</sub> here I
Blue Catfish	Catch-and-release?	
Date of catch	Yes No	
Location of catch		place
Witness signature		stamp <sub>I</sub> here I
<b>Channel Catfish</b>	Catch-and-release?	
Date of catch	- Yes No No	
Location of catch		place
Witness signature	 	stamp i here i
Flathead Catfish	Catch-and-release?	
Date of catch	Yes No No	
Location of catch	r	place
Witness signature	i !	stamp i here i

	White Catfish	Catch-and-release?
	Date of catch	Yes No
place stamp	Location of catch	
here	Witness signature	
	Common Carp	Catch-and-release?
	Date of catch	Yes No
place stamp	Location of catch	
ı here	Witness signature	
	Black Crappie	Catch-and-release?
place stamp	Location of catch	
i here	Witness signature	
	White Crappie  Date of catch	Catch-and-release? Yes No
place stamp	Location of catch	
here	Witness signature	

Sacramento Perch	Hilling
Date of catch Yes No No	See Marie
Location of catch  Witness signature	place   stamp   here
Tule Perch  Catch-and-release?  Date of catch	
Location of catch    Witness signature	place stamp here
Yellow Perch  Catch-and-release?  Date of catch  Yes No	William .
Location of catch  Witness signature	place stamp here
Bluegill  Catch-and-release?  Date of catch  Yes  No  No	
Location of catch  Witness signature	place stamp here

	Pumpkinseed  Date of catch	Catch-and-release? Yes No
place stamp here	Location of catch  Witness signature	
	Green Sunfish  Date of catch	Catch-and-release? Yes No
place stamp here	Location of catch  Witness signature	
	Redear Sunfish  Date of catch	Catch-and-release? Yes No No
place stamp here	Location of catch  Witness signature	
	Warmouth  Date of catch	Catch-and-release? Yes No
place stamp here	Location of catch  Witness signature	

Tilapia  Date of catch	Catch-and-release? Yes No No	
Location of catch  Witness signature		place

# Practice Safe and Responsible Fishing

I do not transport fish, live bait, or water plants between waterways – it can be harmful and it is illegal.



# Trophy Black Bass Recognition Program

Hankering to catch a trophysized bass? You're in the right state! Twenty-two of the heftiest largemouth caught in the U.S. were taken from

California waters.

To recognize anglers land California's monster black bass, the Department created the Trophy Black Bass recognition program as part of the Black Bass Conservation and Management Act of 1980. This program:

Recognizes the extraordinary accomplishment of landing a trophy bass

Helps the Department maintain records of trophy bass landings

Assists Department managers in producing more trophy bass in designated waters

To qualify, bass must meet or exceed the following weight criteria:

largemouth bass: 10 lb. smallmouth bass: 6 lb. spotted bass: 6 lb.

Two witnesses are required to the weighing and measuring of the fish. The Department will award a certificate of recognition, suitable for framing, to anglers who catch verified trophy black bass; anglers who catch and release their trophy bass also receive a California Trophy Bass catch-and-release hat or lapel pin.

If you've successfully caught a trophy-sized black bass, complete and mail a Trophy Black Bass application form along with supporting documentation to the Department. Application forms are available on the Trophy Black Bass Angler Recognition Web site and at all Department offices. For more information about the Trophy Black Bass Angler Recognition Program, call (916) 358-2847 or visit

# Inland Coldwater Fishes

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30,000 miles of streams and rivers provide ample coldwater fishing opportunities for anglers of all ages. Both novice and experienced anglers can pursue the wily trout and other coldwater fishes from California's clear mountain lakes down to the streams and rivers emptying into the Pacific.

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California has 12 native species, sub-species, or forms of trout. The coastal rainbow trout (including the anadromous form, popularly known as *steelhead*) is the most common and widely recognized of the state's native trout, while the beautifully colored California golden trout is the State Fish. Several species of trout and char have been successfully introduced into California as well, including brown trout, brook and lake trout (actually chars), and kokanee (the landlocked form of sockeye salmon).

To help manage the state's trout fisheries, the Department operates fourteen trout hatcheries and facilities that annually produce and distribute nearly 16 million trout weighing 4 to 5 million pounds. By carefully managing trout populations, the Department helps to provide a diversity of trout fishing opportunities for all anglers.

## Inland Coldwater Fishes

	Rainbow Trout (inland)
	Date of catch No
place stamp here	Location of catch  Witness signature
	NOTE: See pg. 21 for coastal rainbow trout, or pg. 26 for "steelhead."  Brown Trout  Catch-and-release?  Date of catch
place stamp here	Location of catch  Witness signature
	Brook Trout  Catch-and-release?  No  Date of catch
place stamp here	Location of catch  Witness signature
	Lake Trout  Catch-and-release?  Date of catch No
place stamp here	Location of catch
18	

#### **Inland Coldwater Fishes**

Mountain Whitefish	
Catch-and-release?	
Date of catch Yes No	
Location of catch	
į –	place ; stamp ;
Witness signature	here I
Chinook Salmon (landlocked)	
Catch-and-release?	
Date of catch Yes No	
Location of catch	place
	stamp 1
Witness signature	here
NOTE: See Anadromous Species section for ocean or river-run chinook salmon.	
Kokanee Salmon	
Catch-and-release?	
Date of catch Yes No	
Date of care.	
Location of catch	
i	place ¦ stamp
Witness signature	here i
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I pack out what I pack in - fishing line, hooks, and trash. Yes

# The California Heritage Trout Challenge!

Trout have inhabited California waters from the Sierras to the Pacific Ocean since prehistoric times. California's native trout include:

- Coastal rainbow
- · Eagle Lake rainbow
- McCloud River redband
- Goose Lake redband
- Warner Lakes redband
- · Kern River rainbow
- California golden
- · Little Kern golden
- · Coastal cutthroat
- · Lahontan cutthroat

#### Paiute cutthroat

To raise awareness of California's native or "heritage" trout, the Department developed the Heritage Trout Challenge, which tests anglers' abilities to catch six different forms of native trout from historic California drainages. Completing the Heritage Trout Challenge may require anglers to visit various locations around the state, from roadside streams to remote areas high in the Sierras.

Anglers who take the Heritage Trout
Challenge may take as long as they wish to catch
the six trout and qualify for this special award— there are
no time limits. Native trout caught in the appropriate
waters and verified with a photo will qualify.

even if caught years ago.

Anglers who successfully meet the Heritage Trout Challenge will receive a certificate of recognition suitable for framing, illustrated by reknowned artist Joseph Tomelleri.

If you've succeded in catching six California native trout from historic drainages, complete and mail a Heritage Trout Challenge application form along with supporting documentation to the Department. Application forms are available at any Department office or on the Heritage Trout Challenge Web site. For more information, including a list of historic heritage trout drainages, visit the Heritage Trout Challenge Web site at:

www.dfg.ca.gov/fishing

# Inland Coldwater Fishes :: Heritage Trout

California Golden Trout	_
Date of catch Yes No No	Commisses
Location of catch	place
Witness signature	stamp   here   l
Coastal Cutthroat Trout Catch-and-release?  Date of catch Ves No	
Location of eatch	place
Witness signature	stamp   here
Coastal Rainbow Trout (stream resident or sea-run) Catch-and-release?  Date of catch	
Location of catch  Witness signature	place stamp here
If sea-run trout is not used to complete Challenge, place stamp in Anad	romous Species section
Eagle Lake Rainbow Trout (from Eagle Lake only)  Catch-and-release?  Date of catch	
Location of catch  Witness signature	place I stamp I here I

# Inland Coldwater Fishes ∷ Heritage Trout

	Goose Lake Redband Trout	
(A) Land	Date of catch Yes No	
place stamp	Location of catch  Witness signature	
ı here ı		
	Kern River Rainbow Trout  Catch-and-release?  Date of catch  No  No	
place stamp here	Location of catch  Witness signature	
	Lahontan Cutthroat Trout  Catch-and-release?  Date of catch No No	
place place here	Location of catch  Witness signature	
	Little Kern Golden Trout  Catch-and-release?  Date of catch  Yes  No	
place stamp here	Location of catch  Witness signature	
22		

#### Inland Coldwater Fishes :: Heritage Trout

Date of catch	and-release?	· Park
Location of catch	l plac	
Warner Lakes Redban	d Trout	re !
Date of catch  Yes  Location of catch	No place	ce
Witness signature	stan	,

# Restoring California's Native Paiute Cutthroat Trout

Catching a Paiute cutthroat trout is a very difficult task for anglers these days, given the trout's limited population and protective fishing regulations. For these reasons, the California Fishing Passport program is not currently encouraging anglers to pursue this trout. However the Department, federal agencies, and conservation groups are working hard to restore Paiute cutthroat trout populations to native drainages. When the restoration projects have been completed, we hope that anglers will have a better opportunity to catch one of the world's rarest trout, and add the accomplishment to their passports!

Inland Crayfish are harvested both for human consumption and for bait in California. The native

signal crayfish resides in rivers, streams, lakes, and reservoirs among rocks and aquatic weeds where they may be observed foraging along the bottom. The introduced red swamp crayfish prefers sloughs, canals, and ditches where the water is relatively warm and vegetation is plentiful. The Department encourages anglers to pursue crayfish, however be sure to obtain landowner permission if you plan to venture onto private lands.



# **Red Swamp Crayfish**

Location of catch		
Witness signature		



## Signal Crayfish

Date of catch

Date of catch

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Location of catch		
Witness signature		

# Anadromous Fishes

Anadromous fishes begin their lives in fresh water, migrate to the ocean to grow and mature, and eventually swim back to fresh water to spawn. Some migrate from hundreds of miles out at sea to hundreds of miles upriver, while others only move from brackish water a short distance into fresh water to spawn.

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The anadromous fish that most people are familiar with is the Chinook salmon. Because they're fun to catch and very tasty to eat, they are highly valued by both recreational anglers and commercial fishermen. Chinook salmon spawning runs are well-known events, and in some places crowds gather just to watch them in their upstream journeys to spawn. In addition to salmon, there are numerous other anadromous game fishes living in California's rivers, streams, deltas, and ocean waters, including sturgeon, striped bass, trout, and shad.

California provides many unique fishing opportunities for anadromous fishes. The extensive Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the San Francisco Bay estuary system both provide anglers with good access to anadromous fishes at various geographic locations throughout the year.

## Anadromous Fishes

	American Shad  Although American shad are anadre	omous fish, they are
	usually caught in fresh water.  Date of catch	Catch-and-release? Yes No
place	Location of catch	
stamp here	Witness signature	
<b>M</b> (1)	Striped Bass	
	Date of freshwater catch	Catch-and-release? Yes No
r	Location of freshwater catch	
here	Witness signature	Catch-and-release?
stamp for Saltwater-caught	Date of saltwater catch  Location of saltwater catch	
here	Location of satiwater catch	
	Coastal Rainbow Also known as "steelhead"	Trout (sea-run)
		Catch-and-release?
r	Date of catch    Location of catch	
ı place ı stamp ! here		
	NOTE: It is illegal to target or keep trout while fishing in the ocean.	sea-run coastal rainbow

#### **Anadromous Fishes**

Chinook Salmon	
Catch-and-release?	
Date of freshwater catch	
Location of freshwater catch	i stamp for Freshwater-caugh
Witness signature Catch-and-release?	here
Date of saltwater catch 1es No	stamp for
Location of saltwater catch	I Saltwater-caught here
Witness signature NOTE: See Inland Coldwater Fishes section for <b>landlocked</b> Chinook sa	
White Sturgeon  Catch-and-release?	Ambutunian
Date of freshwater catch Yes No	
Location of freshwater catch	i stamp for IFreshwater-caugh  IFreshwater-caugh
Witness signature Catch-and-release?	here
Date of saltwater catch  Location of saltwater catch	stamp for   saltwater-caught   here
Witness signature	<del>-</del>
Stewardship of Fish ar	nd Wildlife
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need, always observe the limi	ts,

and practice catch and release

when appropriate.

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Sport anglers come from all over the world to fish off California's coast, because nowhere else will you find such a variety of ocean gamefish or diversity of saltwater angling adventures.



For example, one morning you may find yourself on a boat pushing through the thinning early morning fog in pursuit of Chinook salmon off northern California. Ocean-going Chinook are in their prime, and the adrenaline rush that results from landing a "silver-brite king" can leave you laughing and shaking at the same time.

Another morning may find you scrambling over coastal rocks (watch out for those slippery patches of green algae!) to fish from shore. Casting out the right bait at the right time can bring plenty of angling rewards, such as a fierce battle with a monster lingcod or a grass rockfish.

There's nothing quite as rewarding as taking a young person out on a partyboat trip, either. Make the trip all about the young person and introducing them to the sport, and watch what happens. When something hits his or her bait the excitement is infectious, and the ensuing tug-o-war priceless.

From salmon and Pacific halibut off northern and central California, to the warmer water species such as yellowtail and marlin found down south, California is an unbeatable playground for saltwater anglers.

Blue Shark	
Date of catch No	
Date of catch	
Location of catch	place
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Sevengill Shark  Catch-and-release?	
Date of catch Yes No No	
Location of eatch	place
Witness signature	ı stamp <sub>I</sub> ı here ı ı
Brown Smoothhound Shark  Catch-and-release?  Date of catch  Yes  No	
Location of eatch	place
Witness signature	ı stamp ı ı here ı ı
Leopard Shark  Catch-and-release?  No N	of the same
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	Shortfin Mako Shark
-	Date of catch Yes No
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	Shovelnose Guitarfish Catch-and-release?  Date of catch  No No
place stamp	Location of catch  Witness signature
ı here	Soupfin Shark
	Catch-and-release?  Date of catch  Yes  No
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i nore	Spiny Dogfish  Catch-and-release?  Date of catch Yes No
place stamp	Location of catch  Witness signature
ı here	1

Swell Shark		
Date of catch	Catch-and-release?  Yes No No	W. Johns
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Thresher Shark	Catch-and-release?	
Date of catch	Yes No	
Location of catch		place
Witness signature		stamp I here I
Bat Ray	Catch-and-release?	
Date of catch	Yes No	
Location of catch	r -	place
Witness signature		stamp i
Round Stingray	Catch-and-release?	
Date of catch	Yes No	
Location of catch		place
Witness signature		stamp i

	Thornback  Date of catch	Catch-and-release? Yes No
place stamp here	Location of catch  Witness signature	
	California Grunion  Date of catch	Catch-and-release?
place stamp here	Location of catch  Witness signature	
	Silversides (Jacksme	elt, Topsmelt) Catch-and-release? Yes No
place stamp here	Location of catch  Witness signature	
	Smelt (Surf Smelt, Nig	ght Smelt) Catch-and-release? - Yes No
place stamp here	Location of catch  Witness signature	

Jack Mackerel	Catch-and-release?	Man
Date of catch	- Yes No	
Location of catch		place
Witness signature		ı stamp <sub>ı</sub> ı here ı
Pacific Chub Mac	kerel Catch-and-release?	
Date of catch	Yes No No	Section 1
Location of catch		place
Witness signature		ı stamp ı ı here ı
Barred Surfperch	Catch-and-release?	
Date of catch	Yes No	
Location of catch		ı ı ı ı ı ı ı ı ı ı ı ı ı ı ı ı ı ı ı
Witness signature		here
Black Perch	Catch-and-release?	
Date of catch	- Yes No No	
Location of catch		l place
Witness signature		ı stamp <sub>ı</sub> ı here ı

0	Calico Surfperch	Catch-and-release? Yes No No
place   place   stamp   here	Location of catch  Witness signature	
	Pile Perch  Date of catch	Catch-and-release? Yes No
place   stamp   here	Location of catch  Witness signature	
	Rainbow Seaperch	Catch-and-release? Yes No
place   stamp   here	Location of catch  Witness signature	
	Redtail Surfperch	Catch-and-release? Yes No
place	Location of catch  Witness signature	

Rubberlip Seape	rc <b>h</b>	
	Catch-and-release?	
Date of catch	Yes No No	
Location of catch		place
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Shiner Perch	Catch-and-release?	
Date of catch	- Yes No	
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Location of catch		
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Spotfin Surfpercl	<b>h</b> Catch-and-release?	
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Location of catch		place
Witness signature		ı stamp ı here ı

	Striped Seaperch  Date of catch	Catch-and-release? Yes No
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	Walleye Surfperch	Catch-and-release? Yes No
place   stamp   here	Location of catch  Witness signature	
	Black Croaker	Catch-and-release?
place   stamp   here	Location of catch  Witness signature	
	California Corbina  Date of catch	Catch-and-release?
place   stamp   here	Location of catch  Witness signature	

Spotfin Croaker	
Catch-and-rele	ase?
Date of catch Yes No	
Location of catch	
Location of caren	place
Witness signature	i stamp i i here i
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White Croaker	
Catch-and-rele	ase?
Date of catch Yes No	
Location of catch	l place
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Witness signature	ı here ı
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Yellowfin Croaker	ase?
Date of catch Yes No	
Date of catch	
Location of catch	<del></del>
	place stamp
Witness signature	ı here ı
California Halibut	
Catch-and-rele	ase?
Date of catch Yes No	
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Location of catch	ı place ı
Witness signature	i stamp i I here I

		Diamond Turbot  Date of catch	Catch-and-release? Yes No
r - 1 1	place stamp here	Location of catch	
		Fantail Sole  Date of catch	Catch-and-release? Yes No
	place stamp here	Location of catch	_
		Pacific Halibut  Date of catch	Catch-and-release?  Yes No
-	place stamp here	Location of catch  Witness signature	
		Sand Sole  Date of catch	Catch-and-release?
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Sanddab		- Anna Anna	
Date of catch	Catch-and-release?  Yes No No		Wilde
Location of catch		place	
Witness signature		stamp here	1
Wolf-Eel	Catch-and-release?	The state of the s	
Date of catch	Yes No		_ ,
Location of catch  Witness signature		place stamp here	 
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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 ocean shellfish, which may be found all along the 1,100-mile California coastline and offshore islands. To fully experience all that California has to offer the sport fisherman, you'll need to put down your rod and reel and grab your clam fork or shovel, abalone iron, crab trap, hoop net, or dive bag.

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No other state in the country can compare to the Golden State in terms of variety of edible shellfish. Whether you favor clams, abalone, crabs, lobsters, scallops, squid, urchins or even mussels, California can easily satisfy your shellfish cravings.

Each of these fisheries is unique, and may challenge fishermen to develop new skills. The rewards are well worth the effort. Fresh Dungeness crab with sourdough bread, steamed lobster tails with drawn butter, and delicious clam chowder are but a few of the culinary delights that await, not to mention that many of these shellfish are just as tempting to finfish as bait. For many, partaking of California's abundant shellfish is as big a part of the outdoor experience as fishing with rod and reel.



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# **Dungeness Crab**

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# **Open Fishing Entries**

If one thing is certain, it's that we could never get all the finfish and shellfish species available in California into one Passport! Please use the following spaces to record other species you may catch. These entries do not count toward official California Fishing Passport program awards, but the Department recognizes that the simple act of fishing (and, with luck, catching!) is a reward in itself.

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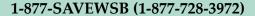
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Some of the information obtained from tagged fish includes
their movement, growth, and most importantly, survival rate.

Your help is needed to learn more. If you catch white seabass, please save the heads in a plastic bag labeled with your name, phone number, date and location of capture. Heads can be dropped off at one of the 15 freezers located throughout southern California. To find the freezer nearest you, call



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