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

Location of catch

Witness signature

Catch-and-release?  Yes [ ]  No [ ]

Sevengill Shark

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Catch-and-release?  Yes [ ]  No [ ]

Brown Smoothhound Shark

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Catch-and-release?  Yes [ ]  No [ ]

Leopard Shark

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Catch-and-release?  Yes [ ]  No [ ]
Ocean Fishes

**Shortfin Mako Shark**

- **Date of catch**: 
- **Location of catch**: 
- **Catch-and-release?**: Yes [ ] No [ ]

**Shovelnose Guitarfish**

- **Date of catch**: 
- **Location of catch**: 
- **Catch-and-release?**: Yes [ ] No [ ]

**Soupfin Shark**

- **Date of catch**: 
- **Location of catch**: 
- **Catch-and-release?**: Yes [ ] No [ ]

**Spiny Dogfish**

- **Date of catch**: 
- **Location of catch**: 
- **Catch-and-release?**: Yes [ ] No [ ]
Swell Shark

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Catch-and-release? Yes ☐ No ☐

Thresher Shark

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Catch-and-release? Yes ☐ No ☐

Bat Ray

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Catch-and-release? Yes ☐ No ☐

Round Stingray

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Catch-and-release? Yes ☐ No ☐
Ocean Fishes

**Thornback**

- Date of catch
- Location of catch
- Witness signature

**California Grunion**

- Date of catch
- Location of catch
- Witness signature

**Silversides (Jacksmelt, Topsmelt)**

- Date of catch
- Location of catch
- Witness signature

**Smelt (Surf Smelt, Night Smelt)**

- Date of catch
- Location of catch
- Witness signature

Catch-and-release?

Yes  No
Ocean Fishes

**Jack Mackerel**

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

**Pacific Chub Mackerel**

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

**Barred Surfperch**

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

**Black Perch**

- Date of catch
- Location of catch
- Witness signature
- Catch-and-release?
  - Yes
  - No
Ocean Fishes

Calico Surfperch

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Pile Perch

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Rainbow Seaperch

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Redtail Surfperch

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

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Ocean Fishes

Rubberlip Seaperch

Date of catch:

Location of catch:

Witness signature:

Catch-and-release?
Yes ☐ No ☐

Shiner Perch

Date of catch:

Location of catch:

Witness signature:

Catch-and-release?
Yes ☐ No ☐

Silver Surfperch

Date of catch:

Location of catch:

Witness signature:

Catch-and-release?
Yes ☐ No ☐

Spotfin Surfperch

Date of catch:

Location of catch:

Witness signature:

Catch-and-release?
Yes ☐ No ☐
California Fishing Passport

Ocean Fishes

Striped Seaperch

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Catch-and-release?
Yes [ ] No [ ]

Walleye Surfperch

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Catch-and-release?
Yes [ ] No [ ]

Black Croaker

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Catch-and-release?
Yes [ ] No [ ]

California Corbina

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Catch-and-release?
Yes [ ] No [ ]
Spotfin Croaker

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Catch-and-release?

Yes □  No □

White Croaker

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Catch-and-release?

Yes □  No □

Yellowfin Croaker

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Catch-and-release?

Yes □  No □

California Halibut

Date of catch

Location of catch

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Catch-and-release?

Yes □  No □
Ocean Fishes

Diamond Turbot

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Fantail Sole

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| Location of catch |  |  |
| Witness signature |  |  |

Pacific Halibut

| Date of catch |  |  |
| Location of catch |  |  |
| Witness signature |  |  |

Sand Sole

| Date of catch |  |  |
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# Ocean Fishes

## Sanddab

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Ocean Fishes

**Bocaccio**

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

**Black Rockfish**

Date of catch

Catch-and-release?

Yes [ ]  No [ ]

Location of catch

Witness signature

**Black-and-Yellow Rockfish**

Date of catch

Catch-and-release?

Yes [ ]  No [ ]

Location of catch

Witness signature

**Blue Rockfish**

Date of catch

Catch-and-release?

Yes [ ]  No [ ]

Location of catch

Witness signature
Ocean Fishes

Brown Rockfish

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Catch-and-release?

Yes  No

California Scorpionfish

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Catch-and-release?

Yes  No

Chilipepper

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Copper Rockfish

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Catch-and-release?

Yes  No
Ocean Fishes

Gopher Rockfish

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Catch-and-release?

Yes ☐  No ☐

Grass Rockfish

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Catch-and-release?

Yes ☐  No ☐

Kelp Rockfish

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Catch-and-release?

Yes ☐  No ☐

Olive Rockfish

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Catch-and-release?

Yes ☐  No ☐
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Ocean Fishes

Yellowtail Rockfish

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Catch-and-release?

Yes  No

Cabezon

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Catch-and-release?

Yes  No

Kelp Greenling, Rock Greenling

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Catch-and-release?

Yes  No

Lingcod

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Catch-and-release?

Yes  No
Barred Sand Bass

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Kelp Bass

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Spotted Sand Bass

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Sargo

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Catch-and-release?

Yes □  No □

Catch-and-release?

Yes □  No □

Catch-and-release?

Yes □  No □

Catch-and-release?

Yes □  No □
## White Seabass

**Date of catch**

**Location of catch**

**Witness signature**

**Catch-and-release?**

- Yes
- No

## Ocean Whitefish

**Date of catch**

**Location of catch**

**Witness signature**

**Catch-and-release?**

- Yes
- No

## Blacksmith

**Date of catch**

**Location of catch**

**Witness signature**

**Catch-and-release?**

- Yes
- No

## Halfmoon

**Date of catch**

**Location of catch**

**Witness signature**

**Catch-and-release?**

- Yes
- No

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*The Department wants your white seabass heads! See pg. 63*
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Opaleye

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Catch-and-release?
Yes ☐ No ☐

California Sheephead

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Catch-and-release?
Yes ☐ No ☐

Albacore Tuna

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Catch-and-release?
Yes ☐ No ☐

Bigeye Tuna

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Catch-and-release?
Yes ☐ No ☐
Ocean Fishes

Bluefin Tuna

- Date of catch
- Location of catch
- Witness signature

Dolphinfish

- Date of catch
- Location of catch
- Witness signature

Opah

- Date of catch
- Location of catch
- Witness signature

Pacific Barracuda

- Date of catch
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Ocean Fishes

Pacific Bonito

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Catch-and-release? Yes No

Skipjack Tuna

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Catch-and-release? Yes No

Striped Marlin

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Catch-and-release? Yes No

Swordfish

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Catch-and-release? Yes No
Yellowfin Tuna

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Catch-and-release?

Yes ☐  No ☐

Yellowtail

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

Catch-and-release?

Yes ☐  No ☐

Practice Safe and Responsible Fishing

I know the species I am targeting and the other fish I may possibly catch in certain areas and depths.

Yes ☐