Why Buy a California Fishing License?

10 reasons why people who love fishing and who love spending time in the outdoors with friends and family can get it all right here in California!

► Mexico isn’t the only place to fish for Yellowtail, Barracuda, Tuna, Albacore and Bonito - we have them right here in California.

► No need to go to Alaska for big, hard-fighting Chinook Salmon or huge tasty Halibut – they’re already here in California.

► Don’t venture all the way to Florida in search of whopper Largemouth Bass or head for the Keys for giant Billfish – we’ve got ‘em here in California.

► Why go to Idaho, Montana, or Wyoming to flyfish for trophy Trout? Some of the nation’s nicest trout are here in California’s beautiful lakes and streams.

► No reason to go all the way to New Jersey to catch Striped Bass – California’s Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta in the north and the Colorado River in the southern part of the state are loaded with ‘em.

► Where else in the world can you find Abalone that compare to ours? New Zealand and Australia have them, but the Red Abalone thriving along California’s north coast are the largest abalone in the world!

► Maine isn’t the only state in the union with delicious Lobster – California has their own that can be easily caught right off the southern California coast.

► If you want tasty crabs, there’s no need to go all the way to the Chesapeake Bay. Dungeness Crabs are famous the world over for their delicious sweet flavor.

► For those hankering for a tasty bowl of clam chowder, don’t think you have to go all the way to New England. You can dig for your own Clams right here on a California beach.

► The Southern Bayou isn’t the only place to get Cajun-style Catfish. World class catfish live right here in California waters.

Wonderful, diverse, quality fishing experiences can be had right here in the Golden State. With your California Fisherman’s Passport, all the great fishing experiences you’d otherwise have to travel thousands of miles for are awaiting you … right here in your own backyard!

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