



**State of California
Department of Fish and Game
Ocean Salmon Project – Marine Region**



2012 Ocean Salmon Sport Regulations

OR/CA Border to Horse Mountain:

- ◆ May 1 – September 9
 - 2 salmon per day of any species except coho
 - minimum size limit: 20 inches total length
 - Klamath Control Zone (KCZ) closed in August (12 mile square centered on Klamath River mouth)
 - See DFG Regulation Booklet for additional river mouth closures

Horse Mountain to Point Arena (Fort Bragg):

- ◆ April 7 – November 11
 - 2 salmon per day of any species except coho
 - minimum size limit: 20 inches total length

Point Arena to Pigeon Point (San Francisco):

- ◆ April 7 – November 11
 - 2 salmon per day of any species except coho
 - minimum size limit: 24 inches total length through July 5
20 inches total length thereafter

Pigeon Point to U.S./Mexico Border (Monterey Bay south):

- ◆ April 7 – October 7
 - 2 salmon per day of any species except coho
 - minimum size limit: 24 inches total length through July 5
20 inches total length thereafter



General Sport Regulations

- **Retention of coho salmon or steelhead trout is prohibited in any ocean fishery.**
- **Salmon may only be taken by angling as defined in Section 1.05.** No sinkers or weights exceeding 4 lbs may be used, except that a fishing line may be attached to a sinker or weight of any size if such sinker or weight is suspended by a separate line & the fishing line is released automatically by a mechanical device from the sinker or weight when any fish is hooked.
- **North of Pt. Conception:** No more than 2 single-point, single-shank barbless hooks shall be used & no more than 1 rod per angler when fishing for salmon or fishing from a boat with salmon on board.
- **Horse Mt. to Pt. Conception:** When fishing with bait and angling by any means other than TROLLING¹, no more than two (2) single-point, single-shank barbless circle hooks² shall be used. The distance between the two hooks must not exceed five (5) inches when measured from the top of the eye of the top hook to the inner base of the curve of the lower hook and both hooks must be permanently tied in place (hard tied).

Note: These special gear restrictions apply to each angler fishing for salmon or fishing from any boat or floating device with salmon on board.

1. *TROLLING is defined as angling from a boat or floating device that is making way by means of a source of power, other than drifting by means of the prevailing water current or weather conditions.*
2. *A CIRCLE HOOK is defined as a hook with a generally circular shape and a point which turns inwards, pointing directly to the shank at a 90-degree angle.*