California sheephead
also known as Sea trout

California scorpionfish
also known as Sculpin

Kelp rockfish

Black-and-yellow rockfish
longer gill rakers

Kelp greenling
also known as Sea trout

Quillback rockfish
does not possess scales
high, spiny dorsal fin

Monkeyface prickleback
also known as Monkeyface eel

China rockfish
shorter gill rakers
bluish-white speckles
bright yellow stripe

Grass rockfish
black or gray mottling
does not possess scales

Cabezon
roe poisonous

California sheephead
male

Rock greenling
male
Illustrations are not to scale

Selected Nearshore Fishes of California
SEE SECTIONS 1.90 AND 1.91 REGARDING THESE SPECIES

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Yelloweye
- raspy ridge above eye
- rounded tail fin edges
- smooth chin
- deeply notched dorsal fin

Starry

Greenspotted
- bronze spots on sides

Cowcod
- jaw upturned

Bronzespotted
- rarely seen in recreational catch

SEE SECTION 28.55(b)(1)
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Black
- mouth extends past eye
- black spots on dorsal fin

Blue
- mouth extends to mid-eye
- straight-edged anal fin

Canary
- lateral line clear/white
- smooth chin
- slightly forked tail fin

Rosy
- color varies from orange to deep red

Vermilion
- rough chin when rubbed from back to front
- straight-edged tail fin

Selected Rockfishes of California
Anglers are ultimately responsible for identifying the fish they catch.

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Rockfishes of California

- **Brown**: dark brown spot, mouth extends to rear of eye.
- **Treefish**: light brown to gray mottling on side, white band on lateral line.
- **Bocaccio**: olive whitish blotches on back, also known as Salmon grouper.
- **Chilipepper**: mouth extends to mid-eye, light brown to gray mottling on side.
- **Olive**: whitish blotches on back.
- **Yellowtail**: mouth extends to mid-eye, pinkish blotches.
- **Copper**: white band on lateral line, bright white belly.
- **Gopher**: pinkish blotches.

For more information, see Section 28.55

*Note to Anglers: The illustrations in this booklet do not show all color variations or characteristics.*
Selected California Game Fish

**California halibut**
- Large mouth w/ sharp teeth
- High arch in lateral line

**Ocean whitefish**
- Dorsal fin relatively uniform in height

**White seabass**
- Dorsal fin high peak in

**Lingcod**
- Dorsal fin high peak in
- Also known as Black sea bass

**Giant sea bass**
- Also known as Black sea bass

**Barred sand bass**

**Kelp bass**
- High peak in dorsal fin

**Redtail surfperch**
- Dorsal fin relatively uniform in height

**Calico surfperch**

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**TAKE AND POSSESSION OF THESE SPECIES IS NOT ALLOWED**
See Section 28.10(b) for possession requirements for giant sea bass taken off Mexico.

**SEE SECTIONS 28.05 AND 28.10**
**BAG LIMIT: ZERO FISH**