

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



2013 Commercial Ocean Salmon Regulations

OR/CA Border to Humboldt South Jetty (KMZ):

- May 1-31 or 3,000 Chinook quota
- June 1-30 or 3,000 Chinook quota
- July 15-31 or 2,000 Chinook quota
- August 1-29 or 1,500 Chinook quota
- September 16-30 or 6,000 Chinook quota
- minimum size limit: 27 inches total length
- landing and possession limit of 20 Chinook per day
- salmon remaining from May, June and/or July quotas may be transferred to the next quota period on impact-neutral basis
- all salmon caught must be landed within the area and within 24 hours of any closure of the fishery
- Klamath Control Zone closed
 (12 mile square centered on Klamath River mouth)

Horse Mountain to Point Arena:

- May 22-31; June 1-8 and 21-30; July 15-31; August 1-29*
- September 1-30
 - minimum size limit: 27 inches total length
 - when the KMZ quota is open, all fish caught in the area must be landed south of Horse Mountain
 - during September, all fish caught in the area must be landed north of Point Arena

Point Arena to U.S./Mexico Border:

- May 1-31; June 1-8 and 21-30; July 15-31; August 1-29*
- minimum size limit: 27 inches total length
- September 1-30
- minimum size limit: 26 inches total length
- during September, all fish caught in the area must be landed south of Point Arena

Point Reyes to Point San Pedro:

- October 1-4, 7-11, and 14-15
- minimum size limit: 26 inches total length
- all salmon caught must be landed between Point Arena and Pigeon Point
- * All salmon must be offloaded within 24 hours of the August 29th closure

General Commercial Regulations

- · All salmon except coho; all commercial salmon must be landed in California
- . Single point, single shank barbless hooks are required
- No more than 6 lines are allowed per vessel
- Compliance with minimum size or other special restrictions: All salmon on board a vessel must meet the minimum size and other special requirements for the area being fished and the area in which they are landed if that area is open or has been closed less than 96 hours. Salmon may be landed in an area that is closed more than 96 hours only if they meet the minimum size and other special requirements for the area in which they were caught AND it is not otherwise prohibited in the regulations.
- Transit through closed area with salmon on board: It is unlawful for a vessel to have troll gear in the water while transiting
 any area closed to salmon fishing while possessing salmon.
- Barbless circle hooks¹ required when fishing with bait and fishing by any means other than trolling²
 - 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 90degree angle.
 - 2. 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.

