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**Ocean Salmon Project – Marine Region**  
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## 2014 Commercial Ocean Salmon Regulations

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

- September 12-30 or 4,000 Chinook quota
  - five days per week, open Friday through Tuesday
  - minimum size limit: 27 inches total length
  - landing and possession limit of 20 Chinook per day
  - all salmon caught must be landed within the area and within 24 hours of any closure of the fishery
  - Klamath Control Zone (KCZ) closed (12 mile square centered on Klamath River mouth)



### Horse Mountain to Point Arena:

- June 19-30; July 15 - August 29\*; September 1-30
  - minimum size limit: 27 inches total length
  - during September, all fish caught in the area must be landed north of Point Arena
  - when the KMZ quota is open, all fish caught in the area must be landed south of Horse Mountain

### Point Arena to Pigeon Point:

- May 1 – June 30; July 15 - August 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 1-3, 6-10, and 13-15 (Monday through Friday)
  - minimum size limit: 26 inches total length
  - all salmon caught must be landed between Point Arena and Pigeon Point

### Pigeon Point to U.S./Mexico Border:

- May 1 - June 30; July 15 - August 13\*
  - minimum size limit: 27 inches total length

\* *All salmon must be offloaded and landed within 24 hours of the August 29<sup>th</sup> 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 hooks<sup>1</sup> required when fishing with bait and fishing by any means other than trolling<sup>2</sup>**
  1. 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.
  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.

**NOTE:** Any person required to complete a landing receipt shall accurately record the total number of Chinook salmon landed in the "Note Pad" field of the landing receipt (Fish & Game Code § 8043, Title 14, §182). Federal regulations also require the total number of Pacific Halibut be recorded if caught and landed incidentally during commercial salmon fishing.