



California Klamath Management Zone

(Oregon/California Border to Humboldt South Jetty)

September 2014

Commercial Ocean Salmon Fishery Information

The 2014 commercial ocean salmon fishery is scheduled to open in the California Klamath Management Zone (KMZ) between the Oregon/California Border and Humboldt South Jetty beginning Friday, September 12.

- **September 12-30 or 4,000 Chinook salmon quota**
- **Open five days per week, Friday through Tuesday**
- **Daily landing and possession limit:**
 - 20 Chinook per vessel per day September 12-16
 - **30 Chinook per vessel per day September 19-23, 26-30***
- **All salmon caught must be landed within the area and within 24 hours of each weekly fishery closure**

Fishery Requirements:

- All salmon, except coho.
- Minimum size limit: 27 inches total length.
- Single-point, single-shank barbless hooks are required.
- No more than 6 lines per vessel.
- Klamath Control Zone closed (12nm square centered on Klamath River mouth).
- Area outside the mouth of Humboldt Bay closed (3nm due west, 3nm north and 3nm south of the center of the bay mouth) - FG Code §8214.
- All salmon must be made available to Department staff for sampling and relinquish the head from any salmon that has a missing adipose fin - FG Code §7702, §8226.
- It is unlawful to intentionally conceal, cull, or release into the waters, a salmon with a missing adipose fin that it is otherwise legal to possess - FG Code §8226.
- Vessels fishing south of Horse Mountain may not land fish in the KMZ area unless the quota fishery has been closed at least 96 hours.
- All salmon landed must be documented with a Department landing receipt and submitted to the Department in timely manner - FG Code §8043-8047.
- 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 - FG Code §8043.
- Federal regulations also require the total number of Pacific Halibut be recorded if caught and landed incidentally during commercial salmon fishing.

***PFMC in-season action taken to increase landing/possession limit effective September 19, 2014**

CDFW Ocean Salmon Webpage: www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/oceansalmon.asp

NMFS Ocean Salmon Hotline: (800) 662-9825 or (206) 526-6667