Black Rockfish vs. Blue Rockfish

Black rockfish and blue rockfish are often misidentified.
This flyer offers features that can be used to differentiate between the two species.

BLACK ROCKFISH

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BLUE ROCKFISH

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For more information, please visit the CDFW website at* wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/Groundfish *or call the Recreational Groundfish Fishing Regulations Hotline at (831) 649-2801

Please Fish Responsibly!

Check regulations before engaging in fishing activity. For current information on rockfish regulations that pertain to your area, call the Recreational Groundfish Fishing Regulations Hotline at (831) 649-2801 or visit the CDFW website at wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/Groundfish

Know your fish and educate others. Familiarize yourself with the rockfish in your area through resources such as fish identification books and guides, informational flyers, and the CDFW website (*wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Ocean/Fish-ID/Sportfish*).

Minimize the fish's injuries. When rockfish are brought up from depth, decreasing pressure may injure them. These injuries may cause fish to float at the surface. Many anglers use an inverted, weighted plastic crate with a rope attached to the bottom to help the fish return to the depth of capture, or a weighted, inverted barbless hook or commercially available fish descending device. For more information visit the CDFW website at *wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/Groundfish/Barotrauma*

Handle fish as gently as possible. Use wet hands (not towels, which may remove protective slime) and do not touch the eyes. Get the fish back in the water quickly.

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