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# 2019-2020

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- Submission of report card data online must be completed within 20 minutes to avoid a system time out.
- Sport fishing report cards may be reported online only after the last day of the report card's validity.
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# IT IS UNLAWFUL TO DO THE FOLLOWING

- Fish without a valid fishing license if you are 16 years of age or older (FGC 7145);
- Fail to return a report card by the deadline printed on the report card. Reporting harvest online at [wildlife.ca.gov/reportcards](http://wildlife.ca.gov/reportcards) satisfies the return requirement (CCR T-14, Section 1.74);
- Take or possess fish taken illegally (FGC 2000 and 2002);
- Transfer licenses, tags, validations, permits, applications or reservations to another person (FGC 1052);
- Use or possess any license, tag, validation, permit, application or reservation not lawfully issued to the user (FGC 1052);
- Alter, mutilate, deface, duplicate or counterfeit any license, tag, validation, permit, application or reservation (FGC 1052);
- Fish without the required report card on a free-fishing day (CCR T14 Section 1.74);
- Sell fish taken with a sport fishing license (FGC 7121);
- Cause the deterioration or waste of any fish taken in the waters of this state (CCR T14 Section 1.87);
- Use explosives in state waters inhabited by fish (FGC 5500);
- Use or possess any net in state waters except as is authorized (FGC 8603);
- Disturb legal traps set by another person (FGC 9002);
- Litter into or within 150 feet of state waters (FGC 5652);
- Possess fish where the size or species cannot be determined (FGC 5508 and 5509);
- Fail to exhibit on demand all licenses, tags, validations, permits, applications or reservation to any peace officer or authorized CDFW employee (FGC 2012);
- Fail to exhibit, on demand, all fish, mollusks, crustaceans, amphibians and reptiles and any device or apparatus capable of being used to take them, to any peace officer or authorized CDFW employee (FGC 2012); or
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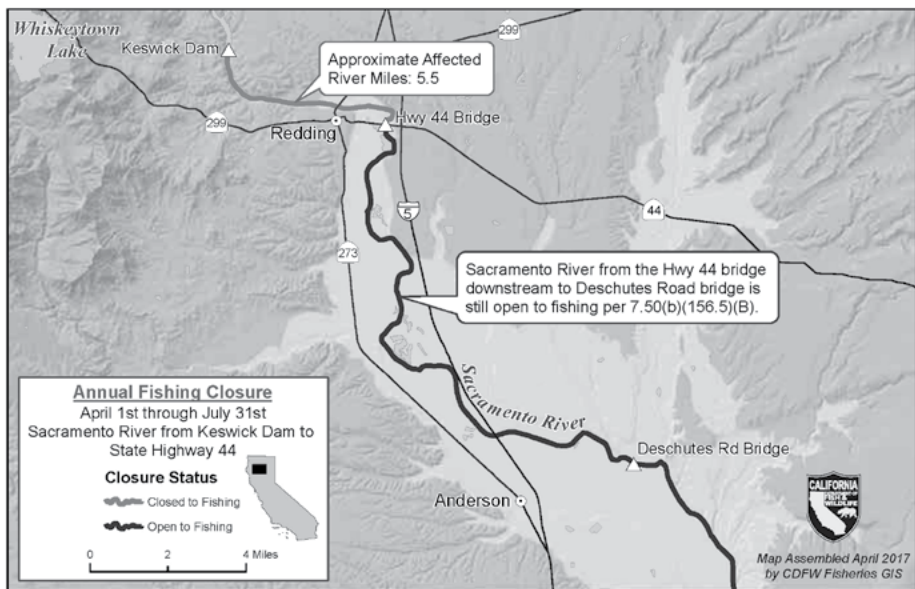
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## HOW TO RELEASE FISH

*Follow these five points to release fish unharmed:*

1. Land your fish as carefully and quickly as possible.
2. Try to avoid removing the fish from the water. Underwater unhooking and release is preferred.
3. Do not squeeze the fish, or touch its eyes or gills.
4. Remove only those hooks that you can see and remove easily, otherwise clip the line near the mouth on deep hooked fish.
5. Use artificial lures (no bait) to minimize deep hooking. Barbless hooks or hooks with flattened barbs make unhooking easier and less stressful on the fish.

# 2019 FRESHWATER SPORT FISHING LICENSE FEES

*Purchase Sport Fishing Licenses and Submit Harvest Information Online*

You can purchase California sport fishing licenses, report cards and validations online at [wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/online-sales](http://wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/online-sales). In addition, anglers can submit report card information online. Report cards provide important harvest data critical to helping fishery scientists better manage these fishing programs. Online report card submission makes reporting faster and easier. By providing harvest details more quickly, fishery managers can more promptly put the information to use. Standard mail reporting is still available and can be done through the address printed on the report card. To report online, go to CDFW's harvest reporting site at [wildlife.ca.gov/reportcards](http://wildlife.ca.gov/reportcards). The regulatory deadline to report harvest information is January 31 each year, even if anglers were unsuccessful or did not fish.

## ANNUAL LICENSES

Resident Sport Fishing License .....	\$49.94
Non-Resident Sport Fishing License .....	\$134.74

## SHORT-TERM LICENSES

One-Day Sport Fishing License (resident or nonresident) .....	\$16.20
Two-Day Sport Fishing License* (resident or nonresident) .....	\$25.10
Ten-Day Non-Resident Sport Fishing License** .....	\$49.94

\*Valid for two consecutive calendar days.

\*\*Valid for ten consecutive calendar days.

## VALIDATIONS

Second-Rod Validation .....	\$15.69
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## REPORT CARDS

North Coast Salmon Report Card (all waters of Klamath-Trinity System and Smith River) ....	\$6.74
Steelhead Report Card .....	\$7.56
Sturgeon Fishing Report Card .....	\$8.64

## DUPLICATE FEES

Sport Fishing License (Annual) .....	\$11.06
Second-Rod Validation .....	\$3.24
Sturgeon Fishing Replacement Card (CDFW license sales offices only) .....	\$15.97

## LIFETIME SPORT FISHING LICENSES

Age 9 years or younger .....	\$550.25
Age 10 to 39 years .....	\$899.25
Age 40 to 61 years .....	\$810.25
Age 62 years or older .....	\$550.25

<i>Additional Lifetime Fishing Privileges (includes: Second-Rod Validation, Ocean Enhancement Validation, North Coast Salmon Report Card and Steelhead Report Card) .....</i>	<i>\$372.25</i>
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*Most fees include 5% license agent handling fee and 3% nonrefundable application fee.*



# 2019 OCEAN SPORT FISHING LICENSE FEES



## CDFW Offices No Longer Accept Cash

CDFW does not accept cash at the License and Revenue Branch or regional license offices. Check, money orders, or any debit or credit card with the Visa or Mastercard logo are accepted. Cash transactions are available for all items sold at authorized local sales agents. Search for a license agent near you at [www.ca.wildlifelicenses.com/InternetSales/OutletSearch/FindOutlet](http://www.ca.wildlifelicenses.com/InternetSales/OutletSearch/FindOutlet).

### ANNUAL LICENSES

Resident Sport Fishing License .....	\$49.94
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Reduced-Fee Sport Fishing License.....	\$7.82

### SHORT-TERM LICENSES

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Two-Day Sport Fishing License* (resident or non-resident).....	\$25.10
Ten-Day Non-Resident Sport Fishing License** .....	\$49.94

\*Valid for two consecutive calendar days.

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### REPORT CARDS AND VALIDATIONS

Sport Ocean Enhancement Validation .....	\$5.66
Spiny Lobster Report Card .....	\$9.98
Spiny Lobster Report Card Non-Reporting Fee.....	\$21.60
Sturgeon Fishing Report Card .....	\$8.64

### OTHER PERMITS

Declaration for Multi-day Fishing Trip .....	\$6.44
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### DUPLICATE FEES

Sport Fishing License (Annual).....	\$11.06
Sport Ocean Enhancement Validation* .....	\$3.24
Sturgeon Fishing Replacement Card (CDFW license sales offices only).....	\$15.97

### LIFETIME SPORT FISHING LICENSES

Age 9 years or younger .....	\$550.25
Age 10 to 39 years.....	\$899.25
Age 40 to 61 years.....	\$810.25
Age 62 years or older .....	\$550.25
Additional Lifetime Fishing Privileges (includes Sport Ocean Enhancement Validation and several freshwater privileges) .....	\$372.25

\*Required to fish in ocean waters south of Point Arguello (Santa Barbara County). An Ocean Enhancement Validation is not required when fishing under the authority of a One or Two-Day Sport Fishing License.

Lifetime licenses are available only at Department of Fish and Wildlife license sales offices.

Most fees include a 5 percent license agent handling fee and 3 percent ALDS application fee.

# Changes to Freshwater Fishing

## Central Valley Regulations

Shaded areas in this section denote changes in the freshwater fishing regulations that have occurred since the publication of the 2019–2020 Freshwater Sport Fishing regulations booklet.

Area or Body of Water	Open Season and Special Regulations	Daily Bag and Possession Limit
(5) American River (Sacramento Co.)		
(A) From Nimbus Dam to the the U.S. Geological Survey gauging station cable crossing about 300 yards downstream from the Nimbus Hatchery fish rack site.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(B) From the U.S. Geological Survey gauging station cable crossing about 300 yards downstream from the Nimbus Hatchery fish rack site to the SMUD power line crossing at the southwest boundary of Ancil Hoffman Park.	Jan. 1 through July 15. Only barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession
	July 16 through Oct. 31. Only barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession 2 Chinook Salmon 4 Chinook Salmon in possession
(C) From the SMUD power line crossing at the southwest boundary of Ancil Hoffman Park downstream to the Jibboom Street bridge.	Jan. 1 through July 15.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession
	July 16 through Dec. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession 2 Chinook Salmon 4 Chinook Salmon in possession
(D) From the Jibboom Street bridge to the mouth.	Jan. 1 through July 15.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession
	July 16 through Dec. 16.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession 2 Chinook Salmon 4 Chinook Salmon in possession
	Dec. 17 through Dec. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession
(68) Feather River below Oroville Dam (Butte, Sutter and Yuba Cos.).		
(A) From Fish Barrier Dam to Table Mountain bicycle bridge in Oroville. Closed to all fishing all year.	Closed to all fishing all year.	

<b>Area or Body of Water</b>	<b>Open Season and Special Regulations</b>	<b>Daily Bag and Possession Limit</b>
(B) From Table Mountain bicycle bridge to Highway 70 bridge.	Jan. 1 through July 15. Only barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession
(C) From Highway 70 bridge to the unimproved boat ramp above the Thermalito Afterbay Outfall.	All year.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession
(D) From the unimproved boat ramp above the Thermalito Afterbay Outfall to 200 yards above the Live Oak boat ramp.	Jan. 1 through July 15.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession
	July 16 through Oct. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession 2 Chinook Salmon 4 Chinook Salmon in possession
	Nov. 1 through Dec. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession
(E) From 200 yards above Live Oak boat ramp to the mouth. For purposes of this regulation, the lower boundary is defined as a straight line drawn from the peninsula point on the west bank to the Verona Marine boat ramp.	Jan. 1 through July 15.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession
	July 16 through Dec. 16.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession 2 Chinook Salmon 4 Chinook Salmon in possession
	Dec. 17 to Dec. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession
(124) Mokelumne River (San Joaquin Co.).		
(A) From Camanche Dam to Elliot Road.	Jan. 1 through Mar. 31.	1 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	Fourth Saturday in in May through July 15.	1 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	July 16 through Oct. 15.	1 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 2 Chinook Salmon. 4 Chinook Salmon in possession
(B) From Elliot Road to the Woodbridge Irrigation District Dam including Lodi Lake.	Jan. 1 through July 15.	1 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	July 16 through Dec. 31.	1 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 2 Chinook Salmon 4 Chinook Salmon in possession
(C) Between the Woodbridge Irrigation District Dam and the Lower Sacramento Road bridge.	Closed to all fishing all year.	

<b>Area or Body of Water</b>	<b>Open Season and Special Regulations</b>	<b>Daily Bag and Possession Limit</b>
(D) From the Lower Sacramento Road bridge to the mouth. For purposes of this regulation, this river segment is defined as Mokelumne River and its tributary sloughs downstream of the Lower Sacramento Road bridge and east of Highway 160 and north of Highway 12.	Jan. 1 through July 15.	1 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	July 16 through Dec. 16.	1 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 2 Chinook Salmon 4 Chinook Salmon in possession
	Dec. 17 through Dec. 31.	1 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
(156.5) Sacramento River and tributaries below Keswick Dam (Butte, Colusa, Contra Costa, Glenn, Sacramento, Solano, Sutter, Tehama and Yolo Cos.). Also see Sierra District General Regulations (See Section 7.00(b)).		
(A) Sacramento River from Keswick Dam to 650 feet below Keswick Dam.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(B) Sacramento River: 1. From 650 feet below Keswick Dam to the Highway 44 bridge.	Closed to all fishing from Apr. 1 through July 31.	
	Aug. 1 through March 31. Only barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession
2. From the Highway 44 bridge to the Deschutes Road bridge.	All year. Only barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession
(C) Sacramento River from the Deschutes Road bridge to the Red Bluff Diversion Dam.	Jan. 1 through July 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession
	Aug. 1 through Dec. 16.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession 2 Chinook Salmon 4 Chinook Salmon in possession
	Dec. 17 through Dec. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession
(D) Sacramento River from the Red Bluff Diversion Dam to the Highway 113 bridge near Knights Landing. Note: It is unlawful to take fish 0–250 feet downstream from the overflow side of the Moulton, Colusa and Tisdale Weirs.	Jan. 1 through July 15.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession
	July 16 through Dec. 16.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession 2 Chinook Salmon 4 Chinook Salmon in possession
	Dec. 17 through Dec. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession



Area or Body of Water	Open Season and Special Regulations	Daily Bag and Possession Limit
(E) Sacramento River from the Highway 113 bridge near Knights Landing to the Carquinez Bridge (includes Suisun Bay, Grizzly Bay and all tributary sloughs west of Highway 160). Note: It is unlawful to take fish 0–250 feet downstream from the overflow side of the Fremont and Sacramento Weirs.	Jan. 1 through July 15.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession
	July 16 through Dec. 16.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession 2 Chinook Salmon 4 Chinook Salmon in possession
	Dec. 17 through Dec. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession
** Hatchery trout or steelhead are those showing a healed adipose fin clip (adipose fin is absent). Unless otherwise provided, all other trout and steelhead must be immediately released. Wild trout or steelhead are those not showing a healed adipose fin clip (adipose fin is present).		

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# Klamath River Basin Regulations

Amended regulations shown in grey shading include regulations effective Feb. 28, 2019 - Aug. 27, 2019 for spring Chinook salmon fishing. It does not include additional regulations for spring Chinook salmon adopted by the Commission Apr. 17, 2019 effective on or before July 1, 2019. Refer to <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Inland> or the Klamath hotline (1-800-564-6479) for the latest on spring Chinook salmon.

## (91.1) ANADROMOUS WATERS OF THE KLAMATH RIVER BASIN DOWNSTREAM OF IRON GATE AND LEWISTON DAMS

The regulations in this subsection apply only to waters of the Klamath River Basin which are accessible to anadromous salmonids. They do not apply to waters of the Klamath River Basin which are inaccessible to anadromous salmon and trout, portions of the Klamath River system upstream of Iron Gate Dam, portions of the Trinity River system upstream of Lewiston Dam, and the Shasta River and tributaries upstream of Dwinnel Dam. Fishing in these waters is governed by the General Regulations for non-anadromous waters of the North Coast District (see Section 7.00, subsection (a)(4)).

### (A) Hook and Weight Restrictions.

- (1) Only barbless hooks may be used. (For definitions regarding legal hook types, hook gaps and rigging see Chapter 2, Article 1, Section 2.10.)
- (2) During closures to the take of adult salmon, it shall be unlawful to remove any adult Chinook Salmon from the water by any means.

### (B) General Area Closures.

- (1) No fishing is allowed within 750 feet of any Department of Fish and Wildlife fish-counting weir.
- (2) No fishing is allowed from the Ishi Pishi Road bridge upstream to and including Ishi Pishi Falls from August 15 through December 31. EXCEPTION: members of the Karuk Indian Tribe listed on the current Karuk Tribal Roll may fish at Ishi Pishi Falls using hand-held dip nets.
- (3) No fishing is allowed from September 15 through December 31 in the Klamath River within 500 feet of the mouths of the Salmon, the Shasta and the Scott rivers and Blue Creek.
- (4) No fishing is allowed from June 15 through September 14 in the Klamath River from 500 feet above the mouth of Blue Creek to 500 feet downstream of the mouth of Blue Creek.

### (C) Klamath River Basin Possession Limits.

- (1) Trout Possession Limits.
  - (a) The Brown Trout possession limit is 10.
  - (b) The hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead possession limits are as follows:
    - (i) Klamath River - 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead.
    - (ii) Trinity River - 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead.

### (2) Chinook Salmon Possession Limits.

- (a) Klamath River from February 28 to August 14, Trinity River from downstream of the Old Lewiston Bridge to the Highway 299 West bridge at Cedar Flat from February 28 to October 15, and the Trinity River downstream of the Highway 299 West bridge at Cedar Flat from February 28 to August 31: Closed to salmon fishing. No take or possession of Chinook Salmon.
- (b) Klamath River from August 15 to December 31, Trinity River downstream of the Old Lewiston Bridge to the Highway 299 West bridge at Cedar Flat from October 16 to December 31, and Trinity River downstream of the Highway 299 West bridge at Cedar Flat from September 1 to December 31: 6 Chinook Salmon. No more than 3 Chinook Salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained when the take of salmon over 22 inches total length is allowed.

### (D) Klamath River Basin Chinook Salmon Quotas.

The Klamath River fall-run Chinook Salmon take is regulated using quotas. Accounting of the tribal and non-tribal harvest is closely monitored from August 15 through December 31 each year. These quota areas are noted in subsection (b)(91.1)(E) with "Fall Run Quota" in the *Open Season and Special Regulations* column.

- (1) **Quota for Entire Basin.** The 2019 Klamath River Basin quota is 7,637 Klamath River fall-run Chinook Salmon over 22 inches total length. The department shall inform the Commission, and the public via the news media, prior to any implementation of restrictions triggered by the quotas. (NOTE: A department status report on progress toward the quotas for the various river sections is updated weekly, and available at 1-800-564-6479.)
- (2) Subquota Percentages.
  - (a) The subquota for the Klamath River upstream of the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec and the Trinity River is 50% of the total Klamath River Basin quota.
    - (i) The subquota for the Klamath River from 3,500 feet downstream of the Iron Gate Dam to the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec is 17% of the total Klamath River Basin quota.

- (ii) The subquota for the Trinity River main stem downstream of the Old Lewiston Bridge to the Highway 299 West bridge at Cedar Flat is 16.5% of the total Klamath River Basin quota.
- (iii) The subquota for the Trinity River main stem downstream of the Denny Road bridge at Hawkins Bar to the confluence with the Klamath River is 16.5% of the total Klamath River Basin quota.
- (b) The subquota for the lower Klamath River downstream of the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec is 50% of the total Klamath River Basin quota.

- (i) The Spit Area (within 100 yards of the channel through the sand spit formed at the Klamath River mouth) will close when 15% of the total Klamath River Basin quota is taken downstream of the Highway 101 bridge.

**(E) Klamath River Basin Open Seasons and Bag Limits.**

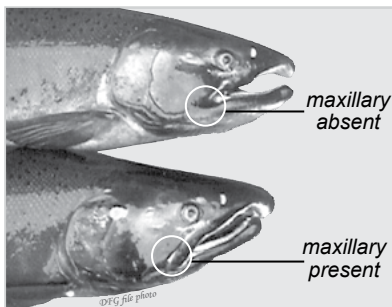
All anadromous waters of the Klamath River Basin are closed to all fishing for all year except those areas listed in the following table. Bag limits are for trout and Chinook Salmon in combination unless otherwise specified.

Body of Water	Open Season and Special Regulations	Daily Bag Limit
1. Bogus Creek and tributaries.	Fourth Saturday in May through August 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
2. Klamath River main stem from 3,500 feet downstream of Iron Gate Dam to the mouth.		
a. Klamath River from 3,500 feet downstream of the Iron Gate Dam to the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec.	February 28 to August 14, 2019.	Closed to salmon fishing. No take of Chinook Salmon. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	Fall Run Quota 1,298 Chinook Salmon August 15 to December 31, 2019.	2 Chinook Salmon – no more than 1 fish over 22 inches total length until subquota is met, then 0 fish over 22 inches total length. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
<b>Fall Run Quota Exception:</b> Chinook Salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained from 3,500 feet downstream of Iron Gate Dam to the Interstate 5 bridge when the department determines that the adult fall-run Chinook Salmon spawning escapement at Iron Gate Hatchery exceeds 8,000 fish. Daily bag and possession limits specified for fall-run Chinook Salmon apply during this exception.		
b. Klamath River downstream of the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec.	February 28 to August 14, 2019.	Closed to salmon fishing. No take of Chinook Salmon. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	Fall Run Quota 3,819 Chinook Salmon August 15 to December 31, 2019.	2 Chinook Salmon – no more than 1 fish over 22 inches total length until subquota is met, then 0 fish over 22 inches total length. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
<b>Fall Run Quota Exception:</b> Spit Area (within 100 yards of the channel through the sand spit formed at the Klamath River mouth). This area will be closed to all fishing after 15% of the Total Klamath River Basin Quota has been taken. All legally caught Chinook Salmon must be retained. Once the adult (greater than 22 inches) component of the total daily bag limit has been retained anglers must cease fishing in the spit area.		
3. Salmon River main stem, main stem of North Fork downstream of Sawyer's Bar bridge, and main stem of South Fork downstream of the confluence of the East Fork of the South Fork.	November 1 through February 28.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**

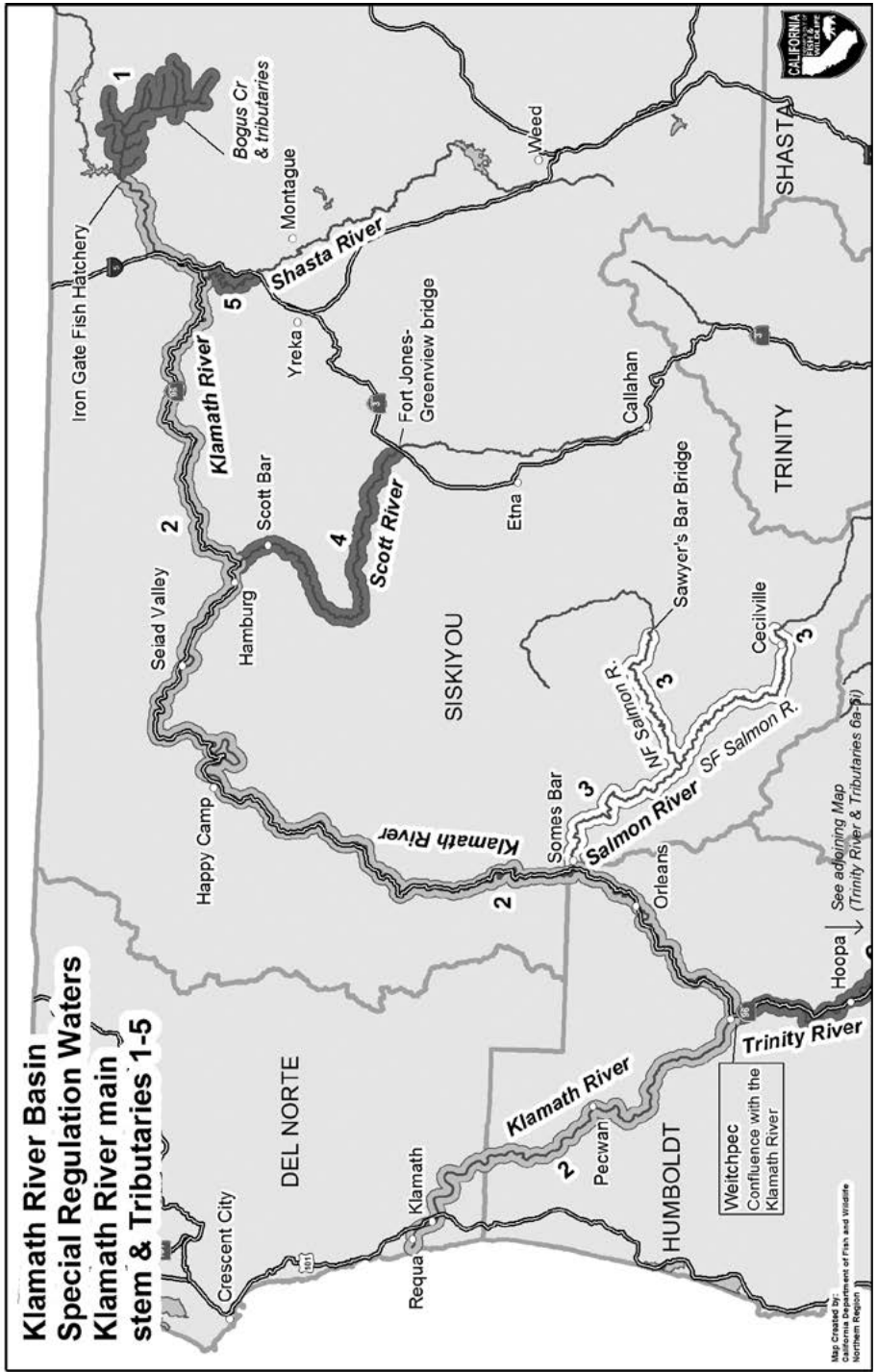
Body of Water	Open Season and Special Regulations	Daily Bag Limit
4. Scott River main stem downstream of the Fort Jones-Greenview bridge to the confluence with the Klamath River.	Fourth Saturday in May through February 28.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
5. Shasta River main stem downstream of the Interstate 5 bridge north of Yreka to the confluence with the Klamath River.	Fourth Saturday in May through August 31 and November 16 through February 28.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
6. Trinity River and tributaries.		
a. Trinity River main stem from 250 feet downstream of Lewiston Dam to the Old Lewiston Bridge.	April 1 through September 15. Only artificial flies with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
b. Trinity River main stem downstream of the Old Lewiston Bridge to the Highway 299 West bridge at Cedar Flat.	February 28 to October 15, 2019.	Closed to salmon fishing. No take of Chinook Salmon. 5 Brown Trout 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	Fall Run Quota 1,260 Chinook Salmon September 1 through December 31, 2019.	2 Chinook Salmon – no more than 1 fish over 22 inches total length until subquota is met, then 0 fish over 22 inches total length. 5 Brown Trout 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
<b>Fall Run Quota Exception:</b> Chinook Salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained downstream of the Old Lewiston Bridge to the mouth of Indian Creek when the department determines that the adult fall-run Chinook Salmon spawning escapement at Trinity River Hatchery exceeds 4,800 fish. Daily bag and possession limits specified for fall-run Chinook Salmon apply during this exception.		
c. Trinity River main stem downstream of the Highway 299 West bridge at Cedar Flat to the Denny Road bridge at Hawkins Bar.	February 28 through August 31, 2019.	Closed to salmon fishing. No take of Chinook Salmon. 5 Brown Trout 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	September 1 through December 31.	Closed to all fishing.
d. New River main stem downstream of the confluence of the East Fork to the confluence with the Trinity River.	September 15 through November 15. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
e. Trinity River main stem downstream of the Denny Road bridge at Hawkins Bar to the mouth of the South Fork Trinity River.	February 28 through August 31, 2019.	Closed to salmon fishing. No take of Chinook Salmon. 5 Brown Trout 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	Fall Run Quota 1,260 Chinook Salmon September 1 through December 31, 2019. This is the cumulative quota for subsections 6.e. and 6.f. of this table.	2 Chinook Salmon – no more than 1 fish over 22 inches total length until subquota is met, then 0 fish over 22 inches total length. 5 Brown Trout 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**



Body of Water	Open Season and Special Regulations	Daily Bag Limit
f. Trinity River main stem downstream of the mouth of the South Fork Trinity River to the confluence with the Klamath River.	February 28 through August 31, 2019.	Closed to salmon fishing. No take of Chinook Salmon. 5 Brown Trout 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	Fall Run Quota 1,260 Chinook Salmon September 1 through December 31, 2019. This is the cumulative quota for subsections 6.e. and 6.f. of this table.	2 Chinook Salmon – no more than 1 fish over 22 inches total length until subquota is met, then 0 fish over 22 inches total length. 5 Brown Trout 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
g. Hayfork Creek main stem downstream of the Highway 3 bridge in Hayfork to the confluence with the South Fork Trinity River.	November 1 through March 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
h. South Fork Trinity River downstream of the confluence with the East Fork of the South Fork Trinity River to the South Fork Trinity River bridge at Hyampom.	November 1 through March 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
i. South Fork Trinity River downstream of the South Fork Trinity River bridge at Hyampom to the confluence with the Trinity River.	November 1 through March 31.	0 Chinook Salmon. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
<p>* Wild Chinook Salmon are those not showing a healed adipose fin clip and not showing a healed left ventral fin clip.</p> <p>**Hatchery trout or steelhead in anadromous waters are those showing a healed adipose fin clip (adipose fin is absent). Unless otherwise provided, all other trout and steelhead must be immediately released. Wild trout or steelhead are those not showing a healed adipose fin clip (adipose fin is present).</p> <p>Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, 205, 265, 270, 315, 316.5 and 399, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 205, 265, 270 and 316.5, Fish and Game Code.</p>		



**Maxillary or No Maxillary?**  
**Report the Presence or Absence of**  
**Maxillary on Coho Salmon**  
**when fishing the**  
**Klamath-Trinity River System**  
**see Section 5.87(c)**





# Report Card Requirements

*Shaded areas in this section denote changes in the freshwater fishing regulations that have occurred since the publication of the 2019–2020 Freshwater Sport Fishing regulations booklet.*

## 1.73. SALMON

- (a) Salmon includes Chinook, coho, pink, chum, and sockeye salmon.
- (b) Any person in possession of a recreationally taken salmon with a missing adipose fin (the small, fleshy fin on the back of the fish between the back fin and tail) shall immediately relinquish the head of the salmon, upon request by an authorized agent or employee of the department, to facilitate the recovery of any coded-wire tag. The head may be removed by the fish owner or, if removed by the official department representative, the head shall be removed in a manner to minimize loss of salmon flesh and the salmon shall immediately be returned to the fish owner.

## 1.74. SPORT FISHING REPORT CARD AND TAGGING REQUIREMENTS.

- (a) Purpose. These regulations are designed to improve recreational fishing effort and catch information in some or all areas where the fisheries operate. Many of these species are of high commercial value, and therefore, additional enforcement mechanisms are needed to improve compliance with existing bag limits and other regulations, and to reduce the potential for poaching.
- (b) Report card requirements apply to any person fishing for or taking the following species regardless of whether a sport fishing license is required:
  - (1) Salmon, in the anadromous waters of the Klamath, Trinity, and Smith river basins. Anadromous waters are defined in Section 1.04 of these regulations.
  - (2) Steelhead trout.
  - (3) White sturgeon.
  - (4) Red abalone. [*Season closed through April 2021*]
  - (5) California spiny lobster.
- (c) General Report Card Requirements.
  - (1) Any person fishing for or taking any of the species identified in this Section shall have in his immediate possession a valid non-transferable report card issued by the department for the particular species. See special exemption regarding possession of report cards for lobster divers in Section 29.91 of these regulations.
  - (2) All entries made on any report card or tag shall be legible and in indelible ink.
  - (3) A report card holder fishing with a one, two, or ten-day sport fishing license, may replace the expired fishing license without purchasing a new report card so long as the report card is still valid.
  - (4) Report cards are not transferable and shall not be transferred to another person. No person shall possess any report card other than his own.
  - (5) A person may only obtain one abalone report card and one sturgeon report card per report card period.
  - (6) Any report card holder who fills in all available lines on his steelhead, salmon or lobster report card shall return or report the card to the department pursuant to subsection 1.74(e) prior to purchasing a second card.
  - (7) Data recording and tagging procedures vary between report cards and species. See specific regulations in sections 5.79, 5.87, 5.88, 27.92, 29.16, and 29.91 that apply in addition to the regulations of this Section.
- (d) Report Card Return and Reporting Requirements.
  - (1) Report card holders shall return or report their salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, or abalone report cards to the department pursuant to subsection 1.74(e) by January 31 of the following year.
    - (A) Any report card holder who fails to return or report his salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, or abalone report card to the department by the deadline may be restricted from

### ***Inland Salmon Informational Note***

All inland anadromous waters that are listed as “closed to take of salmon” in the district or special regulations are also closed to any catch and release fishing that results in hooking or attempting to hook a salmon.

As a reminder, Section 1.80 defines take as “Hunt, pursue, catch, capture or kill fish, amphibians, reptiles, mollusks, crustaceans or invertebrates, or attempting to do so.”

There will be no allowance for any catch and release fishing that targets salmon when the river or stream is closed to salmon fishing.



obtaining the same card in a subsequent license year or may be subject to an additional fee for the issuance of the same card in a subsequent license year.

- (2) Report card holders shall return or report their lobster report cards pursuant to subsection 1.74(e) by April 30 following the close of the lobster season for which the card was issued.
  - (A) Any report card holder who fails to return or report his or her lobster report card by April 30 following the close of the lobster season specified on the card shall be subject to a nonrefundable non-return fee specified in Section 701, in addition to the annual report card fee, for the issuance of a lobster report card in the subsequent fishing season.
- (e) Report Card Return and Reporting Mechanisms:
  - (1) By mail or in person at the address specified on the card. A report card returned by mail shall be postmarked by the date applicable to that card as specified in subsection 1.74(d)(1) or 1.74(d)(2).
  - (2) Online through the department's license sales service website by the date applicable to that card as specified in subsection 1.74(d)(1), 1.74(d)(2), or 1.74(d)(3). Report card holders reporting online will be provided a confirmation number upon successful submission. The report card holder must record the provided confirmation number in the space provided on the report card and retain the report card for 90 days after the reporting deadline. Report cards submitted online must be surrendered to the department on demand.
  - (3) If a report card is submitted by mail and not received by the department, it is considered not returned unless the report card holder reports his or her report card as lost pursuant to subsection 1.74(f).
- (f) Lost report cards.
  - (1) Lobster, salmon, and steelhead. Notwithstanding subsection 1.74(c)(5), any report card holder who loses his or her report card during the report card period for which it is valid may purchase an additional report card by submitting payment to an authorized license agent or department license sales office. Catch information from the lost report card shall not be transferred to the new card. Information from lost lobster, salmon, and steelhead report cards shall be reported as specified in subsection 1.74(f)(3).
  - (2) Abalone and sturgeon. Notwithstanding subsection 1.74(c)(5), any report card holder who loses his or her report card during the period for which it is valid may purchase a replacement report card. The Department may issue a replacement report card for abalone and sturgeon upon completion of the following:
    - (A) Submitting an affidavit to any department license sales office containing all the information specified in subsection 1.74(f)(3)(B); and
    - (B) Submitting payment of the report card fee and the non-refundable replacement-processing fee specified in Section 701.
  - (C) Department staff shall enter the harvest information from the affidavit to the replacement report card.
  - (D) Based on the information provided on the affidavit, Department staff shall remove tags reported as used and issue only the number of tags that were reported as unused on the lost original report card.
  - (E) Report card holders shall verify that the harvest information has been accurately transferred from the affidavit to his or her replacement report card.
  - (F) The replacement report card shall be reported pursuant to the requirement for the original report card as specified in subsection 1.74(d). Note: the original report card should not be reported.
- (3) Reporting requirements. Except for lost abalone and sturgeon report cards for which a replacement card was purchased, all lost report cards shall be reported by the harvest report submission deadline date applicable to that card as specified in subsection 1.74(d)(1) or 1.74(d)(2) by one of the following methods:
  - (A) Online through the department's license sales service website; or
  - (B) Submitting an affidavit, signed under penalty of perjury, to a department license sales office containing the following information:
    1. The report card holder's full name, GOID#, and a statement confirming that the originally issued report card is lost and cannot be recovered.
    2. A statement containing the report card holder's best recollection of the prior catch records that were entered on the report card that was lost.
    3. A statement describing the factual circumstances surrounding the loss of the report card.

## **5.87. NORTH COAST SALMON REPORT CARD REQUIREMENT**

- (a) Report Card Required in Waters of the Klamath-Trinity River System and the Smith River. All anglers must have a North Coast Salmon Report Card in their possession while fishing for or taking salmon in waters of the Klamath-Trinity River System and the Smith River, and must complete and return the card pursuant to regulations in this Section and in Section 1.74.
- (b) Prior to beginning fishing activity, the cardholder shall record the month, day, and fishing location on the first available line on the report card.
- (c) For the Klamath-Trinity River System: Whenever the cardholder lands (either retains or releases) a Chinook salmon, the angler shall immediately record whether the fish was an adult or a jack, and whether the fish has an adipose fin present. Whenever the cardholder releases a coho salmon, the angler shall immediately record whether the maxillary is present or absent.
- (d) For the Smith River: Whenever the cardholder lands (either retains or releases) a Chinook salmon, the angler shall immediately record whether the fish was an adult or a jack, and whether the fish has an adipose fin or left ventral fin present.
- (e) Whenever the cardholder moves to another fishing location, the angler shall record the month, day, and location on the next line on the report card.
- (f) In the Klamath-Trinity River System and Smith River, a jack Chinook salmon is defined as any Chinook salmon that is less than 22 inches total length.
- (g) In the event an angler fills in all lines and returns a North Coast Salmon Report Card, an additional card may be purchased. See Section 1.74.
- (h) The annual fee for the North Coast Salmon Report Card is specified in Section 701, Title 14, CCR.

## **5.88. STEELHEAD REPORT AND RESTORATION CARD REQUIREMENTS FOR INLAND WATERS**

- (a) Steelhead Fishing Report and Restoration Card Required. All anglers must have a Steelhead Fishing Report and Restoration Card in their possession while fishing for or taking steelhead in anadromous waters, as defined in Section 1.04. Anglers must complete and return the card pursuant to regulations in this Section and in Section 1.74. For purposes of these regulations, a steelhead trout is defined as any rainbow trout greater than 16 inches in length found in anadromous waters.

- (b) Prior to beginning fishing activity, the cardholder must record the month, day, and location code on the first available line on the report card.
- (c) When a steelhead is retained, the cardholder must immediately fill in a circle indicating whether the fish is a wild fish or a hatchery fish.
- (d) When the cardholder moves to another location code, or finishes fishing for the day, the angler must immediately record on the card the number of wild and hatchery fish that were released from that location and the number of hours fished for steelhead to the nearest hour.
- (e) In the event an angler fills in all lines and returns a Steelhead Fishing Report and Restoration Card, an additional card may be purchased. See Section 1.74.
- (f) The annual fee for the Steelhead Fishing Report and Restoration Card is specified in Section 7380 of the Fish and Game Code.

## **8.01. SPECIAL MEASURES FOR FISHERIES AT RISK**

- (a) The commission has established a quick response process to temporarily close fisheries experiencing degraded habitat quality and or quantity or extremely low population size within waters of the state. The criteria set forth in subsections (b) and (c) are intended to ensure that fisheries are protected under critical environmental conditions. These criteria will be monitored in statewide inland fisheries, and they will be evaluated on a water by water basis over time as conditions change.
- (b) The department may close to angling any waters of the state not currently listed in Section 8.00 of these regulations if the director, or his or her designee, finds one or more of the following conditions have been met:
  - (1) Water temperatures in occupied habitat exceed 70 degrees Fahrenheit for over eight hours a day for three consecutive days.
  - (2) Dissolved oxygen levels in occupied habitat drop below 5 mg/L for any period of time over two consecutive days.
  - (3) Fish passage is impeded or blocked for fish species that rely on migration as part of a life history trait.
  - (4) Water levels for ponds, lakes and reservoirs drop below 10 percent of their capacity.
  - (5) Adult breeding population levels are estimated to be below 50 individuals for a sub-population and 500 individuals for a standard population.
- (c) Waters closed pursuant to subsection (b) shall be reopened by the department when the director, or his or her designee, determines the initial closure-based criteria are no longer

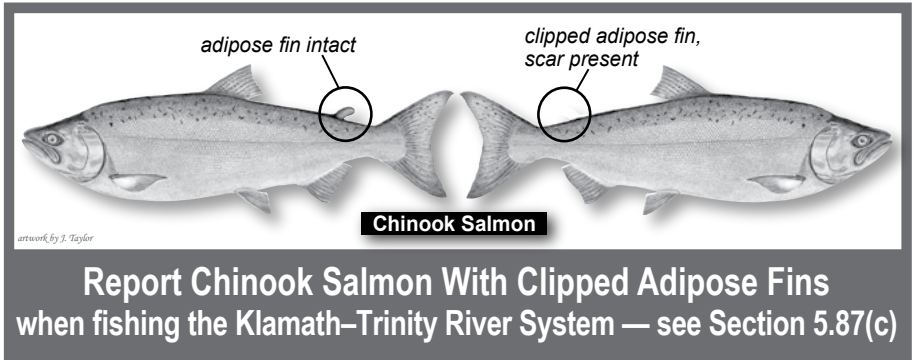
met and water temperatures do not exceed 70 degrees Fahrenheit for over eight hours a day for 14 consecutive days and dissolved oxygen remains above 5 mg/L for 14 consecutive days.

(d) It shall be unlawful to take fish in any waters of the state closed to angling pursuant to this Section.

(e) Notification of department actions.

(1) The department shall maintain a list of closed waters of the state and update that list on Wednesday of each week by 1 p.m.

In the event that water conditions change later in the week, the fishing status for each specific water will not change until the day following the next Wednesday. It shall be the responsibility of the angler to use the telephone number provided below or go to the department's website at [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Regulations](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Regulations) to obtain the current status of any water. The number to call for information is (916) 445-7600.



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*Find the MPA information you need from your cell phone, tablet, or other web-enabled device!*



# HARVEST REPORTING

*Now, it is easier than ever to report your harvest:*

- Report your harvest online, using the Online License Service at [wildlife.ca.gov/reportcards](http://wildlife.ca.gov/reportcards); or
- Return your report card via mail to the address printed on the report card.

*Important information—read before you report online*

- Accurate and complete data is required. If you report online, all entries on the report card must be entered in the electronic form, including sport fishing reports of activity where no catches were made.
- Submission of report card data online must be completed within 20 minutes to avoid a system time out.
- Sport fishing report cards may be reported online only after the last day of the report card's validity.
- If you report online, you do not need to mail in your report card. You will be issued a report confirmation number. After reporting, please retain your report card for 90 days for survey purposes and write your report confirmation number on it. Once a report card has been reported, it may no longer be used in the field.

## ONLINE HARVEST REPORTING IS AVAILABLE ON THESE DATES:

HARVEST REPORT TYPE	REPORTING DATES	LATE REPORTING*
<b>ABALONE</b> REPORT CARD (Fishery closed through April 2021)	Dec. 1 - Jan. 31	Feb. 1 - Apr. 1
<b>FULL SEASON SPINY LOBSTER</b> REPORT CARD	Mar. 19 - Apr. 30	May 1 - July 1
<b>NORTH COAST SALMON</b> REPORT CARD	Jan. 1 - Jan. 31	Feb. 1 - Apr. 1
<b>STEELHEAD</b> REPORT CARD	Jan. 1 - Jan. 31	Feb. 1 - Apr. 1
<b>STURGEON</b> REPORT CARD	Jan. 1 - Jan. 31	Feb. 1 - Apr. 1

\* Late reporting occurs after the regulatory deadline.

If you have not reported your harvest by the dates listed above, please mail your harvest report card to the address listed on the report card immediately.

## NON-RETURN FEE

Remember, a **\$21.60 non-return fee** will be charged when purchasing a spiny lobster report card if the previous year's report card is not returned or reported online by the April 30 deadline! To avoid the fee, you may either return your card by the deadline or skip one fishing season to be able to purchase a spiny lobster report card the following season at no extra cost.

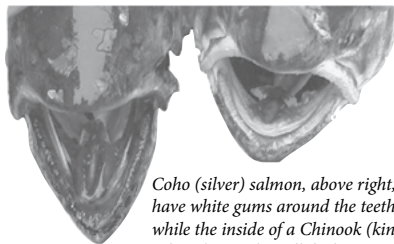
*Thanks very much in advance for your cooperation and input!*



## SPORT FISHING SPECIAL ALERT FOR CALIFORNIA OCEAN SALMON FISHERIES

The California coastal coho (silver) salmon has been designated as a threatened species under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA). It is unlawful to fish for, capture, keep, or possess under any circumstances a California coastal coho salmon. Violation of the ESA may result in civil or criminal penalties.

Large numbers of coho salmon have been caught in California's ocean waters. Although it is likely that most of these salmon originated from hatcheries in the Columbia River basin, some of the fish are California coastal coho salmon which are protected under the ESA. Thus, the retention of any coho salmon is PROHIBITED in all California ocean fisheries. Please take the time to correctly identify each salmon caught before removing it from the water.



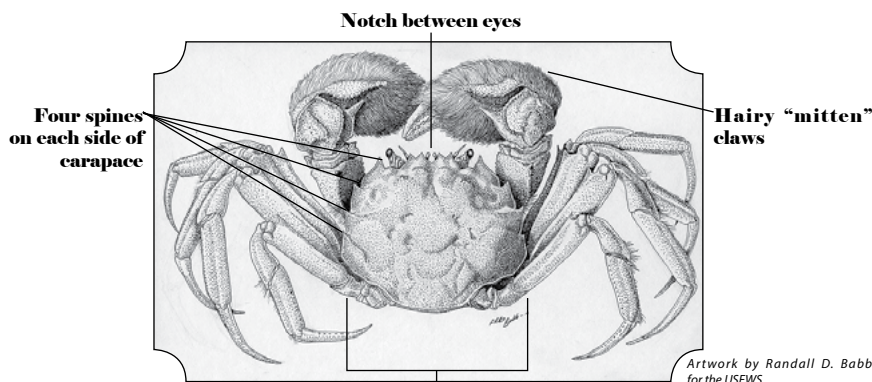
*Coho (silver) salmon, above right, have white gums around the teeth, while the inside of a Chinook (king) salmon's mouth is all dark.*

*photo by CDFW Warden Bob Aldrich*

### TO AVOID CONTACT WITH COHO SALMON:

- Fish near shore for Chinook. Coho are usually more offshore.
- Use larger lures that select for large Chinook and reduce the coho catch.

## Have You Seen Me?



### Maximum carapace width of 3 inches

Chinese mitten crabs are nonnative, invasive species that pose a serious threat to California's economy and aquatic ecosystems. They clog fish screens and impede water delivery; burrow into levees and weaken infrastructure and increase erosion; prey on, compete with, and transfer diseases to native species; and damage rice crops through excessive foraging. Chinese mitten crabs invaded the San Francisco Bay in 1992 and by 1996 had spread to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. They experienced a population boom in 1997, and by 1998 could be found over 100 miles north and east of the Bay in the Sacramento and San Joaquin River watersheds. Chinese mitten crabs have mysteriously disappeared from the Delta and are now only rarely seen in San Francisco Bay. Have you seen any Chinese mitten crabs? Report sightings of Chinese mitten crabs to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Invasive Species Program by calling (866) 440-9530 or sending an email to [Invasives@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Invasives@wildlife.ca.gov). Additionally, if you catch a Chinese mitten crab, do not release it back into the water! Any Chinese mitten crabs that are caught should be killed immediately and preserved in alcohol or frozen for later identification by CDFW staff.

# HELP FISH LIKE THIS SURVIVE!






*Fish floating at the surface like this can survive ... with your help.*

CDFW photo by E. Jarvis

**When fish with swim bladders are brought up from depth, decreasing pressure may injure them (*known as pressure shock, or 'barotrauma'*). When released, these fish often float helplessly at the surface. Injured fish that cannot descend on their own are especially easy targets for sea gulls and sea lions. Helping fish to descend significantly increases their chances of survival.**

**You can transport fish down to the sea floor using one of the following:**

-  **A weighted, inverted barbless hook**
-  **A fish-descending device available at your local tackle shop**
-  **An inverted, weighted plastic crate with a rope attached to the bottom**

**For more information visit the CDFW Web site at**

**[wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/Groundfish/Barotrauma](http://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/Groundfish/Barotrauma)**

**Or Ask For An Informational Brochure at Your Local CDFW Office**



**State of California**  
**Department of Fish and Wildlife**  
**Ocean Salmon Project – Marine Region**  
[www.wildlife.ca.gov/oceansalmon](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/oceansalmon)



## 2019 Ocean Salmon Sport Regulations

### OR/CA Border to Horse Mountain (KMZ):

- ◆ May 25 – September 2
  - minimum size limit: 20 inches total length
  - Klamath Control Zone\* (KCZ) closed in August
  - additional closures around mouth of Klamath, Smith & Eel rivers (see §27.75 T14 CCR)

### Horse Mountain to Point Arena (Fort Bragg):

- ◆ April 13-30; May 18 – October 31
  - minimum size limit: 20 inches total length

### Point Arena to Pigeon Point (San Francisco):

- ◆ April 13-30; May 18 – October 31
  - minimum size limit: 24 inches total length through April 30
  - 20 inches total length thereafter

### Pigeon Point to U.S./Mexico Border (Monterey and south):

- ◆ April 6 – August 28
  - minimum size limit: 24 inches total length



### General Sport Regulations

- **Daily bag limit:** 2 salmon of any species except coho.
- **Possession limit:** No more than two daily bag limits may be possessed when on land. On a vessel in ocean waters, no person shall possess or bring ashore more than one daily bag limit.
- **Retention of coho salmon or steelhead trout is prohibited in any ocean fishery.**
- **Salmon may not be filleted on any boat or prior to being brought ashore.**
- **Salmon may only be taken by angling as defined in §1.05 T14 CCR.** No sinkers or weights exceeding 4 lbs. may be used, except that a fishing line may be attached to a sinker or weight of any size if such sinker or weight is suspended by a separate line and the fishing line is released automatically by a mechanical device from the sinker or weight when any fish is hooked.
- **North of Point Conception:** No more than two single-point, single-shank barbless hooks shall be used and no more than one rod per angler when fishing for salmon or fishing from a boat with salmon on board.
- **Horse Mountain to Point Conception:** When fishing with bait and angling by any means other than TROLLING<sup>1</sup>, no more than two single-point, single-shank barbless circle hooks<sup>2</sup> shall be used. The distance between the two hooks must not exceed 5 inches when measured from the top of the eye of the top hook to the inner base of the curve of the lower hook and both hooks must be permanently tied in place (hard tied).

**Note:** These special gear restrictions apply to each angler fishing for salmon or fishing from any boat or floating device with salmon on board.

1. *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.*
2. *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.*

**Recovery of coded-wire tag from salmon head:** Any person in possession of a recreationally taken salmon with a missing adipose fin (the small, fleshy fin on the back of the fish between the back fin and tail) shall immediately relinquish the head of the salmon, upon request by an authorized agent or employee of the Department, to facilitate the recovery of any coded-wire tag (§1.73 T14 CCR).

\***Klamath Control Zone:** The ocean area at the Klamath River mouth bounded on the north by 41°38'48" N. lat. (approximately 6 nautical miles north of the Klamath River mouth); on the west, by 124°23'00" W. long. (approximately 12 nautical miles off shore); and on the south, by 41°26'48" N. lat. (approximately 6 nautical miles south of the Klamath River mouth).

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*2019–2020 Supplemental Sport Fishing Regulations*

# Changes to Ocean Fishing

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## 1.73. SALMON

- (a) Salmon includes Chinook, coho, pink, chum, and sockeye salmon.
- (b) Any person in possession of a recreationally taken salmon with a missing adipose fin (the small, fleshy fin on the back of the fish between the back fin and tail) shall immediately relinquish the head of the salmon, upon request by an authorized agent or employee of the department, to facilitate the recovery of any coded-wire tag. The head may be removed by the fish owner or, if removed by the official department representative, the head shall be removed in a manner to minimize loss of salmon flesh and the salmon shall immediately be returned to the fish owner.

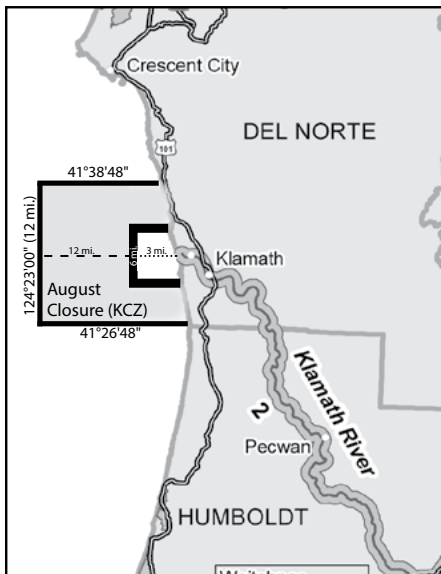
## 27.65. FILLETING OF FISH ON VESSELS.

- (c) Definition of Fillet: For the purposes of this section a fillet is the flesh from one side of a fish extending from the head to the tail which has been removed from the body (head, tail and backbone) in a single continuous piece.
- (d) Fish That May be Filleted: No person shall fillet on any boat or bring ashore as fillets any fish, except in accordance with the following requirements:
  - (1) Kelp bass, barred sand bass, and spotted sand bass: All fillets shall be a minimum of seven and one-half inches in length. Each fillet shall bear intact a one-inch square patch of skin.
  - (2) Barracuda: Fillets must be a minimum of 17 inches in length. Each fillet shall bear intact a one-inch square patch of silver skin.
  - (3) Lingcod. Lingcod fillets must be a minimum of 14 inches in length. Each fillet shall bear intact a one-inch square patch of skin. The minimum size and minimum fillet size for lingcod may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). See subsection 27.20(f) for additional information.
  - (4) White sea bass: Fillets must be a minimum of 19 inches in length. Each fillet shall bear intact a one-inch square patch of silver skin.
  - (5) Pacific bonito: No more than 10 fillets of any length may be possessed. All bonito fillets possessed shall be considered a part of the allowable undersized tolerance of five bonito per day less than 24 inches fork length or weighing less than five pounds as provided in Section 28.32 of these regulations. All fillets shall bear intact a one-inch square patch of skin.
  - (6) California halibut taken from or possessed aboard a vessel south of Point Arena (Mendocino County): Fillets must be a minimum of 16 and three-quarter inches in length and shall bear the entire skin intact. A fillet from a California halibut (flesh from one entire side of the fish with the entire skin intact) may not be cut in half fillets. However, a fillet may be cut lengthwise in a straight line along the midline of the fillet where the fillet was attached to the vertebra (backbone) of the fish only if the two pieces of a fillet remain joined along their midline for a length of at least two inches at one end of the fillet.
  - (7) Yellowtail: Fillets must be a minimum of 17 inches in length, except not more than 10 fillets may be less than 17 inches. Each fillet shall bear intact a one-inch square patch of skin.
  - (8) Rockfish: Fillets must have the entire skin attached. The minimum size and minimum fillet size for rockfish may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). See subsection 27.20(f) for additional information.
  - (9) California scorpionfish (commonly termed "sculpin"): Fillets must be a minimum of 5 inches. Each fillet shall bear intact a one-inch square patch of skin. The minimum size and minimum fillet size for California scorpionfish may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). See subsection 27.20(f) for additional information.
  - (10) Ocean whitefish: Fillets must be a minimum of 6 and one-half inches in length and shall bear the entire skin intact.
  - (11) For all species of tuna filleted on any boat or brought ashore as fillets south of a line running due west true from Point Conception, Santa Barbara County (34°27' N. lat.) each fish must be individually bagged as follows:
    - (A) The bag must be marked with the species' common name.

- (B) The fish must be cut into six pieces with all skin attached. These pieces are the four loins, the collar removed as one piece with both pectoral fins attached and intact, and the belly fillet cut to include the vent and with both pelvic fins attached and intact.
- (12) California sheephead: Fillets must be a minimum of 6 and three-quarter inches in length and shall bear the entire skin intact.
- (13) All other species except those listed in subsection (c) of this section: Each fillet shall bear intact a one-inch square patch of skin. The fillets may be of any size.
- (e) Fish That May Not be Filleted, Steaked or Chunked: No person shall fillet, steak or cut into chunks on any boat or bring ashore as fillets, steaks or chunks the following: any species with a size limit unless a fillet size is otherwise specified in these regulations. California halibut may be filleted or brought ashore as fillets south of Point Arena (Mendocino County).

## 27.75. SALMON CLOSURES

- (a) No salmon may be taken at any time in ocean waters at the Smith River mouth bounded on the north by 41°59'36" N. lat. (approximately 3 nautical miles north of the Smith River mouth), on the west by 124°16'24" W. long. (approximately 3 nautical miles offshore), and on the south by 41°53'30" N. lat. (approximately 3 nautical miles south of the Smith River mouth).



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- (b) No salmon may be taken at any time in ocean waters at the Klamath River mouth bounded on the north by 41°35'30" N. lat. (approximately 3 nautical miles north of the Klamath River mouth), on the west by 124°08'54" W. long. (approximately 3 nautical miles offshore), and on the south by 41°29'24" N. lat. (approximately 3 nautical miles south of the Klamath River mouth). In August, the ocean salmon closure expands into the "Klamath Control Zone." The Klamath Control Zone is defined in federal regulations as the ocean area at the Klamath River mouth bounded on the north by 41°38'48" N. lat. (approximately 6 nautical miles north of the Klamath River mouth), on the west by 124°23'00" W. long. (approximately 12 nautical miles offshore), and on the south by 41°26'48" N. lat. (approximately 6 nautical miles south of the Klamath River mouth).
- (c) No salmon may be taken during the months of August and September in ocean waters at the Eel River mouth bounded on the north by 40°40'24" N. lat. (approximately 2 nautical miles north of the Eel River mouth), on the west by 124°21'24" W. long. (approximately 2 nautical miles offshore), and on the south by 40°36'24" N. lat. (approximately 2 nautical miles south of the Eel River mouth).

## 27.80. SALMON

- (a) Methods of take:
- (1) General Provisions. Only by angling as defined in Section 1.05. No sinkers or weights exceeding four pounds may be used, except that a fishing line may be attached to a sinker or weight of any size if such sinker or weight is suspended by a separate line and the fishing line is released automatically by a mechanical device from the sinker or weight when any fish is hooked. See sections 28.65 and 28.70.
  - (2) Barbless Hooks. No more than two (2) single point, single shank barbless hooks shall be used in the ocean north of Point Conception (34°27'00" N. lat.) when salmon fishing or fishing from any boat or floating device with salmon on board.
  - (3) Other Hook Restrictions. When fishing with bait in the ocean between Horse Mountain (40°05'00" N. lat.) and Point Conception, if angling by any means other than trolling, then no more than two (2) single point, single shank, barbless circle hooks shall be used. The distance between the two hooks must not exceed five inches when measured from the top of the eye of the top hook to the inner base of the curve of the lower hook, and both hooks must be permanently tied

- in place (hard tied). 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. 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. See Section 28.65(g).
- (4) One Rod Restriction north of Point Conception. Salmon may be taken by angling with no more than one rod in ocean waters north of Point Conception. See Section 28.65(e).
  - (b) Statewide Coho (silver) Salmon Restrictions: No coho (silver) salmon may be retained.
  - (c) Open Fishing Days, Daily Bag Limits, and Minimum Size in effect April 6 through April 30, 2019.
    - (1) North of Horse Mountain (40°05'00"N. lat.) and in Humboldt Bay.
      - (A) Closed to salmon fishing.
    - (2) Between Horse Mountain and Point Arena (38°57'30" N. lat.).
      - (A) Open to salmon fishing from April 13 through April 30, 2019. Fishing is authorized 7 days per week.
      - (B) Daily Bag Limit: 2 salmon per day. See subsection (b) above and subsection (e) below.
      - (C) Minimum Size: 20 inches total length.
    - (3) Between Point Arena and Pigeon Point (37°11'00" N. lat.).
      - (A) Open to salmon fishing from April 13 through April 30, 2019. Fishing is authorized 7 days per week.
      - (B) Daily Bag Limit: 2 salmon per day. See subsection (b) above and subsection (e) below.
      - (C) Minimum Size: 24 inches total length.
    - (4) Between Pigeon Point and Point Sur (36°18'00" N. lat.).
      - (A) Open to salmon fishing from April 6 to April 30, 2019. Fishing is authorized 7 days per week.
      - (B) Daily Bag Limit: 2 salmon per day. See subsection (b) above and subsection (e) below.
      - (C) Minimum Size: 24 inches total length.
    - (5) South of Point Sur.
      - (A) Open to salmon fishing from April 6 to April 30, 2019. Fishing is authorized 7 days per week.
      - (B) Daily Bag Limit: 2 salmon per day. See subsection (b) above and subsection (e) below.
      - (C) Minimum Size: 24 inches total length.
  - (d) Open Fishing Days, Daily Bag Limits, and Minimum Size in effect on or after May 1, 2019.
    - (1) North of Horse Mountain (40°05'00" N. lat.) and in Humboldt Bay.
      - (A) Open to salmon fishing May 25 through September 2, 2019.
      - (B) Daily Bag Limit: 2 salmon per day. See subsection (b) above and subsection (e) below.
      - (C) Minimum Size: 20 inches total length.
    - (2) Between Horse Mountain and Point Arena (38°57'30" N. lat.).
      - (A) Open to salmon fishing May 18 through October 31, 2019. Fishing is authorized 7 days per week.
      - (B) Daily Bag Limit: 2 salmon per day. See subsection (b) above and subsection (e) below.
      - (C) Minimum Size: 20 inches total length.
    - (3) Between Point Arena and Pigeon Point (37°11'00" N. lat.).
      - (A) Open to salmon fishing May 18 through October 31, 2019. Fishing is authorized 7 days per week.
      - (B) Daily Bag Limit: 2 salmon per day. See subsection (b) above and subsection (e) below.
      - (C) Minimum Size: 20 inches total length.
    - (4) Between Pigeon Point and Point Sur (36°18'00" N. lat.).
      - (A) Open to salmon fishing May 1 through August 28, 2019. Fishing is authorized 7 days per week.
      - (B) Daily Bag Limit: 2 salmon per day. See subsection (b) above and subsection (e) below.
      - (C) Minimum Size: 24 inches total length.
    - (5) South of Point Sur.
      - (A) Open to salmon fishing May 1 through August 28, 2019. Fishing is authorized 7 days per week.
      - (B) Daily Bag Limit: 2 salmon per day. See subsection (b) above and subsection (e) below.
      - (C) Minimum Size: 24 inches total length.
  - (e) Ocean salmon possession limit: No more than two daily bag limits may be possessed when on land. On a vessel in ocean waters, no person shall possess or bring ashore more than one daily bag limit. See Section 1.17 and 27.60(c) of these regulations.

## 28.20. HALIBUT, PACIFIC

- (a) Season:
  - (1) Pacific halibut may be taken only from May 1–October 31, or until the quota is reached, whichever is earlier. Pacific halibut take is regulated by a quota that is closely monitored each year in alignment with federal regulations.



(2) The Pacific halibut quota is published in the Federal Register 84 FR 17960 (April 29, 2019). The department shall inform the commission, and the public via a press release, prior to any implementation of restrictions triggered by achieving or expecting to exceed the quota. Anglers and divers are advised to check the current rules before fishing. The latest fishing rules may be found on the department's website at: [wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Ocean](http://wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Ocean), or by calling the Recreational Groundfish Fishing Regulations Hotline (831) 649-2801 or the National Marine Fisheries Service Area 2A Halibut Hotline (800) 662-9825 for recorded information, or by contacting a department office.

(b) Limit: One.

(c) Minimum size: None.

(d) Methods of Take:

- (1) When angling, no more than one line with two hooks attached may be used.
- (2) A harpoon, gaff, or net may be used to assist in taking a Pacific halibut that has been legally caught by angling. See Section 28.95 of these regulations for additional restrictions on the use of harpoons.
- (3) Take by spearfishing is allowed pursuant to Section 28.90 of these regulations.

### 29.06. PURPLE SEA URCHIN.

- (a) Except as provided in this section, the daily bag limit for purple sea urchin is 35 individuals.
- (b) The daily bag limit for purple sea urchin is forty (40) gallons when taken while skin or SCUBA diving in ocean waters of the following counties: Humboldt, Mendocino, and Sonoma.
- (c) There is no possession limit for purple sea urchin.

# California Sheephead and Rockfish

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## INCREASES TO CANARY ROCKFISH, BLACK ROCKFISH, AND LINGCOD BAG LIMITS

Within the RCG daily bag limit of 10 fish, the statewide sub-bag limit for canary rockfish will increase from two fish to three fish, and the statewide sub-bag limit for black rockfish will increase from three fish to four fish. The lingcod daily bag limit south of Cape Mendocino (40°10' N lat.) will increase from one fish to two fish. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations Title 14, section 27.20(e), CDFW has the authority to make these in-season modifications to the recreational fishery which are effective June 1, 2019.

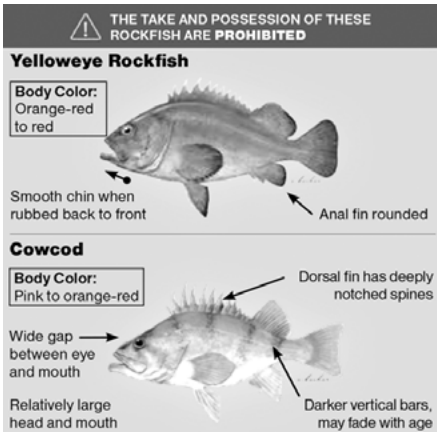
## CORRECTION TO PRINTED LINGCOD BAG LIMIT IN OCEAN SPORT FISHING REGULATION BOOKLET

The lingcod bag limit in the Northern Management Area table printed in the 2019–2020 Ocean Sport Fishing regulations booklet on page 10 is incorrect. The bag limit for lingcod in the Northern Management Area (Oregon–California border to about Cape Mendocino (40°10' N lat.)) is two fish, not one fish.

For more information regarding groundfish regulations please visit the CDFW Marine Region Groundfish webpage at [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/Groundfish](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/Groundfish) or call the Groundfish Regulations hotline at (831) 649-2801.

## CALIFORNIA SHEEPHEAD FILLET REGULATION

Effective April 1, 2019, regulatory changes approved by the Fish and Game Commission in subsection 27.65(b), Title 14, CCR allow for legal-sized California sheephead to be filleted on board vessels while at sea, and brought ashore as fillets. The minimum fillet size is 6.75-inches in length, and requires that the entire skin remain intact. This change benefits fishermen aboard Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessels (CPFVs) and others who want to fillet and dispose of carcasses of their sheephead catch at sea. Subsection 28.26(c), Title 14, CCR, which lists the daily bag and possession limit of 5 sheephead, with a minimum size limit of 12 inches total length, remains unchanged.



For more information on identifying groundfish, please visit [wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/Groundfish/Groundfish-ID](http://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/Groundfish/Groundfish-ID).

**Corrected** *Summary of Recreational Groundfish Regulations for 2019 (LINGCOD)*  
**NORTHERN MANAGEMENT AREA**

*Ocean waters between 42°N. latitude (CA-OR border) and 40°10' N. latitude (near Cape Mendocino) includes all of Del Norte County and most of Humboldt County*

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Species	Time Period <sup>1,2,3</sup>	Depth Limit <sup>1,2,3</sup>	Daily Bag Limit <sup>1</sup>	Minimum Size Limit <sup>1,4,5</sup>
<b>RCG Complex<sup>1</sup></b> <i>includes all species of Rockfish, Cabezon and Greenlings</i> (Sections 1.91, 28.55, 28.28 and 28.29)	<b>Boat-based Anglers:<sup>2</sup></b> <b>Open:</b> May 1-Oct 31 and Nov 1-Dec 31 <b>Closed:</b> Jan 1-April 30 <b>Divers, Shore-based Anglers:<sup>2</sup></b> Open year-round	<b>May 1-Oct 31:</b> Take is prohibited seaward of the 30-fathom (180 feet) depth contour, as defined in federal regulations (50 CFR Part 660, Subpart C) <b>Nov 1-Dec 31:</b> May be taken at any depth <b>See Exception at End of Table</b>	10 fish in combination per person, EXCEPT: Cabezon: 3 fish per person Canary rockfish: 3 fish per person Black rockfish: 4 fish per person	See individual species and groups below: Cabezon: 15" total length Kelp and/or rock greenling: 12" total length
<b>THESE ROCKFISHES MAY NOT BE TAKEN OR POSSESSED IN CALIFORNIA: Yelloweye Rockfish, Bronzespotted Rockfish, and Cowcod (Section 28.55)</b>				
<b>FISHING IS CLOSED year-round, at all depths NO RETENTION at any time (zero fish per person) See color insert for help with identification</b>				
<b>Lingcod</b> (Section 28.27)	Same as RCG Complex, above		<b>2 fish per person - CORRECTED FROM 2019–2020 OCEAN SPORT FISHING REGULATION BOOKLET</b>	22" total length
<b>Leopard Shark<sup>6</sup></b> (Section 28.56)	<b>All Anglers:</b> Same as RCG Complex outside of Humboldt Bay; Open year-round within Humboldt Bay <b>Divers, Shore-based Anglers:<sup>2</sup></b> Open year-round	<b>All Anglers:</b> Same as RCG Complex outside of Humboldt Bay; No depth limit within Humboldt Bay <b>Divers, Shore-based Anglers:<sup>2</sup></b> No depth limit	3 fish per person	36" total length
<b>Pacific Sanddabs and</b>	Open year-round	No depth limit	Pacific sanddab: no limit	No size limit

<p><b>"Other Flatfish"<sup>ns</sup></b> (Section 28.48)</p>	<p>Open year-round</p>	<p>No depth limit</p>	<p>All "Other Flatfish":<sup>3</sup> 10 fish of each species, limit 20 fish in combination per Section 27.60</p>	<p>No size limit</p>
<p><b>Petrale Sole and Starry Flounder</b> (Section 28.47)</p>	<p>Open year-round</p>	<p>No depth limit</p>	<p>No limit</p>	<p>No size limit</p>
<p><b>Other Federal Groundfish</b> (Section 28.49)</p>	<p>Same as RCG Complex, above</p>		<p>Soupin shark: 1 fish per person All other federal groundfish: 10 fish of each species, limit 20 fish in combination per Section 27.60</p>	<p>No size limit</p>

1. Subject to in-season change. Call the Recreational Groundfish Fishing Regulations Hotline at (831) 649-2801, visit the Marine Region website at [wildlife.ca.gov/regions/marine](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/regions/marine), send an email to [AskMarine@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:AskMarine@wildlife.ca.gov), or call your nearest CDFW office for the latest information. Some marine protected areas (MPAs) restrict or prohibit sport fishing within MPAs. Check the current ocean sport fishing regulations booklet or the CDFW website at [www.wildlife.ca.gov/MPAs/Northern-California](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/MPAs/Northern-California), send an email to [AskMPA@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:AskMPA@wildlife.ca.gov), or call your nearest CDFW office for more information.

2. Divers and shore-based anglers are exempt from season restrictions affecting the RCG complex and other federally managed groundfish. However, when spear fishing during a boat-based closure, only spear fishing gear is allowed aboard any vessel or watercraft. Also, when angling from shore during a boat-based closure, no vessel or watercraft may be used to assist in taking or possessing species included in this table. The following definitions describe boat-based and shore-based anglers, and divers:

- ▶ Boat-based anglers are fishermen angling from boats or vessels of any size or any other type of floating object, including kayaks and float tubes.
  - ▶ Shore-based anglers are fishermen angling from beaches, banks, piers, jetties, breakwaters, docks and other man-made structures connected to the shore.
  - ▶ Divers are spear fishermen entering the water either from the shore or from a boat or other floating object.
3. During the closed season, Pacific sanddab, butter sole, curlfin sole, flathead sole, rex sole, rock sole, and sand sole (defined as "Other Flatfish" in subsection 1.91(a)(10)) may be taken.

4. See regulations for information on gear restrictions (Sections 28.65, 28.70, 28.90, 28.91, and 28.95) and fillet lengths (Section 27.65).

5. Total length is the longest straight-line measurement from the tip of the head with the mouth closed to the end of the longest lobe of the tail. A measurement method illustration is available in this booklet.

6. The sport fishery for leopard shark inside Humboldt Bay is exempt from season and depth restrictions that affect other federally managed groundfish (Section 28.56).

**EXCEPTION: During the open season, groundfish may be possessed in closed areas and in water depths closed to fishing only aboard vessels in transit with no fishing gear in the water (Section 27.20(b)).**

Summary of Recreational Groundfish Regulations for 2019  
**MENDOCINO MANAGEMENT AREA**

Ocean waters between 40°-10' N. latitude (near Cape Mendocino) and 38°-57.5' N. latitude (near Point Arena)  
 Includes a portion of Humboldt County and most of Mendocino County

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<b>California Scorpionfish</b> (sculpin—Section 28.54)	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	5 fish per person	10" total length
<b>Pacific Sanddabs and</b>	Open year-round	No depth limit	Pacific sanddab: no limit	No size limit

<p><b>"Other Flatfish"<sup>1,3</sup></b> (Section 28.48)</p>			<p>All "Other Flatfish";<sup>3</sup> 10 fish of each species, limit 20 fish in combination, per Section 27.60</p>	
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  4. See regulations for information on gear restrictions (Sections 28.65, 28.70, 28.90, 28.91, and 28.95) and fillet lengths (Section 27.65).
  5. Total length is the longest straight-line measurement from the tip of the head with the mouth closed to the end of the longest lobe of the tail. A measurement method illustration is available in this booklet.
- EXCEPTION: During the open season, groundfish may be possessed in closed areas and in water depths closed to fishing only aboard vessels in transit with no fishing gear in the water (Section 27.20(b)).**

## SAN FRANCISCO MANAGEMENT AREA

Ocean waters between 38°57.5' N. latitude (near Point Arena) and 37°11' N. latitude (near Pigeon Point) Includes a portion of Mendocino County, all of Sonoma, Marin, San Francisco, Alameda and Contra Costa counties, and most of San Mateo County

Note: Shaded text indicates regulations that were updated since publication of the 2019–2020 Ocean Sport Fishing Regulations booklet. Before engaging in ocean sport fishing for groundfish and associated species, please review one of the sources listed in Footnote 1 to receive the most up-to-date regulations.

Species	Time Period <sup>1,2,3,4</sup>	Depth Limit <sup>1,2,3,4</sup>	Daily Bag Limit <sup>1</sup>	Minimum Size Limit <sup>1,5,6</sup>
<b>RCG Complex<sup>1</sup></b> <i>includes all species of Rockfish, Cabezon and Greenlings</i> (Sections 1.91, 28.55, 28.28 and 28.29)	<b>Boat-based Anglers<sup>2</sup></b> <b>Open:</b> Apr 1–Dec 31 <b>Closed:</b> Jan 1–March 31 <b>Divers, Shore-based Anglers<sup>2,4</sup></b> Open year-round	Take is prohibited seaward of the 40-fathom (240 feet) depth contour, defined in Federal regulations (50 CFR Part 660, Subpart C) <b>See Exception at End of Table</b>	10 fish in combination per person, EXCEPT: Cabezon: 3 fish per person Canary rockfish: 3 fish per person Black rockfish: 4 fish per person	See individual species and groups below: Cabezon: 15" total length Kelp and/or rock greenling: 12" total length
<b>THESE ROCKFISHES MAY NOT BE TAKEN OR POSSESSED IN CALIFORNIA:</b> <b>Yelloweye Rockfish, Bronzespotted Rockfish, and Cowcod</b> (Section 28.55)				
<b>FISHING IS CLOSED year-round, at all depths NO RETENTION at any time (zero fish per person) See color insert for help with identification</b>				
<b>Lingcod</b> (Section 28.27)	Same as RCG Complex, above		2 fish per person	22" total length
<b>Leopard Shark<sup>7</sup></b> (Section 28.56)	<b>All Anglers:</b> Open year-round within San Francisco Bay, Bodega Harbor, Tomales Bay, Bolinas Bay and Drake's Bay Same as RCG Complex outside of those bays <b>Divers<sup>2</sup></b> Open year-round	<b>All Anglers:</b> No depth limit within San Francisco Bay, Bodega Harbor, Tomales Bay, Bolinas Bay and Drake's Estero Bay Same as RCG Complex outside of those bays <b>Divers<sup>2</sup></b> Same as RCG Complex, above	3 fish per person	36" total length
<b>California Scorpionfish</b> (sculpin - Section 28.54)	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	5 fish per person	10" total length
<b>Pacific Sanddabs and "Other Flatfish"<sup>8,3</sup></b> (Section 28.48)	Open year-round	No depth limit <sup>4</sup>	Pacific sanddab: no limit All "Other Flatfish" <sup>3</sup> : 10 fish of	No size limit



<b>Petrale Sole and Starry Flounder</b> (Section 28.47)	Open year-round	No depth limit	No limit	No size limit
<b>Other Federal Groundfish</b> (Section 28.49)	Same as RCG Complex, above		Soupin shark: 1 fish per person All other federal groundfish: 10 fish of each species, limit 20 fish in combination, per Section 27.60	No size limit

1. Subject to in-season change. Call the Recreational Groundfish Fishing Regulations Hotline at **(831) 649-2801**, visit the Marine Region website at **wildlife.ca.gov/regions/marine**, send an email to **AskMarine@wildlife.ca.gov**, or call your nearest CDFW office for the latest information. Some marine protected areas (MPAs) restrict or prohibit sport fishing within MPAs. Check the current ocean sport fishing regulations booklet or the CDFW website at **www.wildlife.ca.gov/MPAs/North-Central-California**, send an email to **AskMPA@wildlife.ca.gov**, or call your nearest CDFW office for more information.
  2. Divers and shore-based anglers are exempt from season restrictions affecting the RCG complex and other federally managed groundfish. However, when spear fishing during a boat-based closure, only spear fishing gear is allowed aboard any vessel or watercraft. Also, when angling from shore during a boat-based closure, no vessel or watercraft may be used to assist in taking or possessing species included in this table. The following definitions describe boat-based and shore-based anglers, and divers:
    - ▶ Boat-based anglers are fishermen angling from boats or vessels of any size or any other type of floating object, including kayaks and float tubes.
    - ▶ Shore-based anglers are fishermen angling from beaches, banks, piers, jetties, breakwaters, docks, and other man-made structures connected to the shore.
    - ▶ Divers are spear fishermen entering the water either from the shore or from a boat or other floating object.
  3. During the closed season, Pacific sanddab, butter sole, curfin sole, flathead sole, rex sole, rock sole, and sand sole (defined as "Other Flatfish" in subsection 1.91(a)(10)) may be taken.
  4. Per federal regulations, the waters of Cordell Bank less than 100 fathoms (600 ft.) in depth are closed at all times for all groundfish species except Pacific sanddab and "Other Flatfish." Divers and shore-based anglers are not exempt from these area closures. See 50 CFR Part 660 Subpart G in federal regulations for more information.
  5. See regulations for information on gear restrictions (Sections 28.65, 28.70, 28.90, 28.91, and 28.95) and fillet lengths (Section 27.65).
  6. Total length is the longest straight-line measurement from the tip of the head with the mouth closed to the end of the longest lobe of the tail. A measurement method illustration is available in this booklet.
  7. The sport fishery for leopard shark inside San Francisco Bay, Bodega Harbor, Tomales Bay, Bolinas Bay, and Drake's Estero Bay is exempt from season and depth restrictions that affect other federally managed groundfish (Section 28.56).
- EXCEPTION: During the open season, groundfish may be possessed in closed areas and in water depths closed to fishing only aboard vessels in transit with no fishing gear in the water (Section 27.20(b)).**

## CENTRAL MANAGEMENT AREA

Ocean waters between 37° 11' N. latitude (Pigeon Point) and 34° 27' N. latitude (Point Conception)

Includes a portion of San Mateo County, all of Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties, and part of Santa Barbara County

Note: Shaded text indicates regulations that were updated since publication of the 2019–2020 Ocean Sport Fishing Regulations booklet. Before engaging in ocean sport fishing for groundfish and associated species, please review one of the sources listed in Footnote 1 to receive the most up-to-date regulations.

Species	Time Period <sup>1,2,3</sup>	Depth Limit <sup>1,2,3</sup>	Daily Bag Limit <sup>1</sup>	Minimum Size Limit <sup>1,4,5</sup>
<b>RCG Complex<sup>1</sup></b> <i>includes all species of Rockfish, Cabezon and Greenlings</i> (Sections 1.91, 28.55, 28.28 and 28.29)	<b>Boat-based Anglers:<sup>2</sup></b> <b>Open:</b> Apr 1-Dec 31 <b>Closed:</b> Jan 1-Mar 31 <b>Divers, Shore-based Anglers:<sup>2</sup></b> Open year-round	Take is prohibited seaward of the 50-fathom (300 feet) depth contour, defined in federal regulations (50 CFR Part 660, Subpart C) <b>See Exception at End of Table</b>	10 fish in combination per person, EXCEPT: Cabezon: 3 fish per person Canary rockfish: 3 fish per person Black rockfish: 4 fish per person	See individual species and groups below: Cabezon: 15" total length Kelp and/or rock greenling: 12" total length
<b>THESE ROCKFISHES MAY NOT BE TAKEN OR POSSESSED IN CALIFORNIA: Bronzespotted Rockfish, Cowcod and Yelloweye Rockfish (Section 28.55)</b>				
<b>FISHING IS CLOSED year-round, at all depths NO RETENTION at any time (zero fish per person) See color insert for help with identification</b>				
<b>Lingcod</b> (Section 28.27)	Same as RCG Complex, above		2 fish per person	22" total length
<b>Ocean Whitefish</b> (Section 28.58)	Same as RCG Complex, above		10 fish per person	No size limit
<b>California Sheephead</b> (Section 28.26)	Same as RCG Complex, above		5 fish per person	12" total length
<b>California Scorpionfish</b> (sculpin—Section 28.54)	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	5 fish per person	10" total length
<b>Leopard Shark<sup>6</sup></b> (Section 28.56)	<b>All Anglers:</b> Open year-round within Elkhorn Slough; Same as RCG Complex outside of Elkhorn Slough <b>Divers, Shore-based Anglers:<sup>2</sup></b> Open year-round	<b>All Anglers:</b> No depth limit within Elkhorn Slough; Same as RCG Complex outside of Elkhorn Slough <b>Divers, Shore-based Anglers:<sup>2</sup></b> Same as RCG Complex, above	3 fish per person	36" total length

<b>Pacific Sanddabs and "Other Flatfish"<sup>3</sup></b> (Section 28.48)	Open year-round	No depth limit	Pacific sanddab: no limit All "Other Flatfish" <sup>3</sup> : 10 fish of each species, limit 20 fish in combination, per Section 27.60	No size limit
<b>Petrale Sole and Starry Flounder</b> (Section 28.47)	Open year-round	No depth limit	No limit	No size limit
<b>Other Federal Groundfish</b> Section 28.49	Same as RCG Complex, above		Soupfin shark: 1 fish per person All other federal groundfish: 10 fish of each species, limit 20 fish in combination, per Section 27.60	No size limit

1. Subject to in-season change. Call the Recreational Groundfish Fishing Regulations Hotline at **(831) 649-2801**, visit the Marine Region website at **wildlife.ca.gov/regions/marine**, send an email to **AskMarine@wildlife.ca.gov**, or call your nearest CDFW office for the latest information. Some marine protected areas (MPAs) restrict or prohibit sport fishing within MPAs. Check the current ocean sport fishing regulations booklet or the CDFW website at **wildlife.ca.gov/MPAs/Central-California**, send an email to **AskMPA@wildlife.ca.gov**, or call your nearest CDFW office for more information.

2. Divers and shore-based anglers are exempt from season restrictions affecting the RCG complex and other federally managed groundfish. However, when spear fishing during a boat-based closure, only spear fishing gear is allowed aboard any vessel or watercraft. Also, when angling from shore during a boat-based closure, no vessel or watercraft may be used to assist in taking or possessing species included in this table. The following definitions describe boat-based and shore-based anglers, and divers:

- ▶ Boat-based anglers are fishermen angling from boats or vessels of any size or any other type of floating object, including kayaks and float tubes.
- ▶ Shore-based anglers are fishermen angling from beaches, banks, piers, jetties, breakwaters, docks and other man-made structures connected to the shore.
- ▶ Divers are spear fishermen entering the water either from the shore or from a boat or other floating object.

3. During the closed season, Pacific sanddab, butter sole, curffin sole, flathead sole, rex sole, rock sole, and sand sole (defined as "Other Flatfish" in subsection 1.91(a)(10)) may be taken.

4. See regulations for information on gear restrictions (Sections 28.65, 28.70, 28.90, 28.91, and 28.95) and fillet lengths (Section 27.65).

5. Total length is the longest straight-line measurement from the tip of the head with the mouth closed to the end of the longest lobe of the tail. A measurement method illustration is available in this booklet.

6. The sport fishery for leopard shark inside Elkhorn Slough is exempt from season and depth restrictions that affect other federally managed groundfish (Section 28.56).

**EXCEPTION: During the open season, groundfish may be possessed in closed areas and in water depths closed to fishing only aboard vessels in transit with no fishing gear in the water. See sub-section 27.20(b).**

Summary of Recreational Groundfish Regulations for 2019  
**SOUTHERN MANAGEMENT AREA**

Ocean waters between 34°27' N. latitude (Point Conception) and the U.S.-Mexico Border  
 Includes a portion of Santa Barbara County, and all of Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego counties

Note: Shaded text indicates regulations that were updated since publication of the 2019–2020 Ocean Sport Fishing Regulations booklet. Before engaging in ocean sport fishing for groundfish and associated species, please review one of the sources listed in Footnote 1 to receive the most up-to-date regulations.

Species	Time Period <sup>1,2,3,4</sup>	Depth Limit <sup>1,2,3,4</sup>	Daily Bag Limit <sup>1</sup>	Minimum Size Limit <sup>1,5,6</sup>
<b>RCG Complex<sup>1</sup></b> <i>Includes all species of Rockfish, Cabezon and Greenlings</i> (Sections 1.91, 28.55, 28.28 and 28.29)	<b>Boat-based Anglers:<sup>2</sup></b> Open: Mar 1–Dec 31 Closed: Jan 1–Feb 28 <b>Divers, Shore-based Anglers:<sup>2</sup></b> Open year-round	Take is prohibited seaward of the 75-fathom (450 feet) depth contour; defined in Federal regulations (50 CFR Part 660, Subpart C) <b>See Exception at End of Table</b>	10 fish in combination per person, except: Cabezon: 3 fish per person Canary rockfish: 3 fish per person Black rockfish: 4 fish per person	See individual species and groups below: Cabezon: 15" total length Kelp and rock greenling: 12" total length
<b>THESE ROCKFISHES MAY NOT BE TAKEN OR POSSESSED IN CALIFORNIA:</b> Bronzespotted Rockfish, Cowcod and Yelloweye Rockfish (Section 28.55)				
<b>FISHING IS CLOSED year-round, at all depths NO RETENTION at any time (zero fish per person) See color insert for help with identification</b>				
<b>Lingcod</b> (Section 28.27)	Same as RCG Complex, above		2 fish per person	22" total length
<b>Ocean Whitefish</b> (Section 28.58)	Same as RCG Complex, above		10 fish per person	No size limit
<b>California Sheephead</b> (Section 28.26)	Same as RCG Complex, above		5 fish per person	12" total length
<b>California Scorpionfish</b> (sculpin—Section 28.54)	Open year-round	Same as RCG Complex, above	5 fish per person	10" total length
<b>Leopard Shark<sup>7</sup></b> (Section 28.56)	<b>All Anglers:</b> Open year-round within Newport Bay, Alamitos Bay, San Diego Bay and Mission Bay; Same as RCG Complex outside of those bays <b>Divers, Shore-Based Anglers:<sup>2</sup></b> Open year-round	<b>All Anglers:</b> No depth limit within Newport Bay, Alamitos Bay, San Diego Bay and Mission Bay; Same as RCG Complex outside of those bays <b>Divers, Shore-based Anglers:<sup>2</sup></b> Same as RCG Complex, above	3 fish per person	36" total length

<b>Pacific Sanddabs and "Other Flatfish"</b> (Section 28.56)	Open year-round	No depth limit	Pacific sanddab: no limit All "Other Flatfish": 10 fish of each species, limit 20 fish in combination, per Section 27.60	No size limit
<b>Petrale Sole and Starry Flounder</b> (Section 28.47)	Open year-round	No depth limit	No limit	No size limit
<b>Other Federal Groundfish</b> (Section 28.49)	Same as RCG Complex, above		Soupin shark: 1 fish per person All other federal groundfish: 10 fish of each species, limit 20 fish in combination, per Section 27.60	No size limit

1. Subject to in-season change. Call the Recreational Groundfish Fishing Regulations Hotline at (831) 649-2801, visit the Marine Region Web site at [wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/Groundfish](http://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/Groundfish), send an email to [AskMarine@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:AskMarine@wildlife.ca.gov), or call your nearest CDFW office for the latest information. Some marine protected areas (MPAs) restrict or prohibit sport fishing within MPAs. Check the current ocean sport fishing regulations booklet or the CDFW website at [wildlife.ca.gov/MPAs/Southern-California](http://wildlife.ca.gov/MPAs/Southern-California), send an email to [AskMPA@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:AskMPA@wildlife.ca.gov), or call your nearest CDFW office for more information.
  2. Divers and shore-based anglers are exempt from season restrictions affecting the RCG complex and other federally managed groundfish. However, when spear fishing during a boat-based closure, only spear fishing gear is allowed aboard any vessel or watercraft. Also, when angling from shore based and shore-based anglers, no vessel or watercraft may be used to assist in taking or possessing species included in this table. The following definitions describe boat-based and shore-based anglers, and divers:
    - ▶ Boat-based anglers are fishermen angling from boats or vessels of any size or any other type of floating object, including kayaks and float tubes.
    - ▶ Shore-based anglers are fishermen angling from beaches, banks, piers, jetties, breakwaters, docks and other man-made structures connected to the shore.
    - ▶ Divers are spear fishermen entering the water either from the shore or from a boat or other floating object.
  3. See Section 27.50 for further information on fishing regulations in the Cowcod Conservation Areas.
  4. During the closed season, Pacific sanddab, butter sole, curlfin sole, flathead sole, rex sole, rock sole, and sand sole (defined as "Other Flatfish" in subsection 1.91(a)(10)) may be taken.
  5. See regulations for information on gear restrictions (Sections 28.65, 28.70, 28.90, 28.91, and 28.95) and fillet lengths (Section 27.65).
  6. Total length is the longest straight-line measurement from the tip of the head with the mouth closed to the end of the longest lobe of the tail. A measurement method illustration is available in this booklet.
  7. The sport fishery for leopard shark inside Newport Bay, Alamitos Bay, Mission Bay, and San Diego Bay is exempt from season and depth restrictions that affect other federally managed groundfish (Section 28.56).
- EXCEPTION: During the open season, groundfish may be possessed in closed areas and in water depths closed to fishing only aboard vessels in transit with no fishing gear in the water. See sub-section 27.20(b).**

Summary of Recreational Groundfish Regulations for 2019  
**COWCOD CONSERVATION AREAS**

See Section 27.50 for coordinates. Located in ocean waters between 34°27' N. latitude (Point Conception) and the U.S.-Mexico Border. In these areas, within given depths, only the groundfish listed in this table may be taken or possessed (see Exception at end of table)

Note: Shaded text indicates regulations that were updated since publication of the 2019-2020 Saltwater Sport Fishing Regulations booklet. Before engaging in ocean sport fishing for groundfish and associated species, please review one of the sources listed in Footnote 3 to receive the most up-to-date regulations.

Species	Time Period <sup>3,4</sup>	Depth Limit <sup>3,4</sup>	Daily Bag Limit <sup>1</sup>	Minimum Size Limit <sup>3,6,7</sup>
<b>Nearshore Rockfish<sup>1</sup></b> and <b>Shelf Rockfish<sup>2</sup> ONLY</b> as defined in sections 1.91(a)(1) and 1.91(a)(3), and <b>Cabezon</b> and <b>Greenlings</b> as defined in sections 28.28 and 28.29	<b>Boat-based Anglers:</b> <sup>4</sup> <b>Open:</b> Mar 1-Dec 31 <b>Closed:</b> Jan 1-Feb 28 <b>Divers, Shore-based Anglers:</b> <sup>4</sup> Open year-round	Take is prohibited seaward of the 40-fathom (240 feet) depth contour, as defined in Federal regulations (50 CFR Part 660, Subpart C) <b>See Exception at End of Table</b>	10 fish in combination per person, except: Cabezon: 3 fish per person Canary rockfish: 3 fish per person Black rockfish: 4 fish per person	See individual species and Groups below: Cabezon: 15" total length Kelp and/or rock greenling: 12" total length
<b>Lingcod</b> (Section 28.27)	Same as Nearshore Rockfish, Shelf Rockfish, Cabezon, and Greenlings, above		2 fish per person	22" total length
<b>Ocean Whitefish</b> (Section 28.58)	Same as Nearshore Rockfish, Shelf Rockfish, Cabezon, and Greenlings, above		10 fish per person	No size limit
<b>California Sheephead</b> (Section 28.26)	Same as Nearshore Rockfish, Shelf Rockfish, Cabezon, and Greenlings, above		5 fish per person	12" total length
<b>California Scorpionfish</b> (sculpin—Section 28.54)	Open year-round	Same as Nearshore and Shelf Rockfish, Cabezon, and Greenlings, above	5 fish per person	10" total length
<b>Pacific Sanddab and "Other Flatfish"</b> <sup>5</sup> (Section 28.48)	Open year-round	No depth limit	Pacific sanddab: no limit All "Other Flatfish": <sup>5</sup> 20 in combination, no more than 10 of one species per Section 27.60	No size limit
<b>Petrale Sole and Starry Flounder</b> (Section 28.47)	Open year-round	No depth limit	No limit	No size limit

**THE GROUND FISH SPECIES LISTED BELOW MAY NOT BE TAKEN OR POSSESSED IN THE COWCOD CONSERVATION AREAS. FISHING IS CLOSED YEAR-ROUND NO RETENTION AT ANY TIME (ZERO FISH PER PERSON)**

<b>Cowcod, Yelloweye, and Bronzespotted Rockfishes</b> (Section 28.55)	<b>Slope Rockfish</b> as defined in subsection 1.91(a)(4)	<b>Leopard Shark</b> (Section 28.56)	<b>Other Federal Groundfish</b> (Section 28.49)
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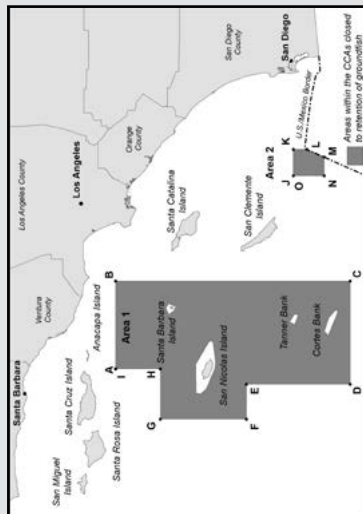


1. "Nearshore rockfish" as described in subsection 1.91(a)(1) means black rockfish, black-and-yellow rockfish, blue rockfish, brown rockfish, calico rockfish, China rockfish, copper rockfish, gopher rockfish, grass rockfish, kelp rockfish, olive rockfish, quillback rockfish, and treefish.
2. "Shelf rockfish" as described in sub-section 1.91(a)(3) mean bocaccio, canary rockfish, chilipepper rockfish, dusky rockfish, flag rockfish, greenblotched rockfish, greenspotted rockfish, greenstriped rockfish, harlequin rockfish, honeycomb rockfish, Mexican rockfish, pink rockfish, redstripe rockfish, rosethorn rockfish, rosy rockfish, shortbelly rockfish, silvergray rockfish, speckled rockfish, squarespotted rockfish, stary rockfish, striptail rockfish, tiger rockfish, vermillion rockfish, widow rockfish, and yellowtail rockfish. Take and possession of bronzespotted rockfish, cowcod rockfish and yelloweye rockfish is prohibited.
3. Subject to in-season change. Call the Recreational Groundfish Fishing Regulations Hotline at (831) 649-2801, visit the Marine Region website at [www.wildlife.ca.gov/regions/marine](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/regions/marine), send an email to [AskMarine@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:AskMarine@wildlife.ca.gov), or call your nearest CDFW office for the latest information. Some marine protected areas (MPAs) restrict or prohibit sport fishing within MPAs. Check the current ocean sport fishing regulations booklet or the CDFW website at [www.wildlife.ca.gov/MPAs/Southern-California](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/MPAs/Southern-California), send an email to [AskMPA@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:AskMPA@wildlife.ca.gov), or call your nearest CDFW office for more information.
4. Divers and shore-based anglers are exempt from season restrictions affecting the RCG complex and other federally managed groundfish. However, when spear fishing during a boat-based closure, only spear fishing gear is allowed aboard any vessel or watercraft. Also, when angling from shore during a boat-based closure, no vessel or watercraft may be used to assist in taking or possessing species included in this table. The following definitions describe boat-based and shore-based anglers, and divers:
  - ▶ Boat-based anglers are fishermen angling from boats or vessels of any size or any other type of floating object, including kayaks and float tubes.
  - ▶ Shore-based anglers are fishermen angling from beaches, banks, piers, jetties, breakwaters, docks and other man-made structures connected to the shore.
  - ▶ Divers are spear fishermen entering the water either from the shore or from a boat or other floating object.
5. In closed areas or during closed periods, Pacific sanddab, butter sole, curfin sole, flathead sole, rex sole, rock sole, and sand sole (defined as "Other Flatfish" in sub-section 1.91(a)(10)) may be taken.
6. See regulations for information on gear restrictions (sections 28.65, 28.70, 28.75, 28.80, 28.91, and 28.95) and fillet lengths (Section 27.65).
7. Total length is the longest straight-line measurement from the tip of the head with the mouth closed to the end of the longest lobe of the tail. A measurement method illustration is available in this booklet.

**EXCEPTION: During the open season, groundfish may be possessed in closed areas and in water depths closed to fishing only aboard vessels in transit with no fishing gear in the water. See sub-section 27.20(b).**

### Cowcod Conservation Area Boundary Coordinates from Section 27.50

Area 1	Area 2
A. 33°50'N. Lat., 119°30'W. Long.	J. 32°42' N. Lat., 118°02' W. Long.
B. 33°50'N. Lat., 118°50'W. Long.	K. 32°42' N. Lat., 117°50' W. Long.
C. 32°20'N. Lat., 118°50'W. Long.	L. 32°36'42" N. Lat., 117°50' W. Long.
D. 32°20'N. Lat., 119°37'W. Long.	M. 32°30' N. Lat., 117°53'30" W. Long.
E. 33°00'N. Lat., 119°37'W. Long.	N. 32°30' N. Lat., 118°02' W. Long.
F. 33°00'N. Lat., 119°53'W. Long.	O. 32°42' N. Lat., 118°02' W. Long.
G. 33°33'N. Lat., 119°53'W. Long.	
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# Anadromous Fish Identification

## Coastal Rainbow Trout/ Steelhead



White gums and tongue

## Chinook Salmon



Base of teeth all black

## Coho Salmon



Narrow light gray band  
at base of bottom teeth

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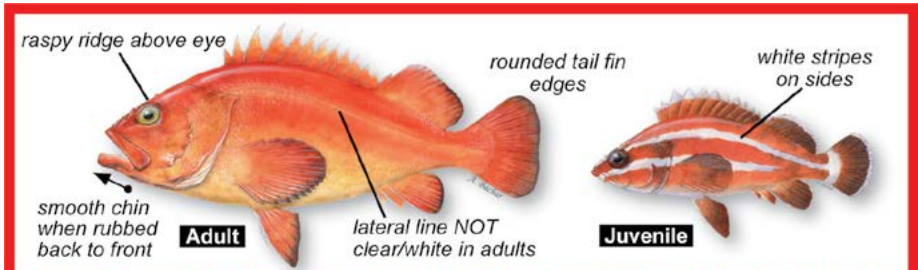


Now more than ever it's important to conserve our most precious resource. Remember, fish need water!

## **DROUGHT 2019: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

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