Inland Shellfish

Crayfish are harvested both for human consumption and for bait in California. The native signal crayfish resides in rivers, streams, lakes, and reservoirs among rocks and aquatic weeds where they may be observed foraging along the bottom. The introduced red swamp crayfish prefers sloughs, canals, and ditches where the water is relatively warm and vegetation is plentiful. The Department encourages anglers to pursue crayfish, however be sure to obtain landowner permission if you plan to venture onto private lands.

Red Swamp Crayfish

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

place stamp here

Signal Crayfish

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