Ocean Fishes

Sport anglers come from all over the world to fish off California's coast, because nowhere else will you find such a variety of ocean gamefish or diversity of saltwater angling adventures.

For example, one morning you may find yourself on a boat pushing through the thinning early morning fog in pursuit of Chinook salmon off northern California. Ocean-going Chinook are in their prime, and the adrenaline rush that results from landing a "silver-brite king" can leave you laughing and shaking at the same time.

Another morning may find you scrambling over coastal rocks (watch out for those slippery patches of green algae!) to fish from shore. Casting out the right bait at the right time can bring plenty of angling rewards, such as a fierce battle with a monster lingcod or a grass rockfish.

There's nothing quite as rewarding as taking a young person out on a partyboat trip, either. Make the trip all about the young person and introducing them to the sport, and watch what happens. When something hits his or her bait the excitement is infectious, and the ensuing tug-o-war priceless.

From salmon and Pacific halibut off northern and central California, to the warmer water species such as yellowtail and marlin found down south, California is an unbeatable playground for saltwater anglers.

Blue Shark

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

Location of catch

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Sevengill Shark

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

Location of catch

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Brown Smoothhound Shark

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

Location of catch

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Leopard Shark

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

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Ocean Fishes

Shortfin Mako Shark

Date of catch _____ Catch-and-release? Yes ☐ No ☐

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Location of catch _____

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Shovelnose Guitarfish

Date of catch _____ Catch-and-release? Yes ☐ No ☐

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Location of catch _____

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Soupfin Shark

Date of catch _____ Catch-and-release? Yes ☐ No ☐

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Location of catch _____

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Spiny Dogfish

Date of catch _____ Catch-and-release? Yes ☐ No ☐

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Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

Swell Shark

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

Location of catch _____

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Thresher Shark

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

Location of catch _____

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Bat Ray

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

Location of catch _____

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Round Stingray

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

Location of catch _____

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Ocean Fishes

Thornback

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ Yes ☐ No ☐

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Location of catch _____

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California Grunion

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ Yes ☐ No ☐

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Location of catch _____

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Silversides (Jacksmelt, Topsmelt)

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ Yes ☐ No ☐

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Location of catch _____

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Smelt (Surf Smelt, Night Smelt)

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ Yes ☐ No ☐

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Jack Mackerel

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

Location of catch _____

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Pacific Chub Mackerel

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

Location of catch _____

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Barred Surfperch

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

Location of catch _____

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Black Perch

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

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Ocean Fishes

Calico Surfperch

Catch-and-release?

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Pile Perch

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ Yes ☐ No ☐

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Location of catch _____

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Rainbow Seaperch

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ Yes ☐ No ☐

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Location of catch _____

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Redtail Surfperch

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ Yes ☐ No ☐

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Rubberlip Seaperch

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

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Shiner Perch

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

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Silver Surfperch

Catch-and-release?

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Spotfin Surfperch

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

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Ocean Fishes

Striped Seaperch

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ Yes ☐ No ☐

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Walleye Surfperch

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ Yes ☐ No ☐

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Location of catch _____

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Black Croaker

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ Yes ☐ No ☐

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Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

California Corbina

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ Yes ☐ No ☐

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Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

Spotfin Croaker

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

Location of catch _____

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White Croaker

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

Location of catch _____

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Yellowfin Croaker

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

Location of catch _____

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California Halibut

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

Location of catch _____

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Ocean Fishes

Diamond Turbot

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ Yes ☐ No ☐

Location of catch _____

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Fantail Sole

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ Yes ☐ No ☐

Location of catch _____

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Pacific Halibut

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ Yes ☐ No ☐

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Sand Sole

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ Yes ☐ No ☐

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Sanddab

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

Location of catch _____

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Wolf-Eel

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

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Monkeyface Prickleback

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

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Starry Flounder

Catch-and-release?

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Ocean Fishes

Bocaccio

Date of catch

Location of catch

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Black Rockfish

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch Yes ☐ No ☐

Location of catch

Witness signature

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Black-and-Yellow Rockfish

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch Yes ☐ No ☐

Location of catch

Witness signature

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Blue Rockfish

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch Yes ☐ No ☐

Location of catch

Witness signature

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Brown Rockfish

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

Location of catch _____

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California Scorpionfish

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

Location of catch _____

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Chilipepper

Date of catch _____

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

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Copper Rockfish

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

Location of catch _____

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Ocean Fishes

Gopher Rockfish

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ Yes ☐ No ☐

Location of catch _____

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Grass Rockfish

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ Yes ☐ No ☐

Location of catch _____

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Kelp Rockfish

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ Yes ☐ No ☐

Location of catch _____

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Olive Rockfish

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ Yes ☐ No ☐

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

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Quillback Rockfish

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

Location of catch

Witness signature

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Starry Rockfish

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

Location of catch

Witness signature

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Treefish

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

Location of catch

Witness signature

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Vermilion Rockfish

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

Location of catch

Witness signature

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Ocean Fishes

Yellowtail Rockfish

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ Yes ☐ No ☐

Location of catch _____

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Cabezon

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ Yes ☐ No ☐

Location of catch _____

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Witness signature _____

Kelp Greenling, Rock Greenling

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ Yes ☐ No ☐

Location of catch _____

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Lingcod

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ Yes ☐ No ☐

Location of catch _____

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Witness signature _____

Barred Sand Bass

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

Location of catch _____

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Kelp Bass

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

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Spotted Sand Bass

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

Location of catch _____

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Sargo

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

Location of catch _____

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Ocean Fishes

White Seabass

The Department wants your white seabass heads! *See pg. 63*

Date of catch

Location of catch

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Ocean Whitefish

Catch-and-release? *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

place stamp here

Blacksmith

Catch-and-release? *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

place stamp here

Halfmoon

Catch-and-release? *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

place stamp here

Opaleye

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

place stamp here

California Sheephead

female

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

place stamp here

Albacore Tuna

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

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Bigeye Tuna

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

place stamp here

Ocean Fishes

Bluefin Tuna

Date of catch _____

Catch-and-release? Yes ☐ No ☐

place stamp here

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

Dolphinfish

Date of catch _____

Catch-and-release? Yes ☐ No ☐

place stamp here

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

Opah

Date of catch _____

Catch-and-release? Yes ☐ No ☐

place stamp here

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

Pacific Barracuda

Date of catch _____

Catch-and-release? Yes ☐ No ☐

place stamp here

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

Pacific Bonito

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

place stamp here

Skipjack Tuna

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

place stamp here

Striped Marlin

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

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Swordfish

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____ *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

place stamp here

Ocean Fishes

Yellowfin Tuna

Date of catch _____ Catch-and-release? Yes ☐ No ☐

Location of catch _____

place stamp here

Witness signature _____

Yellowtail

Date of catch _____ Catch-and-release? Yes ☐ No ☐

Location of catch _____

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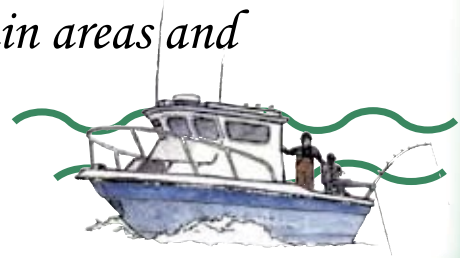
Witness signature _____

Practice Safe and Responsible Fishing

I know the species I am targeting and the other fish I may possibly catch in certain areas and depths.



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