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On these days only, ***ALL*** *regulations apply –but* ***NO*** *license is required for sport fishing.*

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THIS IS A SUPPLEMENT

This supplement updates regulations that have changed since the publication of the 2005 Freshwater and Ocean Sport Fishing regulations booklets.

This supplement does NOT contain the complete set of regulations contained in the Freshwater and Ocean Sport Fishing regulations booklets, so please retain your original copies.

Freshwater Fishing Regulations Update

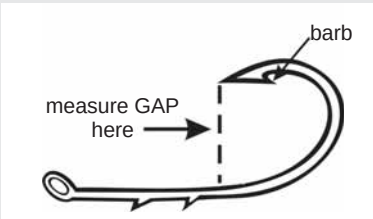
This section updates freshwater fishing regulations that have changed since publication of the 2005 Freshwater Sport Fishing regulations booklet.

Sub-section 7.50(b)(91.1), Title 14, CCR is amended to read:
Anadromous Waters of the Klamath River Below Iron Gate Dam (Lower Klamath River Basin).

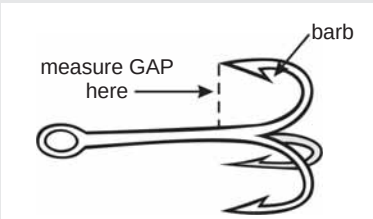
The regulations in this sub-section apply only to waters of the Klamath River system that are accessible to anadromous salmonids. They do not apply to waters of the Klamath River that are inaccessible to anadromous salmon and trout; for example, portions of the Klamath River system upstream from Iron Gate Dam, portions of the Trinity River system above Lewiston Dam, and the Shasta River and tributaries above 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(a)(5)).

(A) Hook and Weight Restrictions:

1. Only barbless hooks may be used.
2. Definition of "Gap": For the purposes of this section, "gap" means the distance measured from the point of a hook to the shank [*see diagram, right*].
3. Maximum Gaps and Gear Rigging.
   a. No person shall use any **single hook with a gap greater than 1 inch** or any multiple hook with a gap greater than ¾ inch.
   b. It is unlawful to use any hook which is directly or indirectly attached closer than 18 inches to any weight exceeding ½ ounce.
   c. It is unlawful to use any multiple hook or more than one single hook on non-buoyant lures exceeding one ounce.
   d. It is unlawful to use any weight attached **directly** below a hook.
4. During closures to the take of adult salmon, anglers shall not remove any adult king salmon from the water by any means, such as by dragging the fish on shore or using a net.



Single hook: a hook with one point



Multiple hook: a hook with more than one point on a common shaft

(B) General Area Closures:

1. No fishing is allowed within 750 feet of any Department of Fish and Game fish-counting weir.
2. No fishing is allowed from the Ishi Pishi Falls road bridge upstream, to and including Ishi Pishi Falls, from Aug. 15 through Nov. 1. **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 Sept. 15 through Nov. 15 in the Klamath River within 500 feet of the mouths of the Salmon, the Shasta and the Scott rivers.

(C) Lower Klamath River Basin King Salmon Impact Quotas: NOTE: The Lower Klamath River Basin Chinook salmon take is regulated using quotas. Accounting of the tribal and non-tribal harvest each year is closely coordinated during the period from

August 1 through November 30. The term “impact quota” is the recreational catch of adult fall-run king salmon, plus the estimated number of adult fall-run king salmon lost as a result of hook-and-release mortality.

1. **Quota for Entire Basin**: The 2005 Klamath River Basin quota is **1,262** king salmon over 22 inches total length. Separate quotas have been established from the mouth of the Klamath River to the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec and from the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec upstream to Iron Gate Dam, including the Trinity River from its confluence with the Klamath upstream to the Old Lewiston Bridge. The restrictions triggered by quotas apply only during the period from August 1 through November 30. 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**.)

a. Spit Area (within 100 yards of the channel through the sand spit formed at the Klamath River mouth): This area is closed to all fishing after 15% of the Klamath River Basin impact quota has been taken below the Highway 101 bridge. (Note: This provision only applies if the Department projects that the total Klamath River Basin impact quota will be met.) In 2005, this number is **189** fish.

b. Klamath River Below the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec: No salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained after 50% of the basin impact quota has been taken below the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec.

(i) No salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from August 15 through November 30, 2005 or until the quota is met.

c. Klamath River from Iron Gate Dam to the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec:

(i) No salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained from April 1 through July 31.

(ii) No salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from September 1 through November 30, 2005 or until the quota is met.

(iii) No person shall retain any salmon over 22 inches total length after the Department determines that 17% of the Klamath River Basin impact quota has been taken in the Klamath River from Iron Gate Dam to the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec. **Exception**: King salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained from 3,500 feet below Iron Gate Dam to the Interstate 5 bridge when the Department determines that the adult fall-run king salmon spawning escapement at Iron Gate Hatchery exceeds 8,000 fish.

d. Trinity River from the Old Lewiston Bridge to the Highway 299 West Bridge at Cedar Flat:

(i) No salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from September 15 through November 30, 2005 or until the quota is met.

(ii) No salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained after 50% of the basin quota has been taken in the Klamath River Basin above the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec. **Exception**: King salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained from the Old Lewiston Bridge to the mouth of Indian Creek when the Department determines that the adult fall-run king salmon spawning escapement at Trinity River Hatchery exceeds 4,800 fish.

e. Trinity River main stem from the Highway 299 West bridge at Cedar Flat downstream to the Hawkins Bar Bridge (Road to Denny):

(i) Closed to all fishing from September 1 through November 30.

(ii) No Salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained from the South Fork Trinity River downstream to the confluence with the Klamath River from April 1 through the Friday preceding Memorial Day.

f. Trinity River from Hawkins Bar Bridge (Road to Denny) down stream to the mouth of the Trinity:

(i) No salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from September 1 through November 30, 2005 or until the quota is met.

(ii) No salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained after 50% of the basin quota has been taken in the Klamath River Basin above the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec.

(D) Klamath River Basin General Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits: In anadromous waters of the Klamath River Basin, except for those with special bag limits provided in sub-section (b)(91.1)(F) below, the daily trout/salmon bag limit is 3 king salmon, but no more than 1 king salmon over 22 inches total length, and 1 hatchery trout or 1 brown trout or 1 hatchery steelhead*. **No more than 2 king salmon over 22 inches**

Body of Water	*Open Season and Special Regulations*
1. **Bogus Creek** and tributaries	Fourth Saturday in May through Aug. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.
2. **Klamath River main stem** from 3,500 feet below Iron Gate Dam to mouth.	All year.
3. **Salmon River main stem**, main stem of North Fork, below Sawyer's Bar Bridge and main stem of South Fork below the confluence of the East Fork of the South Fork.	Nov. 1 through Feb. 28.
4. **Scott River main stem** from mouth to Fort Jones-Greenview bridge.	Fourth Saturday in May through Feb. 28.
5. **Shasta River main stem** from Interstate 5 bridge north of Yreka to the mouth.	Fourth Saturday in May through Aug. 31 and Nov. 16 through Feb. 28.
6. **Trinity River** and tributaries.	
a. **Trinity River main stem** from 250 feet below **Lewiston Dam to Old Lewiston bridge**.	Last Saturday in Apr. through Sept. 15. Only artificial flies with barbless hooks may be used.
b. **Trinity River main stem** from **Old Lewiston bridge to the Highway 299 West bridge** at Cedar Flat.	All Year.
c. **Canyon Creek** above the falls located about four miles above the wilderness area boundary.	Last Saturday in Apr. through Nov. 15.
d. **Trinity River main stem** from the **Highway 299 West bridge at Cedar Flat downstream to the Hawkins Bar Bridge** (Road to Denny).	Dec. 1 through Aug. 31
e. **New River main stem** from the mouth upstream to the confluence of the East Fork.	Sept. 15 through Nov. 15. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.
f. **Trinity River main stem** from **Hawkins Bar Bridge** (Road to Denny) **to the confluence with the Klamath River.**	All Year.
g. **Trinity River South Fork** downstream from the mouth of Grouse Creek.	Fourth Saturday in May through Mar. 31.
h. **Trinity River South Fork** from the mouth of **Grouse Creek to the South Fork Trinity River** bridge at Hyampom.	Nov. 1 through Mar. 31.
i. **Hayfork Creek main stem**, from Highway 3 bridge in Hayfork downstream to the mouth.	Fourth Saturday in May through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.

total length may be retained in any 7 consecutive days. No more than 12 king salmon may be possessed, of which no more than 2 may be over 22 inches total length. (Note: Salmon bag limits change in some areas when quotas are reached (see sub-section (b)(91.1)(C) above).)

(E) All anadromous waters of the Klamath River Basin are closed to all fishing all year, except those listed in sub-section (b)(91.1)(F) below.

(F) Special Seasons. Daily Bag Limits, and Special Fishing Methods Restrictions for Waters of the Lower Klamath River Basin Which Have Open Fishing Seasons. Waters listed below are closed to all fishing except during the open seasons listed. Bag limits are for trout and salmon in combination unless otherwise specified [*see table, below*].

Daily Bag Limit *(if different from general bag limits in sub-section (b)(91.1)(D) above)*
0
Salmon Quota Area. See sub-section (b)(91.1)(C) above.
0
0
0
0
1 hatchery trout or 1 hatchery steelhead* **or 1 brown trout** Salmon Quota Area. Also see sub-section (b)(91.1)(C) above.
2
See sub-section (b)(91.1)(D) above.
0
1 hatchery trout or 1 hatchery steelhead* **or 1 brown trout** Salmon Quota Area. Also see sub-section (b)(91.1)(C) above.
1 hatchery trout or 1 hatchery steelhead* or 1 brown trout 0 king salmon
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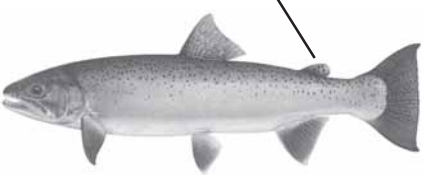
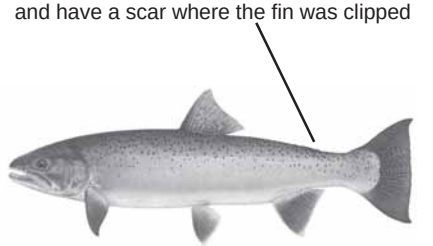
HOW TO TELL WILD STEELHEAD FROM HATCHERY STEELHEAD

Wild steelhead have an intact adipose fin



Hatchery steelhead are missing the adipose fin, and have a scar where the fin was clipped



*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.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Section 1.74. Salmon Punch Card and Steelhead Trout Catch Report Card requirements.

(a) Anglers must have a non-transferable punch card issued by the department in their possession while fishing for salmon in ocean waters north of Horse Mountain or in waters of the Klamath River system. Anglers must immediately upon taking and retaining an adult salmon over 24 inches total length in ocean waters, and over 22 inches total length in the river system, make a hole in the punch card in one of the designated locations and record the month, day, area of catch, and species of salmon in the spaces provided adjacent to the punch.

A punch card shall be valid for the calendar year. No person may purchase or possess more than one punch card or any punch card other than his own. Upon purchase of the punch card, the card number shall be entered in ink on the back of the angler's sport fishing license. The sport fishing license number shall be entered on the punch card in the appropriate box.

Anglers must return punch cards to the department within 30 days of the close of the calendar year. The Department may charge a fee for each punch card issued to defray printing and related administrative costs. The amount of said fee shall be $1.05 as adjusted pursuant to sections 713 and 1055 of the Fish and Game Code.

(b) Anglers must have a non-transferable Steelhead Trout Catch Report-Restoration Card issued by the department in their possession while fishing for steelhead trout in anadromous waters (see Section 1.04 for definition of anadromous waters). For purposes of this regulation, a steelhead trout is defined as any rainbow trout greater than 16 inches in length found in anadromous waters. Anglers must immediately record, with a ball-point pen, the month, day, catch area, number of steelhead caught and kept, and number of steelhead caught and released whenever the cardholder finishes fishing for the day, moves to another river or stream, or retains a steelhead trout. Month, day and location must be recorded EVEN IF NO STEELHEAD WERE CAUGHT.

A report-restoration card shall be valid for the calendar year. When the card becomes completely filled in, a person may purchase another card.

Anglers must return their card by Jan. 31 of the following year to: CA Department of Fish and Game, NAFWB - Steelhead Report Card P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

Revenue received from the sale of the cards may only be expended to monitor, restore, or enhance steelhead trout resources and to administer the report-restoration-card program.

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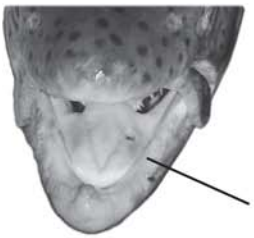
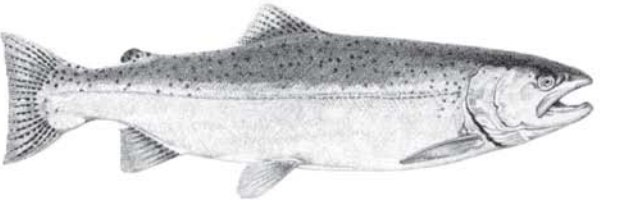
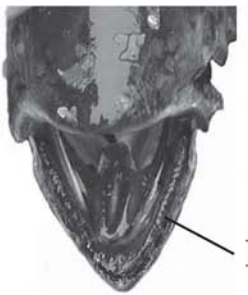
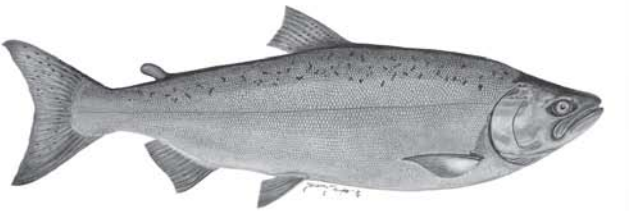




White gums and tongue

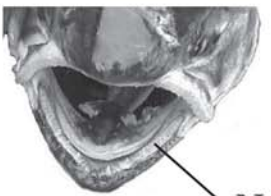
Chinook Salmon

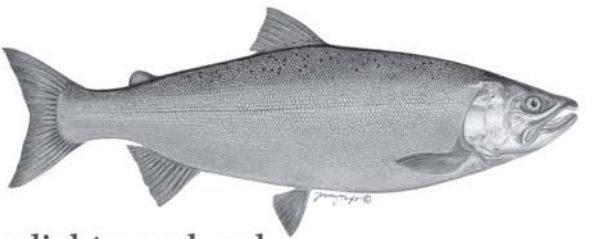




Base of teeth all black

Coho Salmon





Narrow light-gray band
at base of bottom teeth

Ocean Fishing Regulations Update

This section updates ocean fishing regulations that have changed since publication of the 2005 Ocean Sport Fishing regulations booklet.

Section 27.80, Title 14, CCR is amended to read:

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 1.74, 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 (34º27'00" 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 (40º05'00" N. lat.) and Point Conception, if angling by any other means 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) **Season**:
(1) **South of Pigeon Point** (37º11'00" N. lat.). All waters of the ocean south of Pigeon Point are open to salmon fishing from April 2, 2005 through September 25, 2005 (Note: In 2006, the season will open April 1, the first Saturday in April).
(2) **Between Point Arena** (38º57'30" N. lat.) **and Pigeon Point**. All waters of the ocean between Point Arena and Pigeon Point are open to fishing from April 2, 2005 through November 13, 2005 (Note: In 2006, the season will open April 1, the first Saturday in April).
(3) **Between Horse Mountain and Point Arena**. All waters of the ocean between Horse Mountain and Point Arena are open to salmon fishing from February 12, 2005, the Saturday nearest February 15, through July 10, 2005; July 16 through July 17, 2005; and July 23, 2005 through November 13, 2005, the Sunday nearest November 15 (Note: In 2006, the season will open February 18, the Saturday nearest February 15).
(4) **North of Horse Mountain and Humboldt Bay**. All waters of the ocean north of Horse Mountain and Humboldt Bay are open to salmon fishing from May 21, 2005 through July 4, 2005 and August 14, 2005 through September 11, 2005 (Note: In 2006, the season will be decided in April by the Pacific Fishery Management Council and California Fish and Game Commission, and the section will be amended pursuant to the regulatory process).
Exception: The ocean area surrounding the Klamath River mouth bounded on the north by 41º38'48"N lat. (approximately 6 nautical miles north of the Klamath River mouth), on the south by 41º26'48" N. lat. (approximately 6 nautical miles south of the Klamath River mouth), and extending 3 nautical miles offshore is closed to salmon

fishing between August 1 and August 31. No salmon may be taken at any time in ocean waters at the mouths of the Smith and Klamath rivers and during August and September at the mouth of the Eel River. See Section 27.75.

(c) **Limit**:

(1) Two salmon per day. See sub-section (c)(2) below and Section 1.17.

(2) Statewide Silver (coho) Salmon Restrictions: No silver (coho) salmon may be retained.

(d) **Minimum size**:

(1) North of Horse Mountain: Twenty-four inches total length.

(2) South of Horse Mountain: Twenty inches total length. (Note: In 2006, the season will open with a minimum size of twenty inches total length).

Amendment operative 5-21-2005

ATTENTION ALL SALMON ANGLERS

Section 8226. Recovery of Coded-wire Tag from Salmon Head

Notwithstanding any measurement requirements under this code, and to implement the department's salmon tagging program, any person in possession of a salmon with a missing adipose fin (see diagram, below) **shall upon request by an authorized agent or employee of the department, immediately relenquish the head of the salmon to the State, at no charge, for 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 rightful owner (*emphasis added*).

Thank you for your cooperation.

CORRECTION

In the 2005 Ocean Sport Fishing regulation booklet, Section 27.82 **Groundfish Management Areas, Seasons, Depths, Exceptions, and Fishery Closure/Rule Change Process Described,** sub-section (e)(1), did not include recently updated language. The following text includes this language, and replaces Section 27.82(e)(1) in the 2005 Ocean Sport Fishing Regulations booklet:

Section 27.82(e)(1). The department may modify the seasons for all or part of the recreational fishery **for lingcod, rockfish, a sub-group of rockfish, California scorpionfish, cabezon, greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*, California sheephead, ocean whitefish, and/or any federal groundfish (as defined in Section 1.91)** in all or part of a Rockfish and Lingcod Management Area, depending on the level of lingcod, rockfish, a sub-group of rockfish, cabezon, and/or California scorpionfish catch in each area, for the balance of the calendar year. Season modifications may differ by geographic location, mode of fishing or gear utilized (*emphasis added*).

ATTENTION ALL ABALONE FISHERMEN

The Department of Fish and Game is advising abalone fishermen that it may take extra effort to punch out holes, as required by law, on 2005 Abalone Permit Report Cards. Perforations around the punch holes were inadvertently omitted when the 2005 Abalone Permit Report Cards were printed. Abalone fishermen may remove the punched section from the Abalone Permit Report Card using scissors, a hole punch, or other suitable means. Divers should be sure to cut out and remove the entire punch hole and number corresponding to each abalone taken. For more information, contact Glenn Underwood of the DFG License Revenue Branch at (916) 227-2268.

IN-SEASON CHANGES TO 2005 GROUNDFISH REGULATIONS

The following summarizes the procedure the Department uses to make in-season groundfish regulation adjustments, and presents in-season groundfish changes that have occurred since January 1, 2005.

The Department enacted an in-season change to groundfish regulations in April, 2005 following the receipt of new data from the California Recreational Fisheries Survey. Tables that summarize the current groundfish regulations are located on pages 14 through 23 of this supplement.

Section 27.82(e) describes the process the Department follows to enact in-season regulation adjustments:

27.82. Groundfish Management Areas, Seasons, Depths, Exceptions, and Fishery Closure/Rule Change Process Described.

(e) **Fishery closure and/or rule change:** When the department determines, based on the best available scientific information, that an annual harvest limit [optimum yield (OY), recreational harvest guideline, or recreational harvest target] established in regulation by NOAA Fisheries (National Marine Fisheries Service) for lingcod, rockfish, a sub-group of rockfish, cabezon, and/or California scorpionfish has been exceeded or is projected to be exceeded prior to the end of the year or that catches are less than predicted, the following rule changes may occur:

(1) **The department may modify the seasons** for all or part of the recreational fishery for lingcod, rockfish, a sub-group of rockfish, California scorpionfish, cabezon, greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*, California sheephead, ocean whitefish, and/or any federal groundfish (as defined in Section 1.91) in all or part of a Rockfish and Lingcod Management Area, depending on the level of lingcod, rockfish, a sub-group of rockfish, cabezon, and/or California scorpionfish catch in each area, for the balance of the calendar year. Season modifications may differ by geographic location, mode of fishing or gear utilized.

(2) **The department may adjust existing bag or sub-bag limits or establish additional bag or sub-bag limits as needed** for any species of federal groundfish (as defined in Section 1.91), for groups of rockfish, or for any combination of rockfish, lingcod, cabezon, greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*, California scorpionfish, California sheephead, and ocean whitefish. Bag limits may differ by geographic location, time of year, mode of fishing, or gear utilized.

(3) **The department may adjust existing size limits or establish additional size limits as needed** for any species of federal groundfish (as defined by Section 1.91 including rockfish, cabezon, lingcod, and California scorpionfish), and greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*, California sheephead, and ocean whitefish. Size limits may differ by geographic location, time of year, mode of fishing, or gear utilized.

Amendment operative 1-1-2005

Section 27.82(f) describes how the Department notifies the federal government and the public of in-season changes to sport fishing regulations:

(f) **Notice of closure and/or rule change:** The department shall give the public and NOAA Fisheries no less than 10 days notice of any fishery closure or rule change implemented pursuant to this Section via a department news release. Anglers and divers are advised to check the current rules before fishing. The latest fishing rules may be found on the department's Web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/, or by calling (831) 649-2801 for recorded information, or by contacting a department office.

Amendment operative 1-1-2005

In the event of an in-season change, new information will be recorded on the Department's Recreational Groundfish Fishing Regulations Hotline, and a news release will be posted to the Marine Region Web site. Information may also be e-mailed to constituents via the

Marine Region mailing list (see third bullet below). Information will also be made available at all Department offices. To keep abreast of in-season regulation changes:

- Call **(831) 649-2801**, the Recreational Groundfish Fishing Regulations Hotline.
- Regularly check the Department's Newsroom at **www.dfg.ca.gov/news/** or the Marine Region News page at **www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/news.html**.
- Sign up for automatic e-mail notification of in-season changes at **www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/mlma/signup.html**.

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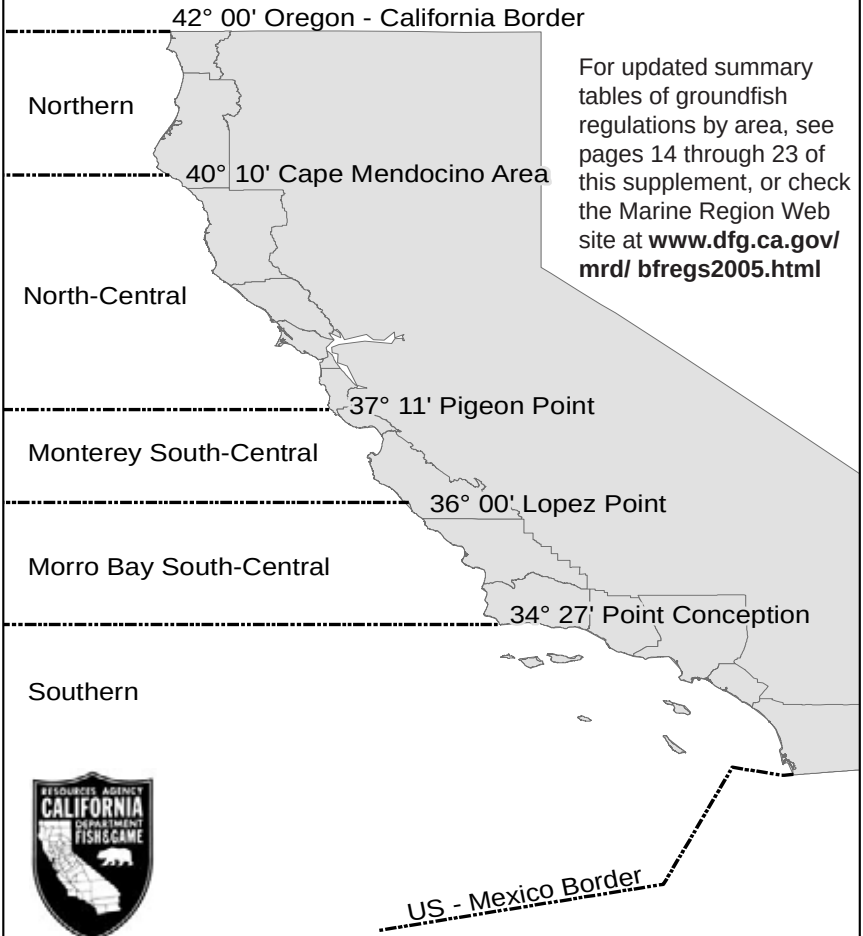
GROUNDFISH MANAGEMENT AREAS FOR 2005

Five recreational groundfish management areas have been set along the California coast for 2005 following action taken by the Fish and Game Commission and the Pacific Fishery Management Council. Each area has a different set of groundfish regulations tailored to meet regional needs.



For updated summary tables of groundfish regulations by area, see pages 14 through 23 of this supplement, or check the Marine Region Web site at **www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/ bfregs2005.html**

Mapwork by California Department of Fish and Game
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This map, which contains a corrected latitude for Lopez Point, replaces the map originally published in the 2005 Ocean Sport Fishing regulations booklet.

Summary of Recreational Groundfish Regulations for 2005 (Updated April, 2005)
Northern Management Area
Ocean waters between 42°00' N. latitude (CA-OR Border) and 40°10' N. latitude (near Cape Mendocino)

Species	Time Period[2, 3]	Depth Limit[2, 3, 4]	Daily Bag Limit[2]	Min. Size Limit[1, 2, 4]
RCG Complex (including all species of Rockfish, Cabezon and Greenlings as defined in Section 1.91)	Boat-based Anglers[3]: **Open: May-Dec** **Closed: Jan-Apr** Divers, Shore-based Anglers[3]: Open year-round	May only be taken in waters ***less than* 180 ft (30 fm) deep**	10 fish in combination per person; see sub-limits for cabezon, greenlings and bocaccio	See individual species and groups below
Canary and Yelloweye Rockfish, Cowcod	CLOSED all year; NO RETENTION		NO RETENTION (zero)	
Bocaccio	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	2 fish per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG Complex bag limit	10" total length
Cabezon	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	1 fish per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG Complex bag limit	15" total length
Kelp or Rock Greenling	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	1 fish per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG Complex bag limit	12" total length
Lingcod	Boat-based Anglers[3]: **Open: May-Nov** **Closed: Jan-Apr, Dec** Divers, Shore-based Anglers[3]: **Open**: Apr-Nov **Closed**: Jan-Mar, Dec	Same as RCG Complex, above	2 fish per person	24" total length
Other Federal Groundfish[5] (see list online at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/groundfish_fedlist.html)	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	See regulations for individual species	See regulations for individual species

Leopard Shark[6]	Boat-based Anglers[3] *within Humboldt Bay:* Open all year *Outside of Humboldt Bay*: Same as RCG Complex, above ——————— Divers, Shore-Based Anglers[3]: Open all year	Boat-based Anglers[3] *within Humboldt Bay:* No depth restrictions *Outside of Humboldt Bay*: Same as RCG Complex, above ——————— Divers, Shore-Based Anglers[3]: No depth restrictions	3 fish per person	36" total length

1. See regulations for information on gear restrictions and fillet lengths.

2. Subject to in-season change. Call the Recreational Groundfish Fishing Regulations Hotline at (831) 649-2801, visit the Marine Region Web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd, send an e-mail to AskMarine@dfg.ca.gov, or call your nearest DFG office for the latest information.

3. Divers and shore-based anglers are exempt from restrictions affecting the RCG complex, ocean whitefish, California scorpionfish, California sheephead, and other federally managed groundfish (except for lingcod). The following definitions describe boat-based and shore-based anglers, and divers:

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

4. 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. Check pg. 59 of the 2005 Ocean Sport Fishing regulation booklet or go to the Marine Region Web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/measurement.pdf for a measurement illustration.

5. The sport fisheries for sanddab, butter sole, curlfin sole, flathead sole, rex sole, rock sole, sand sole, and starry flounder, using gear specified for sanddabs in federal and state regulations, are exempt from fishery restrictions that affect other federally managed groundfish.

6. The sport fishery for leopard shark inside Humboldt Bay is exempt from restrictions that affect other federally managed groundfish.

Summary of Recreational Groundfish Regulations for 2005 (Updated April, 2005)
North-Central Management Area
Ocean waters between 40°10' N. latitude (near Cape Mendocino) and 37°11' N. latitude (near Pigeon Point)

Species	Time Period[2, 3]	Depth Limit [2, 3, 4]	Daily Bag Limit[2]	Min. Size Limit[1, 2, 5]
RCG Complex (including all species of Rockfish, Cabezon and Greenlings as defined in Section 1.91)	Boat-based Anglers[3]: **Open: July-Dec** **Closed: Jan-June** Divers, Shore-based Anglers[3]: Open year-round	May only be taken in waters *less than* 120 ft (20 fm) deep[4]	10 fish in combination per person; see sub-limits for cabezon, greenlings and bocaccio	See individual species and groups below
Canary and Yelloweye Rockfish, Cowcod	CLOSED all year; NO RETENTION		NO RETENTION (zero)	
Bocaccio	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	1 fish per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG Complex bag limit	10" total length
Cabezon	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	1 fish per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG Complex bag limit	15" total length
Kelp or Rock Greenling	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	1 fish per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG Complex bag limit	12" total length
Ocean Whitefish	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	10 fish per person	none
California Sheephead	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	5 fish per person	12" total length
California Scorpionfish	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	5 fish per person	10" total length
Lingcod	Boat-based Anglers[3]: **Open**: July-Nov **Closed**: Jan-June, Dec Divers, Shore-based Anglers[3]: **Open**: Apr-Nov **Closed**: Jan-Mar, Dec	Same as RCG Complex, above	2 fish per person	24" total length
Other Federal Groundfish[6] (see list online at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/groundfish_fedlist.html)	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	See regulations for individual species	See regulations for individual species

Leopard Shark[7]	Boat-based Anglers[3] *within San Francisco Bay, Bodega Harbor, Tomales Bay, Bolinas Bay, and Drakes Estero*: Open all year *Outside of the previously named bays*: Same as RCG Complex, above Divers, Shore-Based Anglers[3]: Open all year	Boat-based Anglers[3] *within San Francisco Bay, Bodega Harbor, Tomales Bay, Bolinas Bay, and Drakes Estero*: No depth restrictions *Outside of the previously named bays*: Same as RCG Complex, above Divers, Shore-Based Anglers[3]: No depth restrictions	3 fish per person	36" total length

1. See regulations for information on gear restrictions and fillet lengths.

2. Subject to in-season change. Call the Recreational Groundfish Fishing Regulations Hotline at (831) 649-2801, visit the Marine Region Web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd, send an e-mail to AskMarine@dfg.ca.gov, or call your nearest DFG office for the latest information.

3. Divers and shore-based anglers are exempt from restrictions affecting the RCG complex, ocean whitefish, California scorpionfish, California sheephead, and other federally managed groundfish (except for lingcod). The following definitions describe boat-based and shore-based anglers, and divers:

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

4. Waters less than 10 fathoms (60 ft.) in depth around the Farallon Islands and Noonday Rock are closed to fishing at all times. Waters of Cordell Bank less than 100 fathoms (600 ft.) are closed to fishing at all times.

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. Check pg. 59 in the 2005 Ocean Sport Fishing regulation booklet, or go to the Marine Region Web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/measurement.pdf for a measurement illustration.

6. The sport fisheries for sanddab, butter sole, curlfin sole, flathead sole, rex sole, rock sole, sand sole, and starry flounder, using gear specified for sanddabs in federal and state regulations, are exempt from fishery restrictions that affect other federally managed groundfish.

7. The sport fishery for leopard shark inside San Francisco Bay, Bodega Harbor, Tomales Bay, Bolinas Bay, and Drakes Estero is exempt from restrictions that affect other federally managed groundfish.

Summary of Recreational Groundfish Regulations for 2005 (Updated April, 2005)
Monterey South-Central Management Area
Ocean waters between 37°11' N. latitude (Pigeon Point) and 36°00' N. latitude (near Lopez Point)

Species	Time Period[2, 3]	Depth Limit[2, 3]	Daily Bag Limit[2]	Min. Size Limit[1, 2, 4]
RCG Complex (including all species of Rockfish, Cabezon and Greenlings as defined in Section 1.91)	Boat-based Anglers[3]: **Open: July-Dec** **Closed: Jan-June** Divers, Shore-based Anglers[3]: Open year-round	May only be taken in waters *less than* 120 ft (20 fm) deep	10 fish in combination per person; see sub-limits for cabezon, greenlings and bocaccio	See individual species and groups below
Canary and Yelloweye Rockfishes, Cowcod	CLOSED all year; NO RETENTION		NO RETENTION (zero)	
Bocaccio	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	1 fish per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG Complex bag limit	10" total length
Cabezon	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	1 fish per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG Complex bag limit	15" total length
Kelp or Rock Greenling	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	1 fish per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG Complex bag limit	12" total length
Ocean Whitefish	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	10 fish per person	none
California Sheephead	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	5 fish per person	12" total length
California Scorpionfish	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	5 fish per person	10" total length
Lingcod	Boat-based Anglers[3]: **Open**: July-Nov **Closed**: Jan-June, Dec Divers, Shore-based Anglers[3]: **Open**: Apr-Nov **Closed**: Jan-Mar, Dec	Same as RCG Complex, above	2 fish per person	24" total length

Other Federal Groundfish[5] (see list online at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/ groundfish_fedlist.html)	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	See regulations for individual species	See regulations for individual species
Leopard Shark[6]	Boat-based Anglers[3] *within Elkhorn Slough:* Open all year *Outside of Elkhorn Slough*: Same as RCG Complex, above Divers, Shore-Based Anglers[3]: Open all year	Boat-based Anglers[3] *within Elkhorn Slough:* No depth restrictions *Outside of Elkhorn Slough*: Same as RCG Complex, above Divers, Shore-Based Anglers[3]: No depth restrictions	3 fish per person	36" total length

1. See regulations for information on gear restrictions and fillet lengths.

2. Subject to in-season change. Call the Recreational Groundfish Fishing Regulations Hotline at (831) 649-2801, visit the Marine Region Web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd, send an e-mail to AskMarine@dfg.ca.gov, or call your nearest DFG office for the latest information.

3. Divers and shore-based anglers are exempt from restrictions affecting the RCG complex, ocean whitefish, California scorpionfish, California sheephead, and other federally managed groundfish (except for lingcod). The following definitions describe boat-based and shore-based anglers, and divers:

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

4. 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. Check pg. 59 of the 2005 Ocean Sport Fishing regulations booklet, or go to the Marine Region Web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/measurement.pdf for a measurement illustration.

5. The sport fisheries for sanddab, butter sole, curlfin sole, flathead sole, rex sole, rock sole, sand sole, and starry flounder, using gear specified for sanddabs in federal and state regulations, are exempt from fishery restrictions that affect other federally managed groundfish.

6. The sport fishery for leopard shark inside Elkhorn Slough is exempt from restrictions that affect other federally managed groundfish.

Summary of Recreational Groundfish Regulations for 2005 (Updated April, 2005)
Morro Bay South-Central Management Area
Ocean waters between 36°00' N. latitude (near Lopez Point in Monterey County) and 34°27' N. latitude (Point Conception)

Species	Time Period[2, 3]	Depth Limit [2]	Daily Bag Limit[2]	Min. Size Limit[1, 2, 4]
RCG Complex (including all species of Rockfish, Cabezon and Greenlings as defined in Section 1.91)	Boat-based Anglers[3]: **Open**: May-Sept. **Closed**: Jan-April, Oct-Dec. Divers, Shore-based Anglers[3]: Open year-round	May only be taken in waters ***less than* 240 ft (40 fm) deep**	10 fish in combination per person; see sub-limits for cabezon, greenlings and bocaccio	See individual species and groups below
Canary and Yelloweye Rockfish, Cowcod	CLOSED all year; NO RETENTION		NO RETENTION (zero)	
Bocaccio	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	1 fish per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG Complex bag limit	10" total length
Cabezon	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	1 fish per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG Complex bag limit	15" total length
Kelp or Rock Greenling	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	1 fish per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG Complex bag limit	12" total length
Ocean Whitefish	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	10 fish per person	none
California Sheephead	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	5 fish per person	12" total length
California Scorpionfish	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	5 fish per person	10" total length
Lingcod	Boat-based Anglers[3]: **Open**: May-Sept **Closed**: Jan-Apr, Oct-Dec Divers, Shore-based Anglers[3]: **Open**: Apr-Nov **Closed**: Jan-Mar, Dec	Same as RCG Complex, above	2 fish per person	24" total length

Other Federal Groundfish[5] (see list online at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/groundfish_fedlist.html)	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	See regulations for individual species	See regulations for individual species
Leopard Shark	Boat-based Anglers[3]: Same as RCG Complex, above Divers, Shore-Based Anglers[3]: Open all year	Same as RCG Complex, above	3 fish per person	36" total length

1. See regulations for information on gear restrictions and fillet lengths.

2. Subject to in-season change. Call the Recreational Groundfish Fishing Regulations Hotline at (831) 649-2801, visit the Marine Region Web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd, send an e-mail to AskMarine@dfg.ca.gov, or call your nearest DFG office for the latest information.

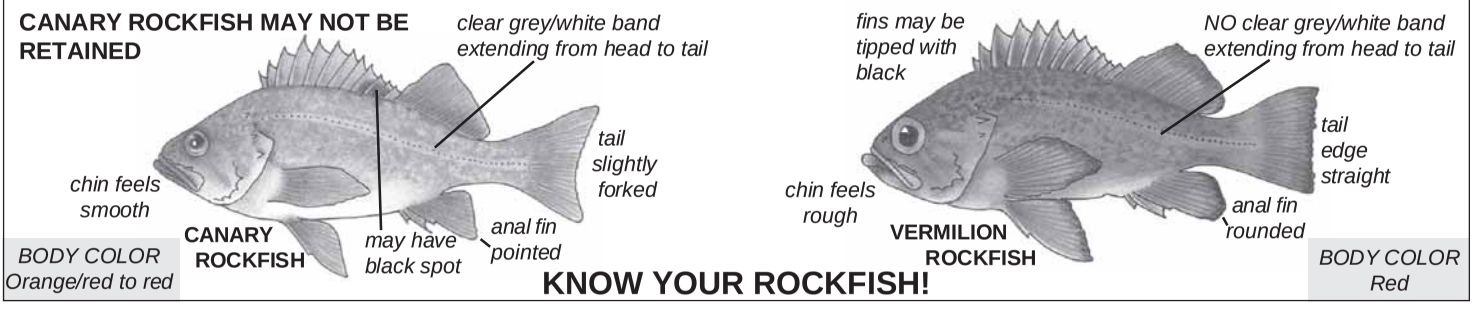
3. Divers and shore-based anglers are exempt from restrictions affecting the RCG complex, ocean whitefish, California scorpionfish, California sheephead, and other federally managed groundfish (except for lingcod). The following definitions describe boat-based and shore-based anglers, and divers:

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

4. 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. Check pg. 59 in the 2005 Ocean Sport Fishing regulation booklet, or go to the Marine Region Web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/measurement.pdf for a measurement illustration.

5. The sport fisheries for sanddab, butter sole, curlfin sole, flathead sole, rex sole, rock sole, sand sole, and starry flounder, using gear specified for sanddabs in federal and state regulations, are exempt from fishery restrictions that affect other federally managed groundfish.

CANARY ROCKFISH VS. VERMILION ROCKFISH



Summary of Recreational Groundfish Regulations for 2005 (Updated April, 2005)
Southern Management Area
Ocean waters between 34°27' N. latitude (Point Conception) and the U.S.-Mexico Border

Species	Time Period[3, 4]	Depth Limit [2, 3]	Daily Bag Limit[3]	Min. Size Limit[1, 3, 5]
RCG Complex (including all species of Rockfish, Cabezon and Greenlings as defined in Section 1.91)	Boat-based Anglers[4]: **Open: Mar-Dec** **Closed: Jan-Feb** Divers, Shore-based Anglers[4]: Open year-round	**Apr-Aug, Nov-Dec: May only be taken in waters *less than* 360 ft (60 fm) deep[2]** **Sep-Oct: May only be taken in waters *less than* 180 ft (30 fm) deep[2]**	10 fish in combination per person; see sub-limits for cabezon, greenlings and bocaccio	See individual species and groups below
Canary and Yelloweye Rockfish, Cowcod	CLOSED all year; NO RETENTION		NO RETENTION (zero)	
Bocaccio	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	1 fish per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG Complex bag limit	10" total length
Cabezon	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	1 fish per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG Complex bag limit	15" total length
Kelp or Rock Greenling	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	1 fish per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG Complex bag limit	12" total length
Ocean Whitefish	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	10 fish per person	none
California Sheephead	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	5 fish per person	12" total length
California Scorpionfish	Boat-based Anglers[4]: **Open**: Oct-Dec **Closed**: Jan-Sept Divers, Shore-based Anglers[4]: Open all year	**Oct**: May only be taken in *less than* 180 ft (30 fm)[2] **Nov-Dec**: May only be taken in waters *less than* 360 ft (60 fm)[2]	5 fish per person	10" total length
Lingcod	Boat-based Anglers[4]: **Open: Apr-Nov** **Closed: Jan-Mar, Dec** Divers, Shore-based Anglers[4]: **Open**: Apr-Nov **Closed**: Jan-Mar, Dec	**Apr-Aug, Nov: May only be taken in waters *less than* 360 ft (60 fm) deep[2]** **Sep-Oct: May only be taken in waters *less than* 180 ft (30 fm) deep[2]**	2 fish per person	24" total length

Other Federal Groundfish[6] (see list online at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/groundfish_fedlist.html)	Same as RCG Complex, above	Same as RCG Complex, above	See regulations for individual species	See regulations for individual species
Leopard Shark[7]	Boat-based Anglers[4] *within Newport Bay, Alamitos Bay, San Diego Bay, and Mission Bay:* Open all year *Outside of the above-mentioned bays*: Same as RCG Complex, above Divers, Shore-Based Anglers[4]: Open all year	Boat-based Anglers[4] *within Newport Bay, Alamitos Bay, San Diego Bay, and Mission Bay:* No depth restrictions *Outside of the above-mentioned bays*: Same as RCG Complex, above Divers, Shore-Based Anglers[4]: No depth restrictions	3 fish per person	36" total length

1. See regulations for information on gear restrictions and fillet lengths.

2. In the Cowcod Conservation Areas fishing is prohibited in waters greater than 120 feet (20 fathoms). Fishing is also subject to the Time Period closures for the Southern Management Area.

3. Subject to in-season change. Call the Recreational Groundfish Fishing Regulations Hotline at (831) 649-2801 (available after Jan 1, 2005), visit the Marine Region Web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd, send an e-mail to AskMarine@dfg.ca.gov, or call your nearest DFG office for the latest information.

4. Divers and shore-based anglers are exempt from restrictions affecting the RCG complex, ocean whitefish, California sheephead, and other federally managed groundfish (except for lingcod and California scorpionfish). The following definitions describe boat-based and shore-based anglers, and divers:

- Boat-based anglers are fishermen that fish from boats or vessels of any size or any other type of floating object, including kayaks and float tubes.
- Shore-based anglers are fishermen that fish from beaches, banks, piers, jetties, breakwaters, docks and other manmade 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. 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. Go to the Marine Region Web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/measurement.pdf for a measurement illustration.

6. The sport fisheries for sanddab, butter sole, curlfin sole, flathead sole, rex sole, rock sole, sand sole, and starry flounder, using gear specified for sanddabs in federal and state regulations, are exempt from fishery restrictions that affect other federally managed groundfish.

7. The sport fishery for leopard shark inside Newport Bay, Alamitos Bay, San Diego Bay, and Mission Bay is exempt from restrictions that affect other federally managed groundfish.

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- Call your local Department office for the latest information before heading out on a fishing trip.

The following describes the Department news release for the April 2005 in-season change to groundfish regulations, including references to further information.

Apr. 5, 2005
News Release: For Immediate Release
DFG Announces Additional Recreational Groundfish Opportunities
Contact: Carrie Wilson, Office of Communications (831) 649-7191

"The California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) today announced changes to the 2005 recreational groundfish season, which provides expanded opportunities to anglers in state waters. ..." *The full news release may be found online at www.dfg.ca.gov/news/news05/05025.html or at your local Department office. Divers and shore-based anglers are not affected by this in-season change. See the tables on pages 14 through 23 for current regulations.*

Key In-Season Groundfish Regulation Changes in effect as of Apr. 16, 2005, per this news release:

Northern Management Area (California/Oregon border to near Cape Mendocino)

- Fishing is allowed from May 1 through Dec. 31 in waters less than 180 feet (30 fm) in depth, except lingcod may not be taken after Nov. 30.

North-Central Management Area (near Cape Mendocino to Pigeon Point)

- Fishing is allowed from July 1 through Dec. 31 in waters less than 120 feet (20 fm) in depth, except lingcod may not be taken after Nov. 30.

Monterey South-Central Management Area (Pigeon Point to near Lopez Point)

- Fishing is allowed from July 1 through Dec. 31 in waters less than 120 feet (20 fm) in depth, except lingcod may not be taken after Nov. 30.

Morro Bay South-Central Management Area (near Lopez Point to Point Conception)

- Fishing is allowed from May 1 through Sept. 30 in waters less than 240 feet (40 fm) in depth.

Southern Management Area (Point Conception to U.S.-Mexico border)

- Fishing is allowed from March 1 through Dec. 31 (except for lingcod and California scorpionfish: see below).
    - From Apr. 16 through Aug. 31, fishing is allowed in waters less than 360 feet (60 fm), except boat-based anglers may not take California scorpionfish.
    - From Sept. 1 through Oct. 31, fishing is allowed in waters less than 180 feet (30 fm). Boat-based anglers may not take California scorpionfish until Oct. 1.
    - From Nov. 1 through Dec. 31, fishing is allowed in waters less than 360 ft (60 fm), except lingcod may not be taken after Nov. 30.

(Cowcod Conservation Area regulations remain the same.)

Note: Fishing opportunities could be restricted in the future if new California Recreational Fisheries Survey data show that recreational fishermen are exceeding catch levels specified by law.

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