

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

_____ *Date of catch*

Catch-and-release?
Yes ☐ No ☐



_____ *Location of catch*

_____ *Witness signature*

*place
stamp
here*

Sevengill Shark

_____ *Date of catch*

Catch-and-release?
Yes ☐ No ☐



_____ *Location of catch*

_____ *Witness signature*

*place
stamp
here*

Brown Smoothhound Shark

_____ *Date of catch*

Catch-and-release?
Yes ☐ No ☐



_____ *Location of catch*

_____ *Witness signature*

*place
stamp
here*

Leopard Shark

_____ *Date of catch*

Catch-and-release?
Yes ☐ No ☐



_____ *Location of catch*

_____ *Witness signature*

*place
stamp
here*

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Shortfin Mako Shark



Catch-and-release?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Date of catch _____

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

place
stamp
here

Shovelnose Guitarfish



Catch-and-release?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Date of catch _____

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

place
stamp
here

Soupin Shark



Catch-and-release?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Date of catch _____

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

place
stamp
here

Spiny Dogfish



Catch-and-release?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Date of catch _____

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

place
stamp
here

Swell Shark

Date of catch

Catch-and-release?
Yes ☐ No ☐



Location of catch

Witness signature

place
stamp
here

Thresher Shark

Date of catch

Catch-and-release?
Yes ☐ No ☐



Location of catch

Witness signature

place
stamp
here

Bat Ray

Date of catch

Catch-and-release?
Yes ☐ No ☐



Location of catch

Witness signature

place
stamp
here

Round Stingray

Date of catch

Catch-and-release?
Yes ☐ No ☐



Location of catch

Witness signature

place
stamp
here

Ocean Fishes

**Thornback**

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____

Yes

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No

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place
stamp
here

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

California Grunion

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____

Yes

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No

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place
stamp
here

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

Silversides (Jacksmelt, Topsmelt)

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____

Yes

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No

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place
stamp
here

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

Smelt (Surf Smelt, Night Smelt)

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____

Yes

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No

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place
stamp
here

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

Jack Mackerel

Date of catch

Catch-and-release?

Yes ☐ No ☐



Location of catch

Witness signature

place
stamp
here

Pacific Chub Mackerel

Date of catch

Catch-and-release?

Yes ☐ No ☐



Location of catch

Witness signature

place
stamp
here

Barred Surfperch

Date of catch

Catch-and-release?

Yes ☐ No ☐



Location of catch

Witness signature

place
stamp
here

Black Perch

Date of catch

Catch-and-release?

Yes ☐ No ☐



Location of catch

Witness signature

place
stamp
here

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Calico Surfperch

Date of catch _____

Catch-and-release?

Yes

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No

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place
stamp
here

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____



Pile Perch

Date of catch _____

Catch-and-release?

Yes

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No

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place
stamp
here

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____



Rainbow Seaperch

Date of catch _____

Catch-and-release?

Yes

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No

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here

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____



Redtail Surfperch

Date of catch _____

Catch-and-release?

Yes

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No

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here

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

Rubberlip Seaperch

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



Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

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stamp
here

Shiner Perch

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



Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

place
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here

Silver Surfperch

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



Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

place
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here

Spotfin Surfperch

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



Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

place
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here

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Striped Seaperch

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch

Yes

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No

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place
stamp
here

Location of catch

Witness signature



Walleye Surfperch

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch

Yes

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No

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place
stamp
here

Location of catch

Witness signature



Black Croaker

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch

Yes

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No

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place
stamp
here

Location of catch

Witness signature



California Corbina

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch

Yes

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No

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place
stamp
here

Location of catch

Witness signature

Spotfin Croaker

Catch-and-release?

Yes

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No

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Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

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stamp
here*

White Croaker

Catch-and-release?

Yes

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No

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Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

*place
stamp
here*

Yellowfin Croaker

Catch-and-release?

Yes

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No

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Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

*place
stamp
here*

California Halibut

Catch-and-release?

Yes

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No

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Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

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stamp
here*

Ocean Fishes

**Diamond Turbot**

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____

Yes

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No

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stamp
here

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

**Fantail Sole**

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____

Yes

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No

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stamp
here

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

**Pacific Halibut**

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____

Yes

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No

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stamp
here

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

**Sand Sole**

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____

Yes

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No

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stamp
here

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

Sanddab

Catch-and-release?

Yes ☐No ☐

Date of catch _____

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____



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stamp
here

Wolf-Eel

Catch-and-release?

Yes ☐No ☐

Date of catch _____

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____



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here

Monkeyface Prickleback

Catch-and-release?

Yes ☐No ☐

Date of catch _____

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____



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Starry Flounder

Catch-and-release?

Yes ☐No ☐

Date of catch _____

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____



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Ocean Fishes

Bocaccio



Date of catch _____

place
stamp
here

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

Black Rockfish



Date of catch _____

Catch-and-release?

Yes

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No

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place
stamp
here

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

Black-and-Yellow Rockfish



Date of catch _____

Catch-and-release?

Yes

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No

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place
stamp
here

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

Blue Rockfish



Date of catch _____

Catch-and-release?

Yes

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No

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place
stamp
here

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

Brown Rockfish

Date of catch

Catch-and-release? Yes ☐ No ☐



Location of catch

Witness signature

*place
stamp
here*

California Scorpionfish

Date of catch

Catch-and-release? Yes ☐ No ☐



Location of catch

Witness signature

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stamp
here*

Chilipepper

Date of catch



Location of catch

Witness signature

*place
stamp
here*

Copper Rockfish

Date of catch

Catch-and-release? Yes ☐ No ☐



Location of catch

Witness signature

*place
stamp
here*

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Gopher Rockfish

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____

Yes

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No

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place
stamp
here

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____



Grass Rockfish

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____

Yes

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No

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place
stamp
here

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____



Kelp Rockfish

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____

Yes

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No

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place
stamp
here

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____



Olive Rockfish

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch _____

Yes

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No

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place
stamp
here

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

Quillback Rockfish

Catch-and-release?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Date of catch _____

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____



place
stamp
here

Starry Rockfish

Catch-and-release?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Date of catch _____

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____



place
stamp
here

Treefish

Catch-and-release?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Date of catch _____

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____



place
stamp
here

Vermilion Rockfish

Catch-and-release?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Date of catch _____

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____



place
stamp
here

Ocean Fishes

Yellowtail Rockfish



Date of catch _____

Catch-and-release?

Yes

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No

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Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

place
stamp
here

Cabezon



Date of catch _____

Catch-and-release?

Yes

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No

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Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

place
stamp
here

Kelp Greenling, Rock Greenling



Date of catch _____

Catch-and-release?

Yes

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No

☐

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

place
stamp
here

Lingcod



Date of catch _____

Catch-and-release?

Yes

☐

No

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Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

place
stamp
here

Barred Sand Bass

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



place
stamp
here

Kelp Bass

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



place
stamp
here

Spotted Sand Bass

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



place
stamp
here

Sargo

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



place
stamp
here

Ocean Fishes

White Seabass



Date of catch _____

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

*place
stamp
here*

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

Ocean Whitefish



Date of catch _____

Catch-and-release?

Yes

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No

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*place
stamp
here*

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

Blacksmith



Date of catch _____

Catch-and-release?

Yes

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No

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*place
stamp
here*

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

Halfmoon



Date of catch _____

Catch-and-release?

Yes

☐

No

☐

*place
stamp
here*

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

Opaleye

Catch-and-release?
Yes ☐ No ☐



place
stamp
here

California Sheephead

Catch-and-release?
Yes ☐ No ☐



place
stamp
here

Albacore Tuna

Catch-and-release?
Yes ☐ No ☐



place
stamp
here

Bigeye Tuna

Catch-and-release?
Yes ☐ No ☐



place
stamp
here

Ocean Fishes

Bluefin Tuna



Date of catch _____

Catch-and-release?
Yes ☐ No ☐

place
stamp
here

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

female



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?

Yes ☐

No ☐



Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

place
stamp
here

Skipjack Tuna

Catch-and-release?

Yes ☐

No ☐



Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

place
stamp
here

Striped Marlin

Catch-and-release?

Yes ☐

No ☐



Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

place
stamp
here

Swordfish

Catch-and-release?

Yes ☐

No ☐



Date of catch

Location of catch

Witness signature

place
stamp
here

Ocean Fishes

Yellowfin Tuna

Date of catch _____

Catch-and-release?

Yes ☐ No ☐place
stamp
here

Location of catch _____

Witness signature _____

Yellowtail

Date of catch _____

Catch-and-release?

Yes ☐ No ☐place
stamp
here

Location of catch _____

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.*



Yes

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