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## Supplemental Fishing Regulations

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### FREE FISHING DAYS!

**July 7 and September 8, 2012**

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

# It is Unlawful to do the Following:

- Fish without a valid fishing license if you are over 16 years old (CCR T14 Section 700);
- 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 or barter fish taken with a sport fishing license (FGC 7121);
- Cause the deterioration of or waste of fish (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 (FGC5508 and 5509);
- Fail to exhibit on demand all licenses, tags, validations, permits, applications or reservation to any peace officer or authorized DFG 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 DFG employee (FGC 2012); or
- Prohibit a warden from inspection of any boat, market or receptacle where fish may be found (FGC 1006).

## INLAND SALMON INFORMATIONAL NOTE

All Central Valley 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.

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# Freshwater Fishing Regulations Update

Shaded areas in this section denote changes in the freshwater fishing regulations that have occurred since the publication of the 2012-2013 Freshwater Sport Fishing regulations booklet.

## Central Valley and Sierra Regulations

*effective on June 20, 2012*

**Subsection (b)(5) of Section 7.50, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:**

<i>Area or Body of Water</i>	<i>Open Season and Special Regulations</i>	<i>Daily Bag and Possession Limit</i>
<b>(5) American River (Sacramento Co.)</b>		
(A) From Nimbus Dam to the Hazel Avenue bridge piers.	Jan. 1 through July 15.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession Closed to the take of salmon.
	July 16 through Dec. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession 2 Chinook salmon
(B) From Hazel Avenue bridge piers to the U.S. Geological Survey gauging station cable crossing about 300 yards downstream from the Nimbus Hatchery fish rack site.	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 Closed to the take of salmon.
	July 16 through Aug. 15. Only barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession 2 Chinook salmon
(C) 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 Closed to the take of salmon.
	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
(D) 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 Closed to the take of salmon.
	July 16 through Dec. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession 2 Chinook salmon

(E) 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 Closed to the take of salmon.
	July 16 through Dec. 16.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession 2 Chinook salmon
	Dec. 17 through Dec. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession Closed to the take of salmon

**Subsection (b)(68) of Section 7.50, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:**

<i>Area or Body of Water</i>	<i>Open Season and Special Regulations</i>	<i>Daily Bag and Possession Limit</i>
<b>(68) Feather River below Oroville Dam (Butte, Sutter and Yuba Cos.).</b>		
(A) From Fish Barrier Dam to Table Mountain bicycle bridge in Oroville.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(B) From Table Mountain bicycle bridge to Highway 70 bridge.	Jan. 1 through July 15. Only barbless hooks may be used.	1 hatchery trout or 1 hatchery steelhead** Closed to the take of salmon.
(C) From Highway 70 bridge to the unimproved boat ramp above the Thermalito Afterbay Outfall.	All year.	1 hatchery trout or 1 hatchery steelhead** Closed to the take of salmon.
(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.	1 hatchery trout or 1 hatchery steelhead** Closed to the take of salmon.
	July 16 through Oct. 15.	1 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 2 Chinook salmon.
	Oct. 16 through Dec. 31.	1 hatchery trout or 1 hatchery steelhead** Closed to the take of salmon.
(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.	1 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** Closed to the take of salmon.
	July 16 through Dec. 16.	1 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 2 Chinook salmon.
	Dec. 17 through Dec. 31.	1 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** Closed to the take of salmon.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION for SALMON FISHERMEN**

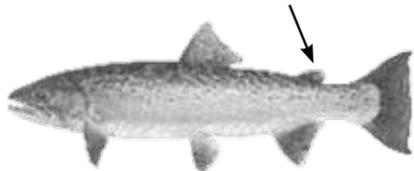
The San Joaquin, Calaveras, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and Merced rivers will remain closed to salmon fishing for 2012. See the 2012-2013 Freshwater Sport Fishing regulations booklet for regulations for these rivers and their associated delta areas.

**Subsection (b)(124) of Section 7.50, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:**

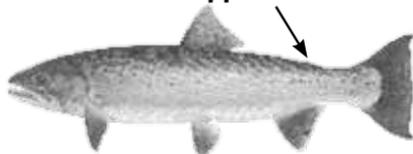
<i>Area or Body of Water</i>	<i>Open Season and Special Regulations</i>	<i>Daily Bag and Possession Limit</i>
<b>(124) Mokelumne River (San Joaquin Co.).</b>		
(A) From Camanche Dam to Highway 99 bridge.	Jan. 1 through Mar. 31.	1 hatchery trout or 1 hatchery steelhead** Closed to the take of salmon.
	Fourth Saturday in May through July 15.	1 hatchery trout or 1 hatchery steelhead** Closed to the take of salmon.
	July 16 through Oct. 15.	1 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 2 Chinook salmon.
(B) From the Highway 99 bridge to the Woodbridge Irrigation District Dam including Lodi Lake.	Jan. 1 through July 15.	1 hatchery trout or 1 hatchery steelhead** Closed to the take of salmon.
	July 16 through Dec. 31.	1 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 2 Chinook salmon.
(C) Between the Woodbridge Irrigation District Dam and the Lower Sacramento Road bridge.	Closed to all fishing all year	
(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 1 hatchery steelhead** Closed to the take of salmon.
	July 16 through Dec. 16.	1 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 2 Chinook salmon.
	Dec. 17 through Dec. 31.	1 hatchery trout or 1 hatchery steelhead** Closed to the take of salmon.

## How to Distinguish Wild Steelhead from Hatchery Steelhead

**Wild steelhead possess an intact adipose fin.**



**Hatchery steelhead lack an adipose fin, and possess a scar where the fin was clipped**



**Subsection (b)(156.5) of Section 7.50, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:**

<i>Area or Body of Water</i>	<i>Open Season and Special Regulations</i>	<i>Daily Bag and Possession Limit</i>
<b>(156.5) Sacramento River and tributaries below Keswick Dam (Butte, Colusa, Contra Costa, Glenn, Sacramento, Solano, Sutter, Tehama and Yolo cos.).</b>	<b>Also see Sierra District General Regulations (See Section 7.00(b)).</b>	
(A) Sacramento River from Keswick Dam to 650 feet below Keswick Dam.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(B) Sacramento River from 650 feet below Keswick Dam to the Deschutes Road bridge.	All year. Trout maximum size limit: 16 inches total length. Only barbless hooks may be used.	1 trout Closed to the take of salmon.
(C) Sacramento River from the Deschutes Road bridge to 500 feet upstream from Red Bluff Diversion Dam.	Jan. 1 through Mar. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession Closed to the take of salmon.
	Apr. 1 through July 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession and 1 wild trout ** Closed to the take of salmon.
	Aug. 1 through Aug. 30.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession and 1 wild trout** 2 Chinook salmon
	Aug. 31 through Dec. 16.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession 2 Chinook salmon
	Dec. 17 through Dec. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession Closed to the take of salmon.
(D) Sacramento River from 500 feet upstream from Red Bluff Diversion Dam to 150 feet below the Lower Red Bluff (Sycamore) Boat Ramp.	Closed to all fishing all year.	

<i>Area or Body of Water</i>	<i>Open Season and Special Regulations</i>	<i>Daily Bag and Possession Limit</i>
(E) Sacramento River from 150 feet below the Lower Red Bluff (Sycamore) Boat Ramp to the Hwy 113 bridge near Knights Landing.	Jan. 1 through July 15.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession Closed to the take of salmon.
	July 16 through Dec. 16.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession 2 Chinook salmon
	Dec. 17 through Dec. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession Closed to the take of salmon.
(F) Sacramento River from the Hwy 113 bridge near Knights Landing to the Carquinez Bridge (includes Suisun Bay, Grizzly Bay and all tributary sloughs west of Highway 160).	Jan. 1 through July 15.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession Closed to the take of salmon.
	July 16 through Dec. 16.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession 2 Chinook salmon
	Dec. 17 through Dec. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession Closed to the take of salmon.

\* Wild Chinook salmon are those not showing a healed adipose fin clip and not showing a healed left ventral fin clip.

\*\*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).

## **ATTENTION ALL INLAND SALMON ANGLERS**

### **Section 8226. Relinquishment of salmon head for the recovery of coded-wire-tag.**

(a) 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 (the small fleshy fin on the back of the fish between the back fin and tail) upon request by an authorized agent or employee of the Department, shall immediately relinquish the head of the salmon to the state at no charge, for the recovery of any coded-wire tag. The head may be removed by the 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.

(b) It is unlawful to intentionally conceal, cull or release into the waters, a salmon with a missing adipose fin that it is otherwise legal to possess.

*As a reminder it is illegal to possess on a boat or bring ashore a fish in a condition that size, species or absence of an adipose fin cannot be determined. (FGC, sections 5508, 5509 and 8226)*

# Lower Klamath River Basin Regulations

*Effective on June 16, 2012.*

## **Subsection (b)(91.1), Section 7.50, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:**

(91.1) Anadromous Waters of the Klamath River Downstream of Iron Gate Dam (Lower Klamath River Basin). The regulations in this subsection apply only to waters of the Klamath River system which are accessible to anadromous salmonids. They do not apply to waters of the Klamath River which are inaccessible to anadromous salmon and trout, for example, 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 Dwinell 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. (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, anglers shall not remove any adult Chinook salmon from the water by any means, such as by dragging the fish on shore or using a net.

### (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 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.

(C) Klamath River Basin Possession Limits.

### 1. Trout Possession Limits.

a. The brown trout possession limit is 10 brown trout.

b. The hatchery trout or hatchery steel-head possession limits are as follows:

(i) Klamath River - 1 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead.

(ii) Trinity River - 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead.

### 2. Chinook Salmon Possession Limits.

a. Klamath River downstream of the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec from January 1 to August 14 and the Trinity River downstream of the Old Lewiston Bridge to the confluence of the South Fork Trinity River from January 1 to August 31.

(i) 2 Chinook salmon.

b. Klamath River from August 15 to December 31 and Trinity River from September 1 to December 31.

(i) 8 Chinook salmon. No more than 8 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 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 2012 Klamath River Basin quota is 67,600 Klamath River fall 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. Sub Quota Percentages.

a. The sub quota 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 sub quota 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 sub quota 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

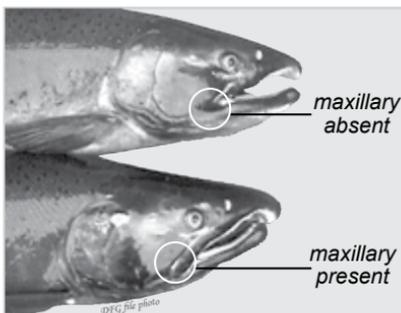
(iii) The sub quota for the Trinity River main stem downstream of the Denny Road bridge at Hawkins Bar to the confluence with the Klamath River is 16.5% of the total Klamath River Basin quota

b. The sub quota for the Lower Klamath River downstream of the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec is 50% of the total Klamath River Basin quota.

(i) The sub quota for the Spit Area (within 100 yards of the channel through the sand spit formed at the Klamath River mouth) is 15% of the Lower Klamath River sub quota taken downstream of the Highway 101 bridge. (Note: This provision only applies if the department projects that the total Klamath River Basin quota will be met.)

(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.

see table, pgs. 10-12



**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)**



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<i>Area or Body of Water</i>	<i>Open Season and Special Regulations</i>	<i>Daily Bag Limit</i>
1. Bogus Creek and tributaries	Fourth Saturday in May through August 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0
2. Klamath River main stem from 3,500 feet downstream of Iron Gate Dam to mouth.		
a. Klamath River from 3,500 feet downstream of the Iron Gate Dam to the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec.	January 1 to August 14.	0 Chinook salmon 1 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	Fall Run Quota 11,492 Chinook Salmon August 15 to December 31, 2012.	4 Chinook salmon - up to 4 fish over 22 inches total length until sub quota is met, then 0 fish over 22 inches total length. 1 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	Fall Run Quota Exception: 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.	January 1 to August 14.	2 Chinook salmon 1 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	Fall Run Quota 33,800 Chinook Salmon August 15 to December 31, 2012.	4 Chinook salmon - up to 4 fish over 22 inches total length until sub quota is met, then 0 fish over 22 inches total length. 1 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	Fall Run Quota Exception: 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 Lower Klamath River sub-quota has been met.	
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.	0
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.	0

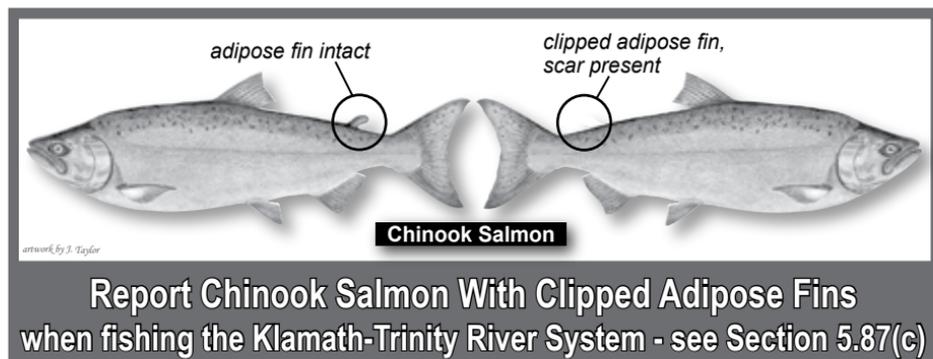
<i>Area or Body of Water</i>	<i>Open Season and Special Regulations</i>	<i>Daily Bag Limit</i>
5. Shasta River main stem downstream of the Interstate 5 bridge north of Yreka to the confluence with the Klamath River.	Fourth Saturday in May through August 31 and November 16 through February 28.	0
6. Trinity 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.	0
b. Trinity River main stem downstream of the Old Lewiston Bridge to the Highway 299 West bridge at Cedar Flat.	January 1 to August 31.	2 Chinook salmon 5 brown trout 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	Fall Run Quota 11,154 Chinook Salmon September 1 through December 31, 2012.	4 Chinook salmon - up to 4 fish over 22 inches total length until sub-quota is met, then 0 fish over 22 inches total length. 5 brown trout 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	Fall Run Quota Exception: 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.	January 1 through August 31.	2 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.	0
e. Trinity River main stem downstream of the Denny Road bridge at Hawkins Bar to the mouth of the South Fork Trinity River.	January 1 to August 31.	2 Chinook salmon 5 brown trout 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	Fall Run Quota 11,154 Chinook Salmon September 1 through December 31, 2012. This is the cumulative quota for subsections 6.e. and 6.f. of this table.	4 Chinook salmon - up to 4 fish over 22 inches total length until sub-quota is met, then 0 fish over 22 inches total length. 5 brown trout 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**

<i>Area or Body of Water</i>	<i>Open Season and Special Regulations</i>	<i>Daily Bag Limit</i>
f. Trinity River main stem downstream of the mouth of the South Fork Trinity River to the confluence with the Klamath River.	January 1 to August 31.	0 Chinook salmon 5 brown trout 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	Fall Run Quota 11,154 Chinook Salmon September 1 through December 31, 2012. This is the cumulative quota for subsections 6.e. and 6.f. of this table.	4 Chinook salmon - up to 4 fish over 22 inches total length until sub quota 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.	0
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.	0
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**

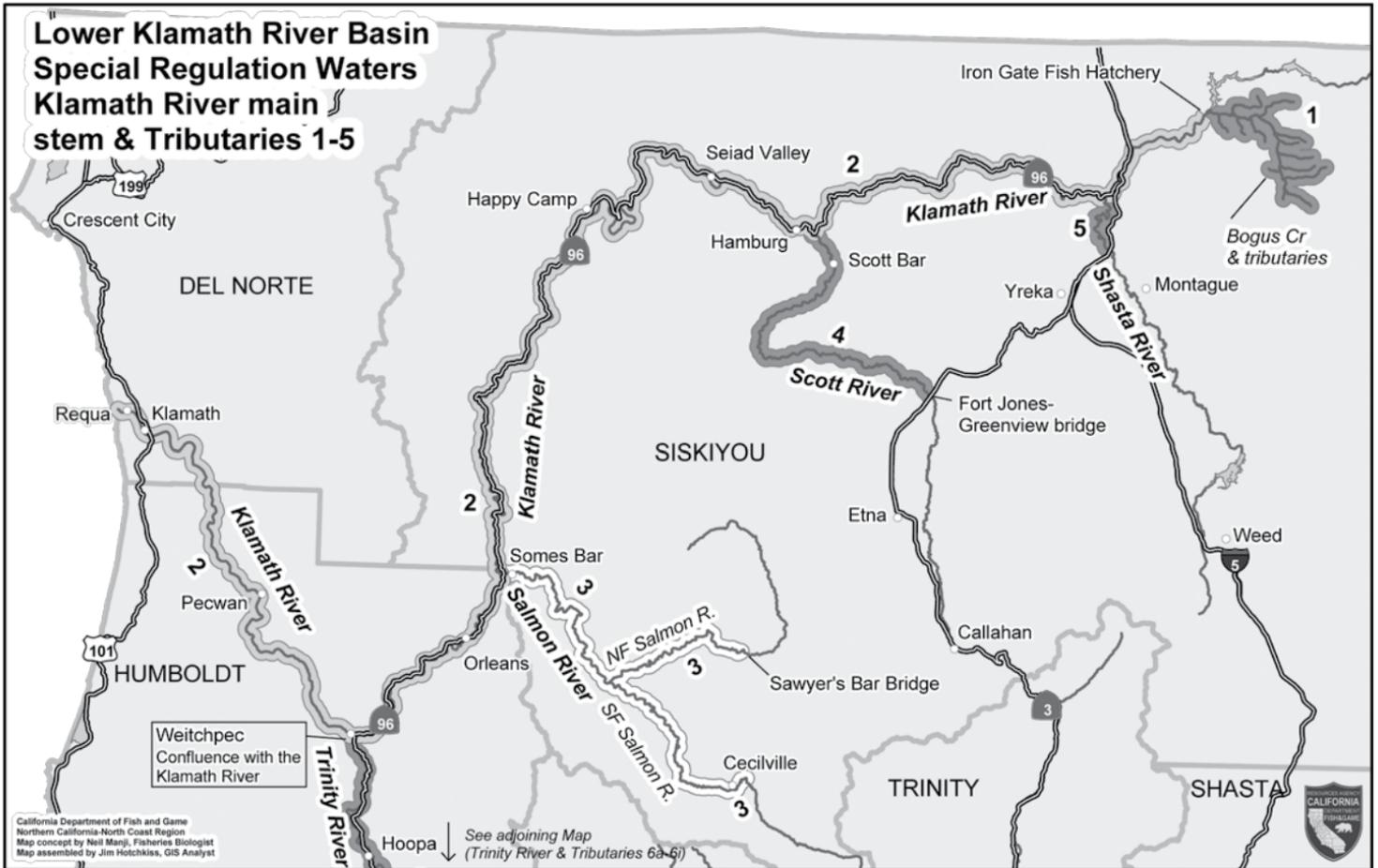
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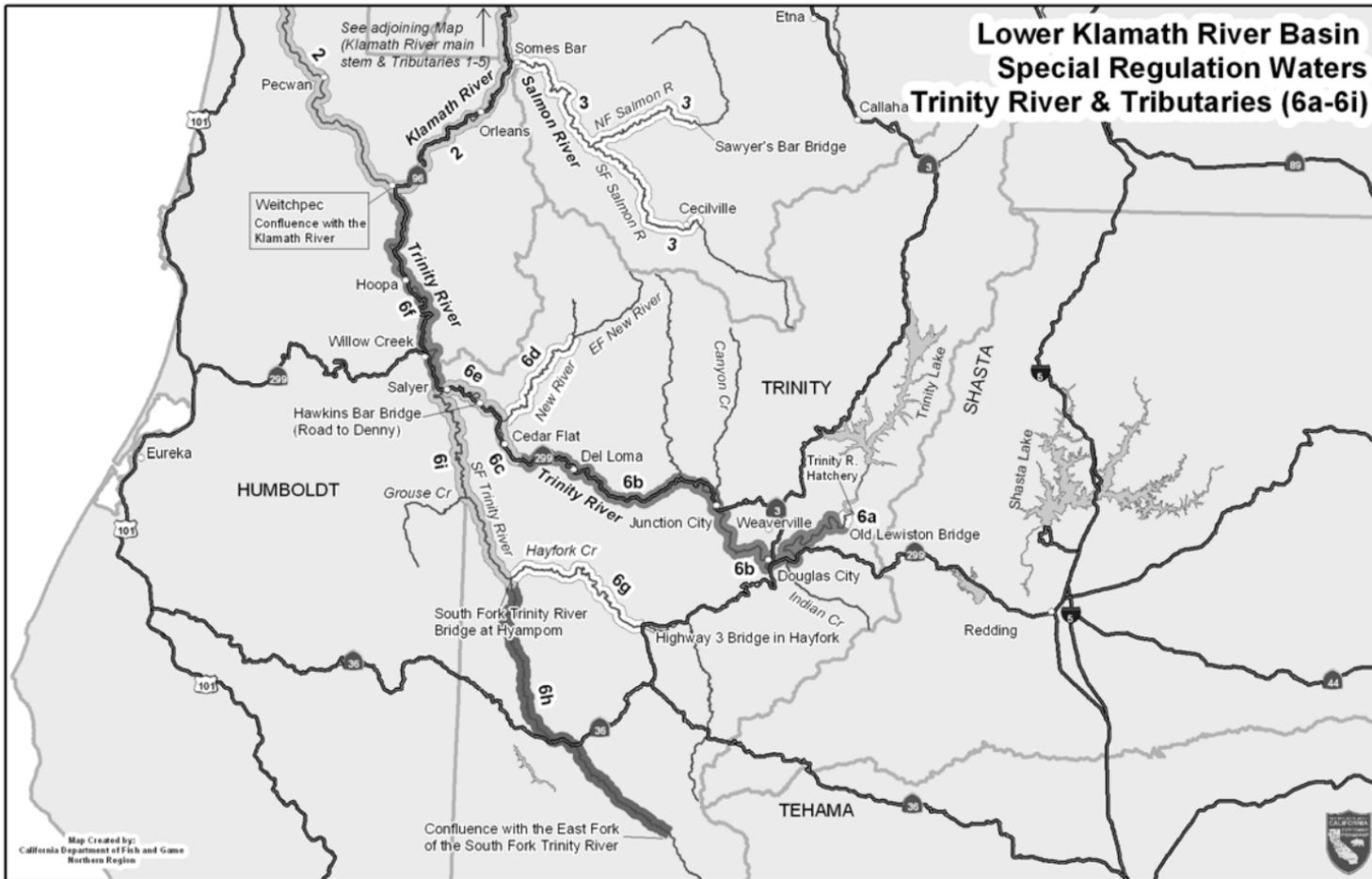
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**Lower Klamath River Basin  
Special Regulation Waters  
Klamath River main  
stem & Tributaries 1-5**



# Lower Klamath River Basin Special Regulation Waters Trinity River & Tributaries (6a-6i)



# Important Reminder

## 1.74. Sport Fishing Report Card and Tagging Requirements.

(a) Purpose. These regulations address potential concern for overfishing and a lack of recreational fishing effort and catch information in some or all areas where the fishery operates. 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) Species and Location Requirements. Individuals fishing for or taking the following species are subject to report card requirements in the following locations described below:

(1) Salmon, in the Klamath-Trinity River System and Smith River only. The Klamath-Trinity River System and Smith River are defined as the anadromous waters of the Klamath, Trinity, and Smith river basins. Anadromous waters are defined in Section 1.04.(2) Steelhead trout, in all anadromous waters where take is authorized.

(3) White sturgeon, in all areas where take is authorized. Tagging of retained individual sturgeon is also required.

(4) Red abalone, in all areas where take is authorized. Tagging of retained individual abalone is also required.

(5) California spiny lobster, in all areas where take is authorized.

(c) General Report Card Requirements.

(1) Any person fishing for or taking any of the species identified in this Section shall have in their possession a 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.

(2) Notwithstanding other statutes and regulations that may exempt sport fishing license requirements, non-transferable report cards are required for any

person fishing for or taking the species identified above. All cardholders shall adhere to all reporting and tagging requirements defined in this Section and Sections 5.79, 5.87, 5.88, 27.92, 29.16, and 29.91 regardless of whether a sport fishing license requirement applies. This provision applies to all of the following persons:

(A) Any person who is under 16 years of age

(B) Any person who is fishing from a public pier

(C) Any person who is fishing on free fishing days

(D) Any person who holds a lifetime fishing license

(3) Persons described in subsections 1.74(c)(2) may purchase report cards without purchasing a license.

(4) All entries made on any report card or tag must be legible and in indelible ink.

(5) Entries Required at the Time of Report Card Issuance. At the time of issuance of the report card, the cardholder is responsible for entry of the following information, unless both the report card and the sport fishing license are issued through the Automated License Data System:

(A) The date the report card is issued, the individual's name, street address, city, state, zip code, home phone, and date of birth shall be entered in the appropriate spaces on the report card. If the cardholder has a driver's license, or DMV identification number, this information shall also be entered in the appropriate spaces. If the cardholder has an e-mail address, it may be entered in the space provided.

(B) Acquisition of Sturgeon Fishing Report Cards and Abalone Report Cards. If the cardholder is required to have a sport fishing license, the report card number shall be entered in the

designated space provided on the back of the individual's sport fishing license, and the sport fishing license number shall be entered on the report card in the appropriate space.

(C) Acquisition of North Coast Salmon Report Cards, Steelhead Report and Restoration Cards and Spiny Lobster Report Cards. If the cardholder is required to have a sport fishing license, both the name of the report card and the number shall be entered in the blank area on the back of the individual's sport fishing license, and the sport fishing license number shall be entered on the report card in the appropriate space.

(D) If the cardholder wishes to purchase another fishing license after their one, two, or ten-day sport fishing license has expired the cardholder need not purchase a second report card for any species, so long as the cardholder still possesses the report card valid for the calendar year. At the time of purchase of the subsequent license, the additional sport fishing license number shall be entered in the appropriate space on the report card. If there is a space provided for the particular card on the sport fishing license, the number shall be entered in the appropriate space at the time of purchase. If there is no space provided for the card, both the name of the report card and the number shall be entered on the back of the individual's sport fishing license.

(6) A report card shall be valid only during the open fishing season for the calendar year shown on the report card.

(7) Cardholders shall return their card by January 31 of the following year to the department at the address specified on the card.

(8) Any person who fails to return his or her report card to the Department by the deadline may be restricted from 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.

(9) For abalone and sturgeon report cards, only one report card may be issued per person per license year.

(10) Report cards may not be transferred to another person and no person may possess any report card other than their own.

(d) Replacement Procedures for Lost Abalone or Sturgeon Report Cards. For species for which an individual may purchase only one report card per year (i.e., abalone and sturgeon), if the cardholder loses the card, a replacement card shall be acquired only by following the procedures below:

(1) The individual shall provide all of the following to a department license sales office:

(A) A photocopy of the original report card issued in the cardholder's name, unless the report card was issued through the Automated License Data System.

(B) An affidavit, signed under penalty of perjury, containing the following information:

1. A statement confirming that the originally issued report card cannot be recovered.
2. A statement of the cardholder's best recollection of the prior catch records that were entered on the report card that was lost, including the number of tags utilized.
3. A statement describing the factual circumstances surrounding the loss of the card.

(C) Proof of purchase of the original report card, in the form of an itemized receipt, credit card billing statement, invoice, or other written business record expressly documenting that a report card for the particular species was purchased and the corresponding fee was paid. The cardholder is exempt from this requirement if the report card was issued through the Automated License Data System.

(D) Payment of the Replacement Card Fee specified in Section 701(f), 701(g)

or 701(h) Title 14, CCR, established pursuant to subdivision 1053(b) of the Fish and Game Code, and as adjusted pursuant to Sections 713 and 1055 of the Fish and Game Code.

(E) Payment of the Replacement Processing Fee specified in Section 701(i) or 701(j), Title 14, CCR, established pursuant to subdivision 1050(e) of the Fish and Game Code.

(2) Based on the information provided in the written affidavit, the department shall issue only the number of tags that were reported unused on the previously issued report card.

(3) At the time the replacement card is acquired, if the cardholder is required to have a sport fishing license, the number of the replacement card shall be entered in the appropriate space on the sport fishing license and the fishing license number shall be entered in the space provided on the report card.

(4) All regulations applicable to the initial card also apply to additional cards issued pursuant to this subsection.

(e) Replacement Procedures for Salmon, Steelhead, or Lobster Report Cards.

(1) Any cardholder who fills in all available lines on his or her steelhead, salmon or lobster report card shall return the card to the department at the address specified on the card prior to purchasing a second card.

(2) Any cardholder who loses his or her steelhead, salmon or lobster report card may purchase a second card, but at or before the time of purchase shall provide a written affidavit to the department at the address on the report card documenting the lost catch and effort data required by the card to the best of the cardholder's recollection.

(3) At the time the additional card is acquired, if the cardholder is required to have a sport fishing license, both the name of the report card and the number shall be entered on the back of the individual's sport fishing license, and the fishing license number shall be entered

in the space provided on the report card.

(4) All regulations applicable to the initial card also apply to additional cards issued pursuant to this subsection.

(f) Specific Report Card and Tagging Requirements. 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.

### **5.87. North Coast Salmon Report Card Requirement (FG 684, See Section 701).**

(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 (FG 682, See Section 701).

(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.

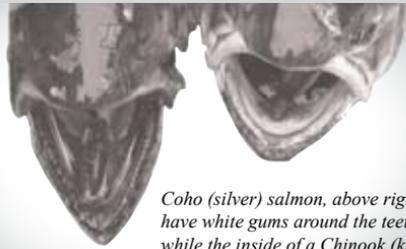
(e) In the event an angler fills in all lines and returns a Steelhead Fishing Report and Restoration Card, an additional card may be purchased. See Section 1.74.

(f) The annual fee for the Steelhead Fishing Report and Restoration Card is specified in Section 7380 of the Fish and Game Code.

## SPORT FISHING SPECIAL ALERT FOR CALIFORNIA OCEAN SALMON FISHERIES

**T**he California coastal coho (silver) salmon has been designated as an endangered 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



*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 CDFG Warden Bob Aldrich*

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.

### 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.

**State of California**  
**Department of Fish and Game**  
**Ocean Salmon Project – Marine Region**

## **2012 Ocean Salmon Sport Regulations**

### **OR/CA Border to Horse Mountain:**

May 1 – September 9

- 2 salmon per day of any species except coho
- minimum size limit: 20 inches total length
- Klamath Control Zone (KCZ) closed in August (12 mile square centered on Klamath River mouth)
- See section 27.75 for additional river mouth closure information



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

April 7 – November 11

- 2 salmon per day of any species except coho
- minimum size limit: 20 inches total length

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

April 7 – November 11

- 2 salmon per day of any species except coho
- minimum size limit: 24 inches total length through July 5,  
20 inches total length thereafter

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

April 7 – October 7

- 2 salmon per day of any species except coho
- minimum size limit: 24 inches total length through July 5,  
20 inches total length thereafter

### **General Sport Fishing Regulations**

- **Retention of coho salmon or steelhead trout is prohibited in any ocean fishery.**

- **Salmon may only be taken by angling as defined in Section 1.05.** 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 Pt. Conception:** No more than 2 single-point, single-shank barbless hooks shall be used, and no more than 1 rod per angler when fishing for salmon or fishing from a boat with salmon on board.

- **Horse Mt. to Pt. Conception:** When fishing with bait and angling by any means other than TROLLING<sup>1</sup>, no more than two (2) single-point, single-shank barbless circle hooks<sup>2</sup> shall be used. The distance between the two hooks must not exceed five (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.*

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# Ocean Fishing Regulations Update

Shaded areas in this section denote changes in the ocean fishing regulations that have occurred since the publication of the 2012-2013 Ocean Sport Fishing regulations booklet.

## Section 27.75. Salmon Closure.

(a) No salmon may be taken in ocean waters at the mouth of the Smith and Klamath rivers within three nautical miles north and south of a line drawn due west for three nautical miles from the center of the mouth of each of said rivers.

(b) No salmon may be taken during the months of August and September in ocean waters at the mouth of the Eel River within two nautical miles north and south of a line drawn due west for two nautical miles from the center of the mouth of said river.

(c) No salmon may be taken during the month of August in ocean waters at the mouth of the Klamath River within six nautical miles north and south of a line drawn due west for three nautical miles from the center of the mouth of said river.

## Section 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.

## 2013 Ocean Salmon Informational Note

Pending review of 2012 salmon spawner escapements, 2013 ocean abundance forecasts, annual management objectives, or other relevant issues, the California Fish and Game Commission (FGC) may take action in March 2013 to open state waters between Horse Mountain and the U.S.-Mexico Border to ocean salmon fishing during April 2013.

The remaining ocean salmon season, effective on or after May 1, 2013, for all ocean waters between the California-Oregon border and the U.S.-Mexico border, including Humboldt Bay, will be decided by the Pacific Fishery Management Council and FGC in April 2013.

(c) Open Fishing Days, Bag Limits, and Minimum Size in effect April 7 through April 30, 2012.

(1) North of Horse Mountain (40°05'00" N. lat.) and in Humboldt Bay.

(A) Closed to salmon fishing. The season will be decided in April by the Pacific Fishery Management Council and California Fish and Game Commission and this section will be amended pursuant to the regulatory process.

(2) Between Horse Mountain and Point Arena (38°57'30" N. lat.).

(A) All ocean waters open to salmon fishing from April 7 to April 30, 2012. Fishing is authorized 7 days per week.

(B) Bag Limit: 2 salmon per day. See subsection (b) above and Section 1.17.

(C) Minimum Size: 20 inches total length.

(3) Between Point Arena and Pigeon Point (37°11'00" N. lat.).

(A) All ocean waters open to salmon fishing from April 7 to April 30, 2012. Fishing is authorized 7 days per week.

(B) Bag Limit: 2 salmon per day. See subsection (b) above and Section 1.17.

(C) Minimum Size: 24 inches total length.

(4) Between Pigeon Point and Point Sur (36°18'00" N. lat.).

(A) All ocean waters open to salmon fishing from April 7 to April 30, 2012. Fishing is authorized 7 days per week.

(B) Bag Limit: 2 salmon per day. See subsection (b) above and Section 1.17.

(C) Minimum Size: 24 inches total length.

(5) South of Point Sur.

(A) All ocean waters open to salmon fishing from April 7 to April 30, 2012. Fishing is authorized 7 days per week.

(B) Bag Limit: 2 salmon per day. See subsection (b) above and Section 1.17.

(C) Minimum Size: 24 inches total length.

(d) Open Fishing Days, Bag Limits, and Minimum Size in effect on or after May 1, 2012.

(1) North of Horse Mountain (40°05'00" N. lat.) and in Humboldt Bay.

(A) All ocean waters open to salmon fishing May 1 to September 9, 2012. Fishing is authorized 7 days per week.

(B) Bag Limit: 2 salmon per day. See subsection (b) above and Section 1.17.

(C) Minimum Size: 20 inches total length.

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(A) All ocean waters open to salmon fishing May 1 to November 11, 2012. Fishing is authorized 7 days per week.

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(C) Minimum Size: 24 inches total length through July 5, 2012 and 20 inches total length thereafter.

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(A) All ocean waters open to salmon fishing May 1 to October 7, 2012. Fishing is authorized 7 days per week.

(B) Bag Limit: 2 salmon per day. See subsection (b) above and Section 1.17.

(C) Minimum Size: 24 inches total length through July 5, 2012 and 20 inches total length thereafter.

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(A) All ocean waters open to salmon fishing May 1 to October 7, 2012. Fishing is authorized 7 days per week.

(B) Bag Limit: 2 salmon per day. See subsection (b) above and Section 1.17.

(C) Minimum Size: 24 inches total length through July 5, 2012 and 20 inches total length thereafter.

**Effective March 14, 2012, new Section 29.17, Kellet's Whelk, is in effect:**

**Section 29.17. Kellet's Whelk**

(a) Open Season: From July 1 through the first Wednesday after the 15th of March.

**Effective May 1, 2012, Section 28.29(b) Kelp Greenling. Rock Greenling is amended to read:**

(b) Limit: For greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*, ten fish within a Rockfish, Cabezon, and Greenling complex (RCG complex, as defined in Section 1.91) bag limit of 10 fish.

## CORRECTION

The 2012-2013 Ocean Sport Fishing Regulations booklet incorrectly states on page 41, in Section 28.55(a)(2), that the Mendocino Management Area recreational fishing season for rockfish ends on Oct. 31, 2012. **The actual ending date of the season is Aug. 15, 2012, in the Mendocino Management Area.**

## Attention All Ocean Salmon Anglers

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

(a) 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, the small, fleshy fin on the back of the fish between the back fin and the tail, upon request by an authorized agent or employee of the Department, shall immediately relinquish 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.

(b) It is unlawful to intentionally conceal, cull, or release into the waters, a salmon with a missing adipose fin that it is otherwise legal to possess.

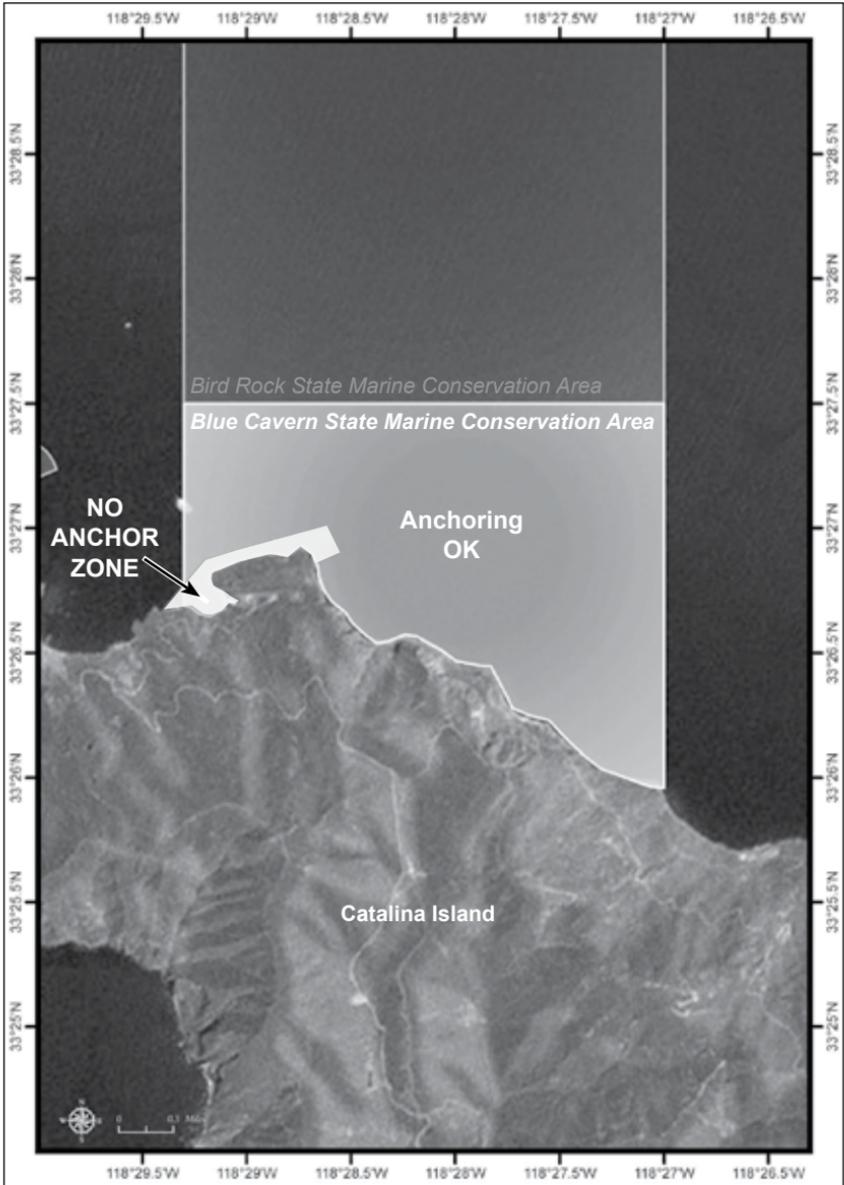


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# Blue Cavern State Marine Conservation Area Regulation Change

A portion of Blue Cavern State Marine Conservation Area which previously restricted anchoring is now open for anchoring, effective April 30, 2012. The California Fish and Game Commission adopted emergency regulations to allow anchoring, except for within the Catalina Marine Science Center Marine Life Refuge (see white 'NO ANCHOR

ZONE' on map). All other take restrictions remain the same for Blue Cavern State Marine Conservation Area (see CCR, Title 14 Section 632(b)(102)). The change in regulations should become permanent later this summer. For more information please visit the DFG website at: [www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/scmpas\\_list.asp](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/scmpas_list.asp) or contact your local DFG office.



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