
APPENDIX III EXTRACTS FROM CALIFORNIA-POSSESSION LIMITS

FIN FISH - GENERAL**27.56 TAKE GENERAL:**

Except as otherwise provided, there are no closed seasons, closed hours or minimum size limits on fin fish in the Pacific Ocean including all saltwater bays except that in San Francisco Bay between the Golden Gate Bridge and the Carquinez Bridge and in saltwater tributaries in the bay within the area bounded by Interstate 80 and Highways 17,101 and 37. Fin fish may not be taken between one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise except from shore or piers.

**FIN FISH - MINIMUM SIZE LIMITS,
BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS AND SEASONS****27.60 LIMIT:**

(a) General: No more than 20 fin fish in combination of all species with not more than 10 of any one species, may be taken or possessed by any one person except as otherwise provided. (See Sections 27.70 through 28.62 for minimum size limits and poundage restrictions for certain species.)

(b) Within the overall bag limit of 20 fish the following special limits apply: Rockfish (rockcod) - 15 fish, all of which may be of the same species; lingcod - five fish; salmon - two fish; trout (including steelhead) taken from ocean and bays - three fish; white sea bass - three fish, except as provided in Section 28.35; sturgeon - one fish; striped bass - two fish; California halibut - five fish, except as provided in Section 28.15; Pacific halibut - two fish; marlin - one fish; garibaldi - zero fish; gulf grouper - zero fish; broomtail grouper - zero fish.

(c) There is no limit on the following species: albacore, anchovy, bluefin tuna, grunion, jacksmelt, petrale sole, Pacific butterfish (pompano), queenfish, rays, sanddabs, shiner surfperch, sharks, skipjack, jack mackerel, Pacific mackerel, Pacific staghorn sculpin, starry flounder and white croaker.

27.65 FILLETING OF FISH ON VESSELS.

For the purpose of this section a fillet is the flesh from one side of a fish extending from the head to the tail which has been removed from the body (head, tail and backbone) in a single continuous piece. No person shall fillet on any boat or bring ashore as fillets any fish, except in accordance with the following requirements:

(a) Kelp bass, sand bass, spotted bass, ocean whitefish and all brown-skinned rockfish: All fillets shall be a minimum of 6 1/2 inches in length. Each fillet shall bear intact a one-inch square patch of skin.

(b) Barracuda: Fillets must be a minimum of 17 inches in length. Each fillet shall bear intact a one-inch square patch of silver skin.

(c) Lingcod and cabezon: Fillets must be a minimum of 12 inches in length. Each fillet shall bear intact a one-square patch of skin.

(d) White seabass: Fillets must be a minimum of 19 inches in length. Each fillet shall bear intact a one-inch square patch of silver skin.

(e) Pacific bonito: No more than 10 fillets of any length may be possessed. All bonito fillets possessed shall be considered a part of the allowable undersized tolerance of five bonito per day less than 24 inches fork length or weighing less than five pounds as provided in Section 28.32 of these regulations. All fillets shall bear intact a one-inch square patch of skin.

(f) All other species: Each fillet shall bear intact a one-inch square patch of skin. The fillets may be of any size.

(g) The provisions of this section do not apply to the taking and possession of halibut, salmon, steelhead, striped bass and sturgeon.

27.70 TROUT IN THE OCEAN:

(a) Method of take: The trout must voluntarily take the bait or lure in its mouth.

(b) Limit: Three.

27.75 SALMON CLOSURES:

(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 the line drawn due west for two nautical miles from the centre 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.

27.80 SALMON:

(a) Methods of take: (1) 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 1.72, 28.65 and 28.70. (2) Only single barbless hooks may be used to take salmon in the ocean.

(b) Open Season: (1) Tomales and Humboldt bays: All year; (2) All other waters of the ocean and San Francisco Bay District from the Saturday nearest February 15 through the Sunday nearest November 15. (Note: The length of the salmon season in ocean waters is subject to change, depending upon action taken by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce. The department will notify the public of any change in the salmon regulations through the news media).

(c) Limit: Two.

(d) Minimum size: Twenty inches total length, except there is no size limit for salmon in Tomales Bay south of Hog Island.

27.85 STRIPED BASS:

(a) Open Season: All year.

(b) Limit: One.

(c) Minimum size: Forty inches total length.

(d) Methods of take: The Sturgeon must voluntarily take the bait or lure in its mouth. No sturgeon may be taken by trolling, snagging or by the use of firearms. Sturgeon less than legal size may not be gaffed, nor shall any person use any type of firearm to assist in landing or dispatching any sturgeon.

27.90 STURGEON:

(a) Open season: All year.

(b) Limit: One.

(c) Minimum size: Forty inches total length. (d) Methods of take: The sturgeon must voluntarily take the bait or lure in its mouth. No sturgeon may be taken by trolling, snagging or by the use of firearms. Sturgeon less than legal size may not be gaffed, nor shall any person use any type of firearm to assist in landing or dispatching any sturgeon.

28.00 GRUNION, CALIFORNIA: May be taken June 1 through March 31.

28.05 GARIBALDI: May not be taken or possessed.

28.10 GIANT (BLACK) SEA BASS:

(a) May not be taken off California. All fish taken incidental to other fishing activity shall be immediately returned to the water where taken.

(b) Limit: Two per angler per trip when fishing south of United States-Mexico border. A valid fishing permit or license from the Mexican Government constitutes proof that fish were taken legally.

28.12 GULF GROUPER AND BROOMTAIL GROUPER: May not be taken or possessed.

- 28.15 **HALIBUT, CALIFORNIA:**
 (a) Limit: Five, except three in Tomales Bay and Bodega Bay easterly of a line running northeasterly from Tolmasles Point to the whistle buoy, then to the bell buoy (S.E. of Bodega Rock) then to the westerly side of Bodega Head.
 (b) Minimum size: Twenty-two inches total length.
- 28.20 **HALIBUT, PACIFIC:**
 (a) Season: Pacific halibut may be taken only from March 1 through October 31.
 (b) Limit: Two.
 (c) Minimum size: Twenty-two inches total length.
- 28.25 **BARRACUDA, CALIFORNIA:** Minimum size: Twenty-eight inches total length or seventeen inches alternate length.
- 28.27 **LINGCOD:**
 (a) Limit: Five.
 (b) Minimum size: Twentytwo inches total length.
- 28.30 **KELP BASS, BARRED SAND BASS AND SPOTTED SAND BASS:**
 (a) Minimum size: Twelve inches total length or eight and one-half inches alternate length.
 (b) Limit: Ten in any combination of species.