

RECREATIONAL REGULATORY HISTORY OF GEAR RESTRICTIONS, SIZE LIMITS, AND DAILY BAG LIMITS, 1999-2022

Year	Gear, 1999-2022
1999	Unlimited number of hooks and lines
2000	Not more than three hooks and one line.
2001-2022	Not more than two hooks and one line.

Recreational Size Limits (total length), 1999-2022									
Year									
Species	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005-2010	2011-12	2013-22
Bocaccio	-----	10 in.	10 in.	10 in.	10 in.	10 in.	10 in.	10 in.	-----
Cabazon	-----	14 in.	15 in.	15 in.	15 in.	15 in.	15 in.	15 in.	15 in.
California scorpionfish	-----	10 in.	10 in.	10 in.	10 in.	10 in.	10 in.	10 in.	10 in.
California sheephead	-----	-----	12 in.	12 in.	12 in.	12 in.	12 in.	12 in.	12 in.
Greenlings	-----	12 in.	12 in.	12 in.	12 in.	12 in.	12 in.	12 in.	12 in.
Lingcod	24 in.	26 in.	26 in.	24 in.	24 in.	24 -> 30 in.	24 in.	22 in.	22 in.

Recreational Daily Bag Limits, 1999-2020																					
Year																					
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003		2004		2005-2008		2009-10	2011-12	2013-14	2015-16	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Species/Species Group	Regional Area:				North <sup>1,2</sup>	Cent/ South <sup>1,2</sup>	North <sup>1,2</sup>	Cent/ South <sup>1,2</sup>	North <sup>1,2</sup>	Cent/ South <sup>1,2</sup>	State Wide <sup>6</sup>										
California scorpionfish	10	10	10	10	5		5		5		5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	
California sheephead	10	10	5	5	5		5		5		5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	
Lingcod	2	2	2	2	2		2 -> 1		2		2	2	2	3	2	2	2 (N 40 10) 1->2 (S 40 10) <sup>10</sup>		2	2	2
Ocean whitefish	10	10	10	10	10		10		10		10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	
RCG COMPLEX <sup>3</sup>	15	10	10	10	10		10		10		10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	
cowcod	15	1 <sup>3</sup>	0	0	0		0		0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
bocaccio	3	3	2	2	2	0	2	1	2	1	2	2	3	3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
canary	NA	3	1	1	1	0	0		0		0	0	0	0	1	1->2 <sup>9</sup>	2->3 <sup>10</sup>		3	NA <sup>11</sup>	NA
yelloweye	NA	NA	NA	1 <sup>4</sup>	1 <sup>4</sup>	0	0		0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
nearshore	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2	10	2 -> 10	NA		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
black	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		NA	NA	NA	5 <sup>7</sup>	3 <sup>8</sup>	3	3->4 <sup>10</sup>		4	NA <sup>11</sup>	NA
copper	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1 <sup>12</sup>	
quillback	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1 <sup>12</sup>	
vermilion	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	5 <sup>11</sup>	4 <sup>12</sup>	
Cabazon	10	10	10	10	10	3	10 -> 3	3	1		2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	NA <sup>11</sup>	NA	
Greenlings	10	10	10	10	10	2	2		1 (2 <sup>5</sup> )		2	2 (NA <sup>6</sup> )		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
<b>Notes:</b> 1. The Rockfish Cabazon Greenling (RCG) complex exists south of a line near Cape Mendocino (40°10' N. lat.) and has an overall bag limit of 10 fish with the following sub-limits: 2 shallow nearshore rockfish in any combination, including black-and-yellow, China, grass, gopher, and kelp rockfish; limit 3 cabazon; limit 2 greenlings of the genus <i>Hexagrammos</i> . 2. Different limits apply in the Northern Region (from California-Oregon border to a line near Cape Mendocino (40°10' N. lat.) than the Central and Southern Regions (including waters near Cape Mendocino (40°10' N. lat.) to the California-Mexico border) for bocaccio, canary, and yelloweye rockfish. 4. The RCG complex exists statewide and has an overall bag limit of 10 fish with sub-limits on some species. NA = no specific sub-bag limit for the species or species group for that year was in effect. 3 4. A boat limit of not more than two fish per boat also applies. 5. Greenlings bag limit changed to two fish beginning in 2007. 6. Greenlings bag limit increased from two to ten fish within the ten fish daily bag limit (IOW, removed sub-bag limit within RCG complex) effective 2012(?). 7. A sub-bag limit of five black rockfish within ten fish bag limit implemented through SPEX process. 8. A sub-bag limit of three black rockfish within the ten fish bag limit implemented through SPEX process.																					

- 9. Canary sub-bag limit was increased from 1 to 2 fish via inseason change effective April 14, 2018.
  - 10. Inseason changes effective June 1, 2019 increased lingcod S 40 10 from 1 to 2 fish, canary sub-bag limit from 2 to 3 fish (statewide), and black rockfish sub-bag from 3 to 4 fish (statewide).
  - 11. Sub-bag limits for canary, black, and cabezon within the 10-fish RCG daily bag limit removed (IOW, daily limit for these species is the default 10) and implemented new sub-bag limit for vermilion of 5-fish through SPEX process.
  - 12. Inseason changes effective Jan 1, 2022 in federal regs, and Jan 6, 2022 in state regs reduced vermilion sub-bag limit from 5-fish to 4-fish, and implemented new sub-bag limits of 1-fish each for copper and quillback rockfishes.
- “x - > x” denotes an in-season change