Appendix A. Summary of California Management Measures

Year	Description	Effective Date
1953	Legislation prohibits trawling off coast of Santa Barbara County within 3-nautical-mile limit; entire California coast now closed to trawling within the 3-nautical-mile limit	1/1/1953
1970	Recreational Regulations	1/1/1970
	 Daily bag limit of 15 rockfish, can be all one species, within the 20 fish aggregate bag limit 	
1994	Marine Resources Protection Act (Proposition 132)	1/1/1994
	Gill nets prohibited within 3 miles of mainland coast, and waters less than 70 fathoms or	
1000	within one nautical mile of the Channel Islands, whichever is less	4 /4 /4 000
1999	Nearshore Fisheries Management Act gives Fish and Game Commission (FGC) additional authority to regulate fisheries (FG Code §8585.5), allows the FGC to make regulations to	1/1/1999
	regulate nearshore fisheries ¹ ; establishes size limits for 9 nearshore species; exempted trawl-	
	caught fish from size limits.	
2000	Recreational Regulations	1/1/2000
	 No more than one line with three hooks allowed when rockfish are on board 	
	 Daily bag limit for rockfish reduced to 10 fish, within the 20 fish aggregate bag limit 	
	 42° N lat. to 40°10′ N lat. – open year round 	
	• 40° 10′ N lat. to 36° N lat. – Open Janurary 1-Feburary 28 and May 1- December 31	
	 South of 36° N lat. – open March 1-December 31 	
2000	Commercial Regulations	1/1/2000
	Sebastes complex split into minor nearshore ² , minor shelf and minor slope rockfishes	
	 42° N lat. to 40°10′ N lat. – open year round 	
	 40°10′ N lat to 36° N lat. – March-December open 	
	 South of 36° N lat. – January-February and May-December open 	
	California asked the PFMC to split the area south of 40 10 into two areas with a break at 34	10/2/2000
	27 in case fishery restrictions are necessary to protect overfished species. FGC to discuss in	
	October.	
	• 40°10′ N lat to 34° 27′ N lat. – October-December open	
	South of 34° 27′ N lat. – October-December open	
2001	FGC established regulations to:	3/5/2001
	• Expand the list of nearshore fish stocks ³ to include deeper nearshore rockfish ⁴ and define	
	 shallow nearshore rockfish⁵ Define nearshore fisheries as the recreational or commercial take of nearshore fish stocks 	
	 Define nearshore fisheries as the recreational or commercial take of nearshore fish stocks Define nearshore waters as 1 nm along the mainland coast and offshore islands 	
	 Establish the Cowcod closure areas (known as Cowcod Conservation Areas in the federal 	
	arena) in line with federal rules	
	Note: fishing for deeper nearshore rockfish does not require a permit	

¹ Cabezon, California scorpionfish, California sheephead, Greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*, and black-and-yellow, China, gopher, grass and kelp rockfishes.

² Minor nearshore rockfish includes black, black-and-yellow, blue, brown, calico, China, copper, gopher, grass, kelp, olive, quillback and treefish rockfishes. South of 34° 27′ N lat. California scorpionfish is included.

³ Cabezon, California scorpionfish, California sheephead, Greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*, Monkeyface (eel) prickleback, and blue, black, black-and-yellow, brown, calico, China, copper, gopher, grass, kelp, olive, quillback and treefish rockfishes.

⁴ Black, blue, brown, calico, copper, olive, quillback and treefish rockfishes.

⁵ Cabezon, California scorpionfish, California sheephead, Greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*, and black-and-yellow, China, gopher, grass and kelp rockfishes.

Year	Description	Effective Date
2001	Recreational Regulations	1/11/2001
	• 42° N lat. to 40° 10′ N lat. – open year round	
	• 40° 10′ N lat. to 34° 27′ N lat.	
	 Janurary-Feburary- open 	
	 May-June – open to 20 fathoms 	
	 July-October – open 	
	South of 34° 27′ N lat.	
	 January-February – open to 20 fathoms 	
	 March-October – open 	
	 Cowcod Conservation Area – open to 20 fathoms 	
	• South of 34° 27′ N lat.	10/29/2001
	 October 29-December – open to 20 fathoms 	
2001	Commercial Regulations	
	 State limitation on the total number of hooks (150) and the number of hooks per line 	3/5/2001
	(15) used to take nearshore fish stocks within 1 nm of the mainland shore statewide	
	• 42° N lat. to 40°10′ N lat. – open year round	
	 40° 10′ N lat. to 34° 27′ N lat. 	1/11/2001
	 January-February – open 	
	 May-June – open to 20 fathoms 	
	 July-October – open 	
	South of 34° 27′ N lat.	
	 January-February – open to 20 fathoms 	
	 March-December – open 	
	 Cowcod Conservation Area – open to 20 fathoms 	
	Emergency Commercial Regulations	9/1/2001
	 Coastwide rockfish fishing, including nearshore species, is closed from November 1 to 	
	December 31, except that rockfish can be taken in waters 20 fathoms or less	
2002	Recreational Regulations	1/11/2002
	• 42º N lat. to 40º10' N lat. – open year round	3/1/2002
	• 40°10′ N lat. to 34°27′ N lat.	
	o January 1-February 28– open	
	May 1-June 30– open to 20 fathoms	
	• South of 34º27' N lat.	
	o March 1-June 30– open	
	Cowcod Conservation Areas— open to 20 fathoms	
	• South of 40°10′ N lat.	
	 July 1-October 30 – open to 20 fathoms 	7/1/2002
	Cowcod Conservation Areas— open to 20 fathoms	
2002	FGC adopted the Nearshore Fishery Management Plan	11/2002
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Year	Description	Effective Date
2002	 Commercial Regulations 42° N lat. To 40° 10′ N lat. – open year round all depths 40° 10′ N lat. to 34° 27′ N lat. January-February and May- August – open to 20 fathoms South of 34° 27′ N lat. March -June – open July- August – open to 20 fathoms Cowcod Conservation Areas – open to 20 fathoms 	1/1/2002
2003	 South of 40° 10′ N lat. – September -December closed FGC renamed Cowcod closure area to Cowcod Conservation Area consistent with federal regulations 	9/1/2002
2003	Recreational Regulations- Daily bag limit for rockfish, cabezon, and greenling (RCG) complex is 10 fish within the 20 fish aggregate bag limit. No more than two hooks and one line may be used.	1/3/2003
	 42° N lat. to 40°10′ N lat. January 1 – February 28 – open 42° N lat. to 40°10′ N lat. March 1–November 30– open 40°10′ N lat. to 34°27′ N lat. July 1–November 30– open to 20 fathoms South of 34°27′ N lat. July 1–August 31– open to 20 fathoms Cowcod Conservation Areas– open to 20 fathoms South of 34°27′ N lat. 	3/1/2003
	 September 1–November 30– open to 30 fathoms Cowcod Conservation Areas– open to 20 fathoms 	9/2/2003
	Statewide – closed in December	11/21/2003
2003	 Commercial Regulations FGC established that federal nearshore trip limits apply to the commercial fisherman as well as the federal regulation that they apply to the vessel 	1/3/2003
	 State Nearshore Fishery Permit (NFP) restricted access program established, with a trap gear endorsement and bycatch permit for the take of shallow nearshore species with trawl or gillnet gear. State Deeper Nearshore Species Fishery Permit⁶ (DNSFP) was established 42° N lat. to 40°10′ N lat. – January- November 20 – closed 20 fathoms to 100 fathoms 40°10′ N lat. to U.S./Mexico border January-February and May-November 20 – closed 20 fathoms to 150 fathoms South of 34° 27′ N lat. January-February – closed 20 fathoms to 150 fathoms May-September – closed 20 fathoms to 150 fathoms 	DNSFP 3/26/2003
	 September - Closed 20 fathoms to 150 fathoms Cowcod Conservation Areas - open to 20 fathoms 	9/2/2003
	Statewide – November 21- December 31 closed	11/21/2003

⁶ A state Deeper Nearshore Species Fishery Permit is required for the take of black, blue, brown, copper, olive, quillback and treefish rockfishes.

Year	Description	Effective Date
2004	Recreational Regulations	1/1/2004
	 Farallon Islands – 10 fathoms restriction year round 	
	 Cordell Bank – closed year round 	
	 42° N lat. to 40°10′ N lat. 	
	 January 1–February 28– open 	
	• 40°10' N lat. to 34°27' N lat.	
	 January 1–February 28– open to 30 fathoms 	
	• 42° N lat. to 40°10′ N lat.	- 4: 4
	o March 1–April 31– open	3/1/2004
	• South of 34°27′ N lat.	
	 March 1–April 30– open to 60 fathoms 	
	 Cowcod Conservation Areas – open to 20 fathoms 	
	• 42° N lat. to 40°10′ N lat.	5/1/2004
	 May 1–December 31– open to 30 fathoms 	3/1/2004
	• 40°10′ N lat. to 36° N lat.	
	 August 1–October 31– open to 20 fathoms 	
	• 36° N lat. to 34°27′ N lat.	
	 May 1-June 30– 20 fathom restriction 	
	 August 1–December 31– open to 20 fathoms 	
	South of 34°27′ N lat.	
	 May 1–August 31– open to 60 fathoms 	
	 September 1-October 31– 30 fathom restriction 	
	 November 1–December 31– open to 60 fathoms 	
	 Cowcod Conservation Areas – open to 20 fathoms 	
2004	Commercial Regulations	1/8/2004
	 42° N lat. to 40°10′ N lat. 	
	 January-December – closed 30 fathoms to 100 fathoms 	
	• 40°10′ N lat to 34°27′ N lat.	
	 January-February – closed 30 fathoms to 150 fathoms 	
	 May-August – closed 20 fathoms to 150 fathoms 	
	 September – closed 30 fathoms to 150 fathoms 	
	• South of 34°27′ N lat.	
	March-December – closed 60 fathoms to 150 fathoms	
2005	Cowcod Conservation Areas – open to 20 fathoms	4/4/2005
2005	Recreational Regulations	1/1/2005
	• 42° N lat. to 40°10′ N lat.	5/1/2005
	o May 1 -December 31– open to 30 fathoms	
	• 40°10 N lat. to 36° N lat.	
	 July 1 -December 31- open to 20 fathoms 	
	• 36° N lat. to 34°27′ N lat.	
	 May 1–September 30– open to 40 fathoms 	
	• South of 34°27′ N lat.	
	o March – open between 30 and 60 fathoms	
	o April 1-August 30– open to 60 fathoms	
	 September 1-October 30- open to 30 fathoms 	
	November 1-December 31– open to 60 fathoms	
	 Cowcod Conservation Areas – open to 20 fathoms 	

Year	Description	Effective Date
2005	 Commercial Regulations 42° N lat. to 40°10′ N lat. January-December – closed 30 fathoms to 100 fathoms 40°10′ N lat to 34°27′ N lat. January-February – closed 30 fathoms to 150 fathoms May-August – closed 20 to 150 fathoms September-December – closed 30 fathoms to 150 fathoms South of 34°27′ N lat. January-February and May-December – closed 60 fathoms to 150 fathoms 	1/1/2005
2006	 Cowcod Conservation Areas – open to 20 fathoms Recreational Regulations 42° N lat. to 40°10′ N lat. July 1–October 31– open to 40 fathoms 36° N lat. to 34°27′ N lat. May 1–June 30– open between 20-40 fathoms South of 34°27′ N lat. March 1–August 30– open to 60 fathoms Cowcod Conservation Areas– open to 20 fathoms 40°10′ N lat. to 36° N lat. July 1–December 31– open to 30 fathoms 36° N lat. to 34°27′ N lat. July 1 -October 30– open to 40 fathoms South of 34°27′ N lat. September 1–December 31– open to 60 fathoms Cowcod Conservation Areas– open to 20 fathoms 	3/1/2006 7/1/2006 ⁷
2006	Commercial Regulations 42° N lat. to 40°10′ N lat. January-December – closed 30 fathoms to 100 fathoms 40°10′ N lat to 34°27′ N lat. January-February – closed 30 fathoms to 150 fathoms May-August – closed 20 fathoms to 150 fathoms September-December – closed 30 fathoms to 150 fathoms South of 34°27′ N lat. January-February and May-December closed 60 fathoms to 150 fathoms Cowcod Conservation Areas –open to 20 fathoms	1/1/2006

 $^{^7}$ Between 40°10' N lat. to 36° N lat. inseason action was taken to modify the depth restriction to 30 fathoms (from 20 fathoms), prior to the season opening.

Year	Description	Effective Date
2007	Recreational Regulations	1/1/2007
	• 42° N lat. to 40°10′ N lat.	
	 May 1–September 30– open to 30 fathoms 	
	• 40°10′ N lat. to 37°11′ N lat.	
	 June 1–September 30– open to 30 fathoms 	
	• 37°11′ N lat. to 34°27′ N lat.	
	 May 1–November 30– open to 40 fathoms 	
	• South of 34°27 N lat.	
	 March 1–December 31– open to 60 fathoms 	
	 Cowcod Conservation Areas – open to 20 fathoms 	
	• 42° N lat. to 37°11′ N lat lat.	10/1/2007
	 October 1-December 31– closed 	10/1/2007
2007	Commercial Regulations	1/1/2007
	 42° N lat. to 40°10′ N lat. 	
	 January-December – closed 30 fathoms to 100 fathoms 	
	• 40°10′ N lat to 34°27′ N lat.	
	 January-February and May-December – closed 30 fathoms to 150 fathoms 	
	• South of 34°27′ N lat.	
	 January-February and May-December – closed 60 fathoms to 150 fathoms 	
	 Cowcod Conservation Areas – open to 20 fathoms 	
2008	Recreational Regulations	1/1/2007
	• 42° N lat. to 40°-10′ N lat.	5/1/20088
	 May 1–September 1– open to 20 fathoms 	
	• 40°10′ N lat. to 37°11′ N lat.	
	 June 1–September 1– open to 20 fathoms 	
	• 37°11′ N lat. to 34°27′ N lat.	
	 May 1–September 1– open to 40 fathoms 	
	• South of 34°27 N lat.	
	 March 1–December 31– open to 60 fathoms 	
	 Cowcod Conservation Areas— open to 20 fathoms 	
	 42° N lat. to 37°11′ N lat. – 	10/10/2008 ⁹
	 September 2 – December 31– closed 	10, 10, 2000
2008	Commercial Regulations	1/1/2008
	 42° N lat. to 40°10′ N lat. 	
	 January-December – closed 30 fathoms to 100 fathoms 	
	• 40°10′ N lat to 34°27′ N lat.	
	 January-February and May-December – closed 30 fathoms to 150 fathoms 	
	• South of 34°27′ N lat.	
	 January-February and May-December – closed 60 fathoms to 150 fathoms 	
	 Cowcod Conservation Areas – open to 20 fathoms 	

 ⁸ Between 42° N lat. and 37°11' N lat., action was taken prior to the season opening to implement a depth restriction of 20 fathoms (from 30 fathoms).
 ⁹ California enacted this inseason action through their state process effective September 2, federal conforming action

was taken subsequently.

Year	Description	Effective Date
2009/2010	Recreational Regulations	3/1/2009
	• 42° N lat. to 40°-10′ N lat.	
	 May 15–September 15– open to 20 fathoms 	
	• 40°10′ N lat. to 38°57.5′ N lat.	
	 May 15–August 15– open to 20 fathoms 	
	• 38°57.5′ N lat. to 37°11′ N lat.	
	 June 13–October 31– open to 30 fathoms 	
	• 37°11′ N lat. to 34°27′ N lat.	
	 May 1–November 15– open to 40 fathoms 	
	• South of 34°27 N lat.	
	 March 1–December 31– open to 60 fathoms 	
	 Cowcod Conservation Areas – open to 20 fathoms 	
2009	Commercial Regulations	1/1/2009
	• 42° N lat. to 40°10′ N lat.	
	 January-February – closed 20 fathoms to 100 fathoms 	
	 March-December – closed 20 fathoms to 100 fathoms 	4/1/2009
	• 40°10′ N lat to 34°27′ N lat.	
	 January-February and May-December – closed 30 fathoms to 150 fathoms 	
	• South of 34°27′ N lat.	
	 January-February and May-December – closed 60 fathoms to 150 fathoms 	
	 Cowcod Conservation Areas – open to 20 fathoms 	
2010	Commercial Regulations	1/1/2010
	• 42° N lat. to 40°10′ N lat.	
	 January-December – closed 20 fathoms to 100 fathoms 	
	• 40°10′ N lat to 34°27′ N lat.	
	 January-February and May-December – closed 30 fathoms to 150 fathoms 	
	• South of 34°27′ N lat.	
	 January-February and May-December – closed 60 fathoms to 150 fathoms 	
	Cowcod Conservation Areas – open to 20 fathoms	
2011	Recreational Regulations	5/11/2011
	• 42° N lat. to 40°-10′ N lat.	
	 May 14–October 31– open to 20 fathoms 	
	• 40°10′ N lat. to 38°57.5′ N lat.	
	 May 14–August 15– open to 20 fathoms 	
	• 38°57.5′ N lat. to 37°11′ N lat.	
	 June 1–December 31– open to 30 fathoms 	
	• 37°11′ N lat. to 34°27′ N lat.	
	 May 1-December 31- open to 40 fathoms 	
	• South of 34°27 N lat.	
	 March 1–December 31– open to 60 fathoms 	
	 Cowcod Conservation Areas— open to 20 fathoms 	
2011	Commercial Regulations	1/1/2011
	• 42° N lat. to 40°10′ N lat.	
	 January-December – closed 20 fathoms to 100 fathoms 	
	• 40°10′ N lat to 34°27′ N lat.	
	 January-February and May-December – closed 30 fathoms to 150 fathoms 	
	• South of 34°27′ N lat.	
	 January-February and May-December – closed 60 fathoms to 150 fathoms 	
	 Cowcod Conservation Areas – open to 20 fathoms 	

Year	Description	Effective Date
2012	Recreational Regulations 42° N lat. to 40°-10′ N lat. May 14–October 31– open to 20 fathoms 40°10′ N lat. to 38°57.5′ N lat. May 14–August 15– open to 20 fathoms 38°57.5′ N lat. to 37°11′ N lat. June 1–December 31– open to 30 fathoms 37°11′ N lat. to 34°27′ N lat. May 1–December 31– open to 40 fathoms South of 34°27 N lat. March 1–October 31– open to 60 fathoms Cowcod Conservation Areas– open to 20 fathoms South of 34°27 N lat.	5/11/2011
	 November 1–December 31– open to 50 fathoms Cowcod Conservation Areas– open to 20 fathoms 	10/17/2012
2012	Commercial Regulations 42° N lat. to 40°10′ N lat. January-December – closed 20 fathoms to 100 fathoms 40°10′ N lat to 34°27′ N lat. January-February and May-December – closed 30 fathoms to 150 fathoms South of 34°27′ N lat. January-February and May-December – closed 60 fathoms to 150 fathoms Cowcod Conservation Areas – open to 20 fathoms	1/1/2012
2013	Recreational Regulations 42° N lat. to 40°-10′ N lat. May 15–October 31– open to 20 fathoms 40°10′ N lat. to 38°57.5′ N lat. May 15–September 2– open to 20 fathoms 38°57.5′ N lat. to 37°11′ N lat. June 1–December 31– open to 30 fathoms 37°11′ N lat. to 34°27′ N lat. May 1–December 31– open to 40 fathoms South of 34°27 N lat. March 1–December 31– open to 50 fathoms Cowcod Conservation Areas– open to 20 fathoms	1/3/2013
2013	Commercial Regulations 42° N lat. to 40°10′ N lat. January-December – closed 20 fathoms to 100 fathoms 40°10′ N lat to 34°27′ N lat. January-February and May-December – closed 30 fathoms to 150 fathoms South of 34°27′ N lat. January-February and May-December – closed 60 fathoms to 150 fathoms Cowcod Conservation Areas – open to 20 fathoms	1/1/2013

Year	Description	Effective Date
2014	Recreational Regulations	1/3/2013
	• 42° N lat. to 40°-10′ N lat.	
	 May 15–October 31– open to 20 fathoms 	
	• 40°10′ N lat. to 38°57.5′ N lat.	
	 May 15–September 1– open to 20 fathoms 	
	• 38°57.5′ N lat. to 37°11′ N lat.	
	 June 1–December 31– open to 30 fathoms 	
	• 37°11′ N lat. to 34°27′ N lat.	
	 May 1–December 31– open to 40 fathoms 	
	• South of 34°27 N lat.	
	 March 1–December 31– open to 50 fathoms 	
	 Cowcod Conservation Areas – open to 20 fathoms 	
2014	Commercial Regulations	1/1/2014
	• 42° N lat. to 40°10′ N lat.	
	 January-December – closed 20 fathoms to 100 fathoms 	
	• 40°10′ N lat to 34°27′ N lat.	
	 January-February and May-December – closed 30 fathoms to 150 fathoms 	
	• South of 34°27′ N lat.	
	 January-February and May-December – closed 60 fathoms to 150 fathoms 	
	 Cowcod Conservation Areas – open to 20 fathoms 	
2015/2016	Recreational Regulations	3/10/2015
	• 42° N lat. to 38°57.5′ N lat.	
	 May 15–October 31– open to 20 fathoms 	
	• 38°57.5′ N lat. to 37°11′ N lat.	
	 April 15–December 31– open to 30 fathoms 	
	• 37°11′ N lat. to 34°27′ N lat.	
	 April 1–December 31– open to 40 fathoms 	
	• South of 34°27′ N lat.	
	 March 1–December 31– open to 60 fathoms 	
	 Cowcod Conservation Areas— open to 20 fathoms 	
2015	Commercial Regulations	3/10/2015
	• 42° N lat. to 40°10′ N lat.	
	 January-February – closed 20 fathoms to 100 fathoms 	
	 March-December – closed 30 fathoms to 100 fathoms 	
	• 40°10′ N lat to 34°27′ N lat.	
	 January-February and May-December – closed 30 fathoms to 150 fathoms 	
	• South of 34°27′ N lat.	
	 January-February and May-December – closed 60 fathoms to 150 fathoms 	
	Cowcod Conservation Areas – open to 20 fathoms	
2016	Commercial Regulations	1/1/2016
	• 42° N lat. to 40°10′ N lat.	
	 January-December – closed 30 fathoms to 100 fathoms 	
	40°10′ N lat to 34°27′ N lat. Annual Separation of Separation of Separation of Separation (Separation of Separation of Sep	
	 January-February and May-December – closed 30 fathoms to 150 fathoms 	
	South of 34°27′ N lat.	
	January-February and May-December – closed 60 fathoms to 150 fathoms Coursed Conservation Areas, once to 20 fathoms	
	 Cowcod Conservation Areas – open to 20 fathoms 	

Year	Description	Effective Date
2017	Recreational Regulations	3/1/2017
	• 42° N lat. to 40° - $10'$ N lat.	
	 May 1– October 15– open to 30 fathoms 	
	• 40°10′ N lat. to 38°57.5′ N lat.	
	 May 1– October 15– open to 20 fathoms 	
	• 38°57.5′ N lat. to 37°11′ N lat.	
	 April 15–October 15– open to 40 fathoms 	
	• 37°11′ N lat. to 34°27′ N lat.	
	 April 1–October 15– open to 50 fathoms 	
	South of 34°27 N lat.	
	March 1–December 31– open to 60 fathoms	
	Cowcod Conservation Areas— open to 20 fathoms	
	• 42° N lat. to 38°57.5′ N lat.	
	 October 16- December 31- open to 20 fathoms 	40/40/2047
	• 38°57.5′ N lat. to 37°11′ N lat.	10/19/2017
	October 16– December 31– open to 30 fathoms	
	• 37°11′ N lat. to 34°27′ N lat.	
2017	October 16- December 31- open to 40 fathoms	1/4/2017
2017	Commercial Regulations	1/4/2017
	• 42° N lat. to 40°10′ N lat.	
	 January-December – closed 30 fathoms to 100 fathoms 40°10′ N lat to 34°27′ N lat. 	
	 January-February and May – closed 30 fathoms to 125 fathoms June-December – closed 40 fathoms to 125 fathoms 	7/7/2017
	 June-December – closed 40 fathoms to 125 fathoms South of 34°27′ N lat. 	7/7/2017
	 January-February and May-December – closed 75 fathoms to 150 fathoms Cowcod Conservation Areas – open to 20 fathoms 	
2018	Cowcod Conservation Areas – open to 20 fathoms Recreational Regulations	3/1/2017
2010	• 42° N lat. to 40°-10′ N lat.	3/1/2017
	o May 1–August 24– open to 30 fathoms	
	• 40°10′ N lat. to 38°57.5′ N lat.	
	o May 1–August 24– open to 20 fathoms	
	• 38°57.5′ N lat. to 37°11′ N lat.	
	O April 15–August 24– open to 40 fathoms	
	• 37°11′ N lat. to 34°27′ N lat.	
	 April 1–August 24– open to 50 fathoms 	
	• South of 34°27 N lat.	
	 March 1- December 31– open to 60 fathoms 	
	 Cowcod Conservation Areas – open to 20 fathoms 	
	• 42° N lat. to 38°57.5′ N lat.	
	 August 25- December 31– open to 20 fathoms 	9/27/2018 ¹⁰
	• 38°57.5′ N lat. to 37°11′ N lat.	· ·
	 August 25 – December 31– open to 30 fathoms 	
	• 37°11′ N lat. to 34°27′ N lat.	
	 August 25- December 31– open to 40 fathoms 	

 10 California enacted this inseason change through their state process, effective August 25, with the Council taking conforming action subsequently.

Year	Description	Effective Date
2018	Commercial Regulations 42° N lat. to 40°10′ N lat. January-December – closed 30 fathoms to 100 fathoms 40°10′ N lat to 34°27′ N lat. January-February and May-December – closed 40 fathoms to 125 fathoms South of 34°27′ N lat. January-February and May-December – closed 75 fathoms to 150 fathoms Cowcod Conservation Areas – open to 20 fathoms	1/1/2018
2019/2020	Recreational regulations 42° N lat. to 40°-10′ N lat. May 1 – October 31 – open to 30 fathoms 40°10′ N lat. to 38°57.5′ N lat. May 1 – October 31 – open to 20 fathoms 42° N lat. to 38°57.5′ N lat. November 1 – December 31 – open 38°57.5′ N lat. to 37°11′ N lat. April 1 – December 31 – open to 40 fathoms 37°11′ N lat. to 34°27′ N lat. April 1 – December 31 – open to 50 fathoms South of 34°27 N lat. March 1 – December 31 – open to 75 fathoms Cowcod Conservation Area – open to 40 fathoms	1/1/2019
2019/2020	Commercial Regulations 42° N lat. to 40°10′ N lat. January-December – closed 30 fathoms to 100 fathoms 40°10′ N lat to 34°27′ N lat. January-February and May-December – closed 40 fathoms to 125 fathoms South of 34°27′ N lat. January-February and May-December – closed 75 fathoms to 150 fathoms Cowcod Conservation Areas – open to 20 fathoms	1/1/2019