



CDFW Recreational Season Lengths and Depth Restrictions for Select California Groundfish (1999-2014)



The following are summarized recreational season and depth limit regulations for select California groundfish from 1999 through 2014, including most inseason changes. Information was compiled from California's sport fishing booklet and supplemental booklets, as well as some emergency rulemakings.

Nearshore rockfish is defined as: black, black-and-yellow, blue, brown, calico, China, copper, gopher, grass, kelp, olive, quillback, and treefish rockfishes.

Shelf rockfish is defined as: bocaccio, canary, cowcod, widow, yelloweye, yellowtail, shortbelly, bronzespotted, chameleon, chilipepper, dwarf-red, flag, freckled, greenblotched, greenspotted, greenstriped, halfbanded, honeycomb, Mexican, pink, pinkrose, pygmy, redstripe, rosethorn, rosy, silvergrey, speckled, squarespot, starry, striptail, swordspine, tiger, and vermilion rockfishes.

Key:

	Allowed in all waters
20	Depth closed greater than 20fm
30	Depth closed greater than 30fm
40	Depth closed greater than 40fm
50	Depth closed greater than 50fm
60	Depth closed greater than 60fm
30-60	Depth open between 30-60fm
Closed	depth In-season change In-season closure

CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATORY HISTORY, 1999

Statewide

California/Oregon Border to California/Mexico border

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish, California scorpionfish, California sheephead, Cabezon, Greenlings (rock, kelp), Ocean whitefish, Shelf rockfish, Lingcod, Sanddabs												

CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATORY HISTORY, 2000

Northern Management Area

California/Oregon Border to Near Cape Mendocino (40° 10' N lat.)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish, California scorpionfish, California sheephead, Cabezon, Greenlings (rock, kelp), Ocean whitefish, Shelf rockfish												
Lingcod ¹												
Sanddabs												

Central Management Area

Near Cape Mendocino (40° 10' N lat.) to Lopez Point (36° 00' N lat.)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
California scorpionfish, California sheephead, Cabezon, Greenlings, Ocean Whitefish												
Nearshore rockfish, Shelf rockfish												
Lingcod ¹												
Sanddabs												