Southern Management Area

Lopez Point (36° 00' N lat.) to US/Mexico Border

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

Notes for 2000:

1. Statewide emergency lingcod closure in November and December; closure did not apply to shore-based anglers.

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Northern Management Area 1, 2, 3

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

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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 ³ , Lingcod ³												
Sanddabs												

Central Management Area 1, 2, 3

Near Cape Mendocino (40° 10′ N lat.) to Point Conception (34° 27′ N lat.)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish, California scorpionfish					20	20					20	20
California sheephead, Ocean whitefish												
Cabezon, Greenlings (rock, kelp)											20	20
Shelf rockfish ³ , Lingcod ³												
Sanddabs												

Southern Management Area 1,2,3 Point Conception (34° 27' N lat.) to the U.S./Mexico border

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish											20	20
California scorpionfish, Ocean whitefish	20	20									20	20
California sheephead												
Cabezon, Greenlings (rock, kelp)											20	20
Shelf rockfish ³ , Lingcod ³												
Sanddabs												

Notes for 2001:

- 1. Emergency action was taken by the Commission in order to conform to federal regulations; closures did not apply to shore-based anglers.
- 2. Inseason emergency closure on October 29 prohibited angling for shelf and slope rockfishes and lingcod. Possession of these fishes was prohibited in state waters. In waters less than 20 fathoms, fishing for nearshore rockfishes, California scorpionfish, cabezon, and greenlings continued to be permitted (including waters around offshore rocks and islands less than 20 fathoms). Fishing for California sheephead continued to be permitted in all waters except the Cowcod Conservation Areas.
- 3. On January 1, 2000 the California Fish and Game Commission adopted regulations to be effective through 2002 that closed lingcod, nearshore, and shelf rockfishes as follows: south of Lopez Point to the Mexico border Jan. Feb.; and north of Lopez Point to Cape Mendocino Mar. Apr. New regulations that superceded the regulations adopted January 1, 2000 went into effect Mar. 5, 2001. These new regulations included a different regional management boundary between the central and southern management areas Point Conception instead of Lopez Point. Because of the delay in implementation (March instead of January), the area between Lopez Point and Point Conception was closed from Jan. 1 Feb. 28, 2001 (as part of the southern area under the 2000 regulations). This area then was open to fishing from March