

For a full list of permitted fish, their size and bag limit visit:

Kelp Bass



Minimum Size: 14 inches Total Length
Bag Limit: 5 in combination with other paralartrax basses.

California sheephead (Female)
Minimum Size: 12 Inches Total Length
Bag Limit: 5 total male and female



California sheephead (Male)
Minimum Size: 12 Inches Total Length
Bag Limit: 5 total male and female



California halibut
Minimum Size: 22 Inches Total Length
Bag Limit: 5



Common finfish species you may see along with their size and bag limits.

Where Fishing is Permitted...

What ...

Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) are named, discrete geographic marine or estuarine areas set aside primarily to protect or conserve marine life and habitat. State Marine Reserves (SMRs) and State Marine Conservation Areas (SMCAs) are two types of MPA designations.

Why...

California State Legislature adopted the Marine Life Protection Act in 1999 in part to protect and conserve California's ocean and marine ecosystems and natural heritage; improve recreational, educational, and research opportunities; and to ensure that the state's MPAs were designed and managed as a network.

Where...

Orange County MPAs	Allowed Take
Bolsa Bay SMCA	The recreational take of finfish by hook and line from shore is allowed in designated areas only.
Upper Newport Bay SMCA	The recreational take of finfish by hook and line is allowed from shore only.
Crystal Cove SMCA	The recreational take of finfish by hook and line or by spearfishing, and lobster and sea urchin is allowed below the mean lower low tide line only; no take allowed from tidepools. The commercial take of coastal pelagic species (northern anchovy, jack mackerel, pacific sardine, pacific mackerel, market squid) by round haul net, brail gear and light boat. Spiny lobster and sea urchin is allowed.
Dana Point SMCA	
Bolsa Chica Basin No-Take SMCA	It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.
Laguna Beach SMR	
Laguna Beach No-Take SMCA	

*Other regulations may apply. For detailed maps, coordinates, and regulations, please visit www.wildlife.ca.gov/mpas

MARINE PROTECTED AREA
THIS BEACH IS A MARINE PROTECTED AREA. TAKING OR POSSESSING TIDEPOOL ANIMALS IS AGAINST THE LAW.

ABSOLUTELY NO COLLECTING

Help preserve our tidepools

- Never remove animals, shells or rocks from the tidepools.
- Never pick up animals... observe them where they are.
- Walk gently, taking care not to step on plants or animals.
- Never turn over rocks.

TIDEPOOLS ARE PROTECTED
TO REPORT VIOLATIONS CALL 1-888-DFG-CALTIP
For detailed maps and regulations see: www.wildlife.ca.gov/MPAs or visit: www.ocmarineprotection.org

Orange County Marine Protected Area Council

OCMPAC's mission is to collaborate at a regional level to preserve and protect Orange County's marine protected areas through ongoing improvements in research, monitoring, education, outreach and enforcement.

For more information, please visit:
www.ocmarineprotection.org

Report Poachers and Polluters to CalTIP

Contact Fish and Wildlife

Turn In Poachers hotline

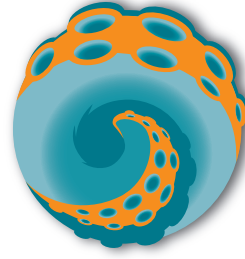
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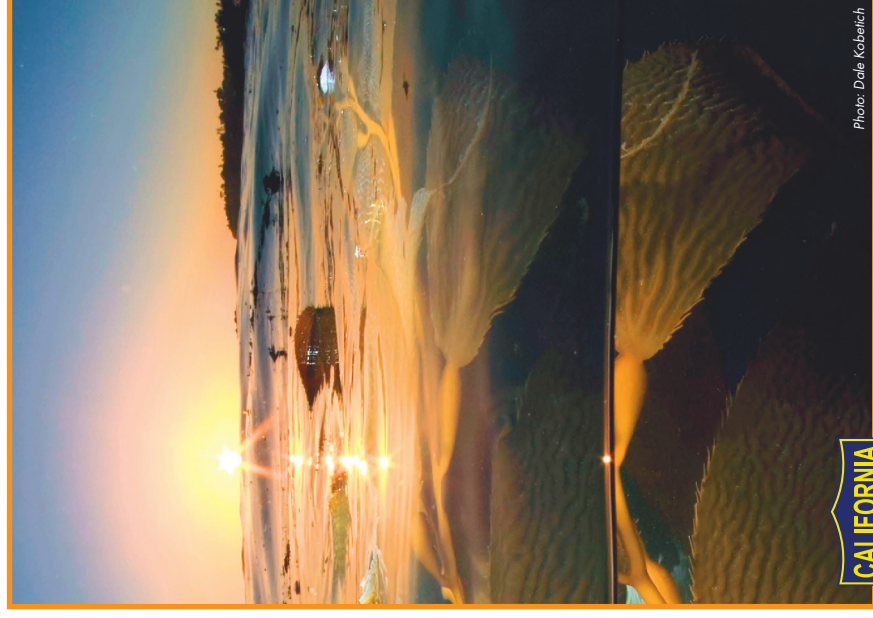


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Orange County Marine Protected Areas

Know Before You Go...

It is the responsibility of the individual(s) fishing to know all regulations such as bag limits, minimum size limits, and marine protected areas (where fishing regulations are modified).

If contacted by an enforcement official, "I didn't know" is not a valid reason for violation of the law - you may receive a citation.

Fishing License...

Every person 16 years of age or older must possess a valid fishing license and any required report cards. FGC 7145(a)

Skin or Scuba Diving:

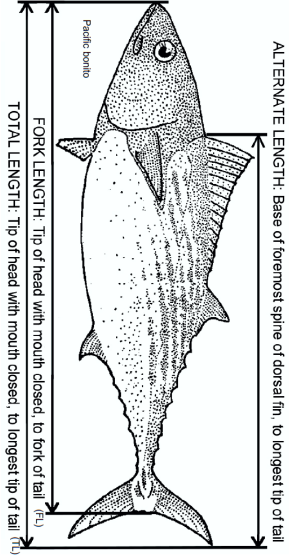
Fishing license can be within 500 yards of your possession; however, enforcement officials reserve the right to make you produce your license.

Spear Fishing Tip...

There is no grey area for minimum size limits. Remember, animals appear larger when underwater. If you are asking yourself, "is that fish big enough?" Odds are it is not. Play it safe and only go for fish when certain they are of legal size limit.

Spearfishing and then releasing undersized saltwater fish is not ethical, and may be unlawful under a variety of scenarios.

Fish Measurements...



Alternate Length: Base of foremost dorsal fin spine, to longest tip of tail.

Fork Length: Tip of head with mouth closed, to longest tip of tail.

Total Length: Tip of head with mouth closed, to longest tip of the tail.

* Regulations are subject to change. The intent of this brochure is to educate users about California's Marine Protected Areas and promote responsible recreational fishing practices. At no time should this document be considered a primary source for California Sport Fishing Regulations.

For official regulatory language visit:

ccr.oal.ca.gov

For general sport fishing regulations visit:
wildlife.ca.gov/regulations

California's South Coast Marine Protected Areas ORANGE COUNTY DETAIL

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For more information and complete regulations and boundaries, see www.wildlife.ca.gov/MPAs
Marine Region GIS Lab

