

California Recreational Rockfish and Lingcod Management Recommendations for 2002

All 2001 regulations remain in effect for 2002 unless modified by recommended changes.

I. Northern Area (40° 10' to Oregon border)

All Waters: Rockfish and Lingcod

Open: January - December

10 rockfish bag limit with a 2 bocaccio, 1 canary, 1 yelloweye (2 fish per vessel), sublimit.
2 lingcod with a 24 inch minimum length.

II. Central Area (Point Conception to 40° 10')

All Waters: Rockfish (including sculpin, a.k.a. California scorpionfish) and Lingcod

Open: January - February, July - August

10 rockfish bag limit with a 2 bocaccio, 1 canary, 1 yelloweye (2 fish per vessel), sublimit.
10 fish sculpin bag limit separate from 10 fish rockfish limit. 2 lingcod with a 24 inch minimum length.

Inside 25 fathoms: Rockfish (including sculpin) and Lingcod

Open: May - June, September - October

10 rockfish bag limit of which no more than 2 may be shelf rockfish other than bocaccio, canary, cowcod, or yelloweye. Bocaccio, canary, cowcod and yelloweye retention prohibited.
10 fish sculpin bag limit separate from 10 fish rockfish limit. 2 lingcod with a 24 inch minimum length.

III. Southern Area (Mexico border to Point Conception except Cowcod Conservation Areas)

All Waters: Rockfish (including sculpin) and Lingcod

Open: March - October

10 rockfish bag limit with a 2 bocaccio, 1 canary, 1 yelloweye (2 fish per vessel), sublimit.
10 fish sculpin bag limit separate from 10 fish rockfish limit. 2 lingcod with a 24 inch minimum length.

IV. Cowcod Conservation Areas (CCA's): Same as Southern Area except open only inside 25 fathoms.