

# Calendar of Commercial Fishing Open Seasons 2026 (and 2027 where applicable)

Species	Districts	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
<b>Surfperch</b> Open 8/1/2026 to 4/30/2027 Open 8/1/2025 to 4/30/2026	All. Shiner perch open all year. Barred, redbtail and calico may not be taken south of Pt. Arguello.				30	CLOSED		1					
<b>White Seabass</b> Open 6/16/2026 to 3/14/2027 Open 6/16/2025 to 3/14/2026	All districts south of Pt. Conception		14	CLOSED			16						
<b>Spiny Lobster</b> Open 10/7/2026 to 3/17/2027	18, 19, 20A and part of 20			17	CLOSED						7		
<b>Nearshore Fishery</b> Open all year	Quillback rockfish may not be taken.												
<b>Dungeness Crab</b> (Opening and closing dates may differ <sup>1</sup> ) Open 12/1/2026 to 7/15/2027 <sup>1</sup> Open 12/1/2025 to 7/15/2026 <sup>1</sup>	Districts 6, 7, 8 and 9						15		CLOSED				1
Open 11/15/2026 to 6/30/2027 <sup>1</sup> Open 11/15/2025 to 6/30/2026 <sup>1</sup>	All other districts						30		CLOSED				15
<b>Spot Prawn (Trapping)</b> All traps must be in waters of 50 fathoms or greater South of Point Arguello Open 2/1/2026 to 10/31/2026	18, South of Pt. Arguello, 19, 19A, 20, 20A, 21		1								31		CLOSED
North of Point Arguello Open 8/1/2026 to 4/30/2027 Open 8/1/2025 to 4/30/2026	6, 7, 10, 17, 18, North of Pt. Arguello				30	CLOSED		1					
<b>Coonstripe Shrimp (Trapping)</b> 5/15/2026 to 10/31/2026	Northern Management Area			CLOSED		15						31	
5/1/2026 to 10/31/2026	Southern Management Area			CLOSED		1						31	
<b>California Halibut (Trawling)</b> Open 6/16/2026 to 3/14/2027 Open 6/16/2025 to 3/14/2026	California Halibut Trawl Grounds		14	CLOSED			16						
Open all year	Federal waters only												
<b>California Halibut (Hook-and-line)</b> Open all year	All												
<b>Pink Shrimp (Trawling)</b> Open 4/1/2026 to 10/31/2026 <sup>2</sup>	Federal waters only			CLOSED		1						31	
<b>Ridgeback Prawn (Trawling)</b> Open 10/1/2026 to 5/31/2027 Open 10/1/2025 to 5/31/2026	Southern California						31		CLOSED			1	
<b>Sea Urchin (Red)</b>	All	<b>See page 158 for Open and Closed Days</b>											
<b>Salmon</b>		<b>SEE FEDERAL REGULATIONS</b>											
<b>Sea Cucumber</b>	All State waters	<b>See page 156 for Open and Closed Days</b>											
<b>Kellett's Whelk</b> Open 7/1/2026 to 3/17/2027	All				17	CLOSED		1					

<sup>1</sup> The director may modify the Dungeness crab season due to marine life entanglement risk (FGC §8276.1 and §132.8, Title 14, CCR) and/or delay the season in districts 6, 7, 8, and 9, based on the results of pre-season quality testing (FCG §8276.2).

<sup>2</sup> Fishery is subject to early closure and late start pursuant to the Harvest Control Rule prescribed in §120.1, Title 14, CCR.

**Open season - Dates listed for open season are inclusive**