

## Regulatory Language

Section 28.20, Title 14, CCR, is Amended to Read:

§ 28.20. Halibut, Pacific.

(a) Season:

(1) Pacific halibut may be taken only from May 1 through October 31. [varied dates within the range from May 1 to October 31 which may include periodic closures] or until the quota is reached, whichever is earlier. Pacific halibut take is regulated by a quota that is closely monitored each year in alignment with federal regulations.

(2) The 2015 Pacific halibut quota is [0-50,000] pounds. The department shall inform the commission, and the public via a press release, prior to any implementation of restrictions triggered by achieving or expecting to exceed the quota. Anglers and divers are advised to check the current rules before fishing. The latest fishing rules may be found on the department's website at: [www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/), or by calling the Recreational Groundfish Fishing Regulations Hotline (831) 649-2801 or the National Marine Fisheries Service Area 2A Halibut Hotline (800) 662-9825 for recorded information, or by contacting a department office.

(b) Limit: One.

(c) Minimum size: None.

(d) Methods of Take:

(1) When angling, no more than one line with two hooks attached may be used.

(2) A harpoon, gaff, or net may be used to assist in taking a Pacific halibut that has been legally caught by angling. See Section 28.95 of these regulations for additional restrictions on the use of harpoons.

(3) Take by spearfishing is allowed pursuant to Section 28.90 of these regulations.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 205, ~~210, 219 and 220~~219, 220, 240 and 316, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections ~~200-202, 201, 202, 203.1, 205-210, 205, 207, 215 and 217.5-222, 219, 220 and 316,~~ Fish and Game Code.

Section 28.95, Title 14, CCR is Amended to Read:

### **§ 28.95. Spears, Harpoons and Bow and Arrow Fishing Tackle.**

Spears, harpoons and bow and arrow fishing tackle may be used for taking all varieties of skates, rays, and sharks, except white sharks. Harpoons may be used to assist in taking Pacific halibut as specified in Section 28.20. Such gear may not be possessed or used within 100 yards of the mouth of any stream in any ocean waters north of Ventura County, nor aboard any vessel on any day or on any trip when broadbill swordfish or marlin have been taken. Bow and arrow fishing tackle may be used to take fin fish other than giant (black) sea bass, garibaldi, gulf grouper, broomtail grouper, trout, salmon, broadbill and white shark.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 205, ~~210~~, 219, ~~220 and 5517~~ and 220, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 201, 202, 203.1, 205, ~~206~~, 207, ~~210~~, 215, ~~217.5~~, ~~218~~, 219, ~~220 and 5517~~ and 220, Fish and Game Code.