

Section 27.25, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

**§ 27.25. Northern Groundfish Management Area.**

This Section applies to take and possession of all 90 species of federally-managed groundfish, California sheephead, ocean whitefish, and all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos* in the Northern Groundfish Management Area. Federal groundfish include, but are not limited to, rockfish, cabezon, lingcod, California scorpionfish, kelp greenling, and some species of sharks, skates and flatfish. For specific definitions, applicability, and procedures, see sections 1.91 and 27.20. For size limits, possession limits, and other regulations that apply to individual species, see specific sections beginning with Section 27.60.

(a) The Northern Groundfish Management Area means ocean waters between 42°00' N. lat. (the Oregon/California border) and 40°10' N. lat. (near Cape Mendocino, Humboldt County).

(b) Seasons and depth constraints (except as provided in (c) below):

(1) January 1 through ~~the Friday preceding the second Saturday in May 14~~: Closed.

(2) ~~From the Second Saturday in May 15~~ through October 31: Open for all species only in waters shallower than 20 fathoms in depth as described by general depth contour lines.

(3) November 1 through December 31: Closed.

(c) Special exceptions to subsection (b) above:

(1) "Other Flatfish" as defined in subsection 1.91(a)(10), which include Pacific sanddabs, may be taken or possessed in all depths year-round.

(2) Leopard shark may be taken or possessed in Humboldt Bay year-round.

(3) When angling from shore (includes beaches, banks, piers, jetties, breakwaters, docks, and other man-made structures connected to the shore), all species may be taken or possessed year-round. No vessel or watercraft (motorized or non-motorized) may be used to assist in taking or possessing these species while angling from shore under this provision.

(4) When diving or spearfishing, as authorized in Section 28.90, all species may be taken or possessed year-round. Except for spearfishing gear, all other types of fishing gear are prohibited to be aboard the vessel or watercraft (motorized or non-motorized) while spearfishing for the purpose of taking or possessing these species under this provision.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 205 and 702, Fish and Game Code.

Reference: Sections 200, 202, 205, 1802, 7071 and 8586, Fish and Game Code; 50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G; 50 CFR 660.384; and 14 CCR 27.20.

Section 27.30, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

**§ 27.30. Mendocino Groundfish Management Area.**

This Section applies to take and possession of all 90 species of federally-managed groundfish, California sheephead, ocean whitefish, and all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos* in the Mendocino Groundfish Management Area. Federal groundfish include, but are not limited to, rockfish, cabezon, lingcod, California scorpionfish, kelp greenling, and some species of sharks, skates and flatfish. For specific definitions, applicability, and procedures, see sections 1.91 and 27.20. For size limits, possession limits, and other regulations that apply to individual species, see specific sections

beginning with Section 27.60.

(a) The Mendocino Groundfish Management Area means ocean waters between 40°10' N. lat. (near Cape Mendocino, Humboldt County) and 38°57.50' N. lat. (at Point Arena, Mendocino County).

(b) Seasons, depth constraints, and special closure areas (except as provided in (c) below):

(1) ~~January 1 through the Friday preceding the second Saturday in May 14~~: Closed.

(2) ~~From the second Saturday in May 15 through August 15~~September 2 in 2013, and May 15 through September 1 in 2014: Open for all species only in waters shallower than 20 fathoms in depth as described by general depth contour lines.

(3) ~~August 16~~ September 3 through December 31 in 2013 and September 2 through December 31 in 2014: Closed.

(c) Special exceptions to subsection (b) above:

(1) "Other Flatfish" as defined in subsection 1.91(a)(10), which include Pacific sanddabs, may be taken or possessed in all depths year-round.

(2) When angling from shore (includes beaches, banks, piers, jetties, breakwaters, docks, and other man-made structures connected to the shore), all species may be taken or possessed year-round. No vessel or watercraft (motorized or non-motorized) may be used to assist in taking or possessing these species while angling from shore under this provision.

(3) When diving or spearfishing, as authorized in Section 28.90, all species may be taken or possessed year-round. Except for spearfishing gear, all other types of fishing gear are prohibited to be aboard the vessel or watercraft (motorized or non-motorized) while spearfishing for the purpose of taking or possessing these species under this provision.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 205 and 702, Fish and Game Code.

Reference: Sections 200, 202, 205, 1802, 7071 and 8586, Fish and Game Code; 50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G; 50 CFR 660.384; and 14 CCR 27.20.

Section 27.35, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

### **§ 27.35. San Francisco Groundfish Management Area.**

This Section applies to take and possession of all 90 species of federally-managed groundfish, California sheephead, ocean whitefish, and all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos* in the San Francisco Groundfish Management Area. Federal groundfish include, but are not limited to, rockfish, cabezon, lingcod, California scorpionfish, kelp greenling, and some species of sharks, skates and flatfish. For specific definitions, applicability, and procedures, see sections 1.91 and 27.20. For size limits, possession limits, and other regulations that apply to individual species, see specific sections beginning with Section 27.60.

(a) The San Francisco Groundfish Management Area means ocean waters between 38°57.50' N. lat. (at Point Arena, Mendocino County) and 37°11' N. lat. (at Pigeon Point, San Mateo County).

(b) Seasons, depth constraints, and special closure areas (except as provided in (c) below):

(1) ~~January 1 through June 8, 2011: Closed. Beginning in 2012, January 1 through May 31: Closed.~~

(2) ~~June 9, 2011 through December 31, 2011: Open for all species only in waters~~

~~shoreward of lines approximating the 30-fathom depth contour, defined by connecting the set of 30-fathom waypoints adopted in Federal regulations (50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G). Beginning in 2012, June 1 through December 31: Open for all species only in waters shoreward of lines approximating the 30-fathom depth contour, defined by connecting the set of 30-fathom waypoints adopted in Federal regulations (50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G).~~

(3) Cordell Bank Closure Area: Waters of the Cordell Bank (off Marin County) shallower than 100 fathoms in depth as approximated by the 100-fathom depth contour that is defined by connecting the set of 100-fathom waypoints adopted in Federal regulations (50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G), are closed to fishing for these species at all times.

Special exceptions provided for "other flatfish" in subsection (c)(1) below apply in this closure area. Special exceptions provided for shore-based angling in subsection (c)(3) and spearfishing/diving in subsection (c)(4) below do not apply in this closure area.

(c) Special exceptions to subsection (b) above:

(1) "Other Flatfish" as defined in subsection 1.91(a)(10), which include Pacific sanddabs, may be taken or possessed in all depths year-round.

(2) Leopard shark may be taken or possessed in Drake's Estero Bay, Bolinas Bay, Tomales Bay, Bodega Harbor, and San Francisco Bay year-round.

(3) When angling from shore (includes beaches, banks, piers, jetties, breakwaters, docks, and other man-made structures connected to the shore), all species may be taken or possessed year-round. No vessel or watercraft (motorized or non-motorized) may be used to assist in taking or possessing these species while angling from shore under this provision.

(4) When diving or spearfishing, as authorized in Section 28.90, all species may be taken or possessed year-round. Except for spearfishing gear, all other types of fishing gear are prohibited to be aboard the vessel or watercraft (motorized or non-motorized) while spearfishing for the purpose of taking or possessing these species under this provision.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 205 and 702, Fish and Game Code.

Reference: Sections 200, 202, 205, 1802, 7071 and 8586, Fish and Game Code; 50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G; 50 CFR 660.384; and 14 CCR 27.20.

Section 27.45, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

### **§ 27.45. Southern Groundfish Management Area.**

This Section applies to take and possession of all 90 species of federally-managed groundfish, California sheephead, ocean whitefish, and all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos* in the Southern Groundfish Management Area. Federal groundfish include, but are not limited to, rockfish, cabezon, lingcod, California scorpionfish, kelp greenling, and some species of sharks, skates and flatfish. For specific definitions, applicability, and procedures, see sections 1.91 and 27.20. For size limits, possession limits, and other regulations that apply to individual species, see specific sections beginning with Section 27.60.

(a) The Southern Groundfish Management Area means ocean waters between 34°27' N. lat. (at Point Conception, Santa Barbara County) and the U.S./Mexico border, except for waters of the Cowcod Conservation Areas, which are specified in Section 27.50. The Cowcod Conservation Areas are not part of the Southern Groundfish Management Area.

(b) Seasons and depth constraints (except as provided in (c) below):

(1) January 1 through the last day in February: Closed, except California scorpionfish may be taken or possessed only in waters shoreward of lines approximating the ~~60~~50-fathom depth contour, defined by connecting the set of ~~60~~50-fathom waypoints adopted in Federal regulations (50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G).

(2) March 1 through December 31: Open for all species only in waters shoreward of lines approximating the ~~60~~50-fathom depth contour, defined by connecting the set of ~~60~~50-fathom waypoints adopted in Federal regulations (50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G).

(c) Special exceptions to subsection (b) above:

(1) "Other Flatfish" as defined in subsection 1.91(a)(10), which include Pacific sanddabs, may be taken or possessed in all depths year-round.

(2) Leopard shark may be taken or possessed in Newport Bay, Alamitos Bay, Mission Bay, and San Diego Bay year-round.

(3) When angling from shore (includes beaches, banks, piers, jetties, breakwaters, docks, and other man-made structures connected to the shore), all species may be taken or possessed year-round. No vessel or watercraft (motorized or non-motorized) may be used to assist in taking or possessing these species while angling from shore under this provision.

(4) When diving or spearfishing, as authorized in Section 28.90, all species may be taken or possessed year-round. Except for spearfishing gear, all other types of fishing gear are prohibited to be aboard the vessel or watercraft (motorized or non-motorized) while spearfishing for the purpose of taking or possessing these species under this provision.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, 202 and 205, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 202, 205, 1802, 7071 and 8586, Fish and Game Code; 50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G; and 50 CFR 660.384.

Section 27.50, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

### **§ 27.50. Cowcod Conservation Areas.**

This Section applies to take and possession of all 90 species of federally-managed groundfish, California sheephead, ocean whitefish, and all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos* in the Cowcod Conservation Areas. The Cowcod Conservation Areas are special Groundfish Management Areas where sport fishing regulations for these species are designed to minimize interaction with cowcod. Federal groundfish include, but are not limited to, rockfish, cabezon, lingcod, California scorpionfish, kelp greenling, and some species of sharks, skates and flatfish. For specific definitions, applicability, and procedures, see sections 1.91 and 27.20. For size limits, possession limits, and other regulations that apply to individual species, see specific sections beginning with Section 27.60.

(a) The Cowcod Conservation Areas are defined as ocean waters off southern California within each of the following two areas. Area 1 is an area south of Point Conception that is bound by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:

33°50' N. lat., 119°30' W. long.;

33°50' N. lat., 118°50' W. long.;

32°20' N. lat., 118°50' W. long.;

32°20' N. lat., 119°37' W. long.;

33°00' N. lat., 119°37' W. long.;  
33°00' N. lat., 119°53' W. long.;  
33°33' N. lat., 119°53' W. long.;  
33°33' N. lat., 119°30' W. long.;  
33°50' N. lat., 119°30' W. long.; and Area 2 is a smaller area west of San Diego that is bound by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:

32°42' N. lat., 118°02' W. long.;  
32°42' N. lat., 117°50' W. long.;  
32°36'42" N. lat., 117°50' W. long.;  
32°30' N. lat., 117°53'30" W. long.;  
32°30' N. lat., 118°02' W. long.;  
32°42' N. lat., 118°02' W. long.

(b) Seasons and depth constraints (except as provided in (c) below):

(1) January 1 through the last day in February: Closed, except California scorpionfish may be taken or possessed only in waters shallower than 20 fathoms in depth, as described by general depth contour lines.

(2) March 1 through December 31: Open for only the species or species groups listed in (A) through (H) below, and only in waters shallower than 20 fathoms in depth as described by general depth contour lines.

(A) Nearshore rockfish, as defined in subsection 1.91(a)(1)

(B) Cabezon

(C) California scorpionfish

(D) Greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*

(E) California sheephead

(F) Ocean whitefish

(G) Lingcod

(H) Shelf rockfish, as defined in subsection 1.91(a)(3), except bronzed-spotted rockfish, canary rockfish, cowcod, and yelloweye rockfish which may not be taken or possessed within the Cowcod Conservation Area.

(c) Special exceptions to subsection (b) above:

(1) "Other Flatfish" as defined in subsection 1.91(a)(10), which include Pacific sanddabs, may be taken or possessed in all depths year-round.

(2) When angling from shore (includes beaches, banks, piers, jetties, breakwaters, docks, and other man-made structures connected to the shore), only the species identified in (b)(2) above may be taken or possessed year-round. No vessel or watercraft (motorized or non-motorized) may be used to assist in taking or possessing these species while angling from shore under this provision.

(3) When diving or spearfishing, as authorized in Section 28.90, only the species identified in (b)(2) above may be taken or possessed year-round. Except for spearfishing gear, all other types of fishing gear are prohibited to be aboard the vessel or watercraft (motorized or non-motorized) while spearfishing for the purpose of taking or possessing these species under this provision.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, 202 and 205, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 202, 205, 1802 and 7071, Fish and Game Code; 50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G; 50 CFR 660.384; and 14 CCR 27.20.

Subsection (b)(8) of Section 27.65, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

**§ 27.65. Filleting of Fish on Vessels.**

(a) Definition of Fillet: For the purpose of this section a fillet is the flesh from one side of a fish extending from the head to the tail which has been removed from the body (head, tail and backbone) in a single continuous piece.

(b) Fish That May be Filleted: No person shall fillet on any boat or bring ashore as fillets any fish, except in accordance with the following requirements:

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(8) Rockfish: Fillets must have the entire skin attached. ~~Bocaccio fillets must be a minimum of five inches in length.~~ The minimum size and minimum fillet size for rockfish may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). The department will provide a news release notifying the public 10 calendar days in advance of a change to the minimum size and minimum fillet size for rockfish made under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). 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 (831) 649-2801 for recorded information, or by contacting a department office.

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Note: Authority cited: Sections 200 and 202, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 202, 205, 206, 220, 240, 5508 and 5509, Fish and Game Code.

Section 28.26, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

**§ 28.26. California Sheephead.**

(a) Open areas, seasons, and depth constraints: See Section 27.20 through Section 27.50 for definitions, special closure areas, and exceptions. Take and possession is authorized as follows:

(1) Northern Groundfish Management Area: Open from ~~the second Saturday in May~~ 15 through October 31, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(2) Mendocino Groundfish Management Area: Open from ~~the second Saturday in May~~ 15 through ~~August 15~~ September 2 in 2013 and May 15 through September 1 in 2014, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(3) San Francisco Groundfish Management Area: Open ~~June 9, 2011 through December 31, 2011, in waters shallower than 30 fathoms. Beginning in 2012, open~~ June 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 30 fathoms.

(4) Central Groundfish Management Area: Open May 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 40 fathoms.

(5) Southern Groundfish Management Area: Open March 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than ~~60~~ 50 fathoms.

(6) Cowcod Conservation Areas: Open March 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(b) Limit: Five.

(c) Minimum size: 12 inches total length.

(d) Fishing rules for California sheephead may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). The department will provide a news release notifying the public 10 calendar days in advance of a change for this species made under the authority of subsection 27.20(e) or Section 52.10. 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 (831) 649-2801 for recorded information, or by contacting a department office.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 205, 702, 7071 and 8587.1, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 202, 205, 1802, 7071 and 8586, Fish and Game Code; 50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G; 50 CFR 660.384; and 14 CCR 27.20.

Section 28.27, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

**§ 28.27. Lingcod.**

(a) Open areas, seasons, and depth constraints: See Section 27.20 through Section 27.50 for definitions, special closure areas, and exceptions. Take and possession is authorized as follows:

(1) Northern Groundfish Management Area: Open ~~from the second Saturday in May 15~~ through October 31, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(2) Mendocino Groundfish Management Area: Open ~~from the second Saturday in May 15 through August 15~~ September 2 in 2013 and May 15 through September 1 in 2014, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(3) San Francisco Groundfish Management Area: Open ~~June 9, 2011 through December 31, 2011, in waters shallower than 30 fathoms. Beginning in 2012, open~~ June 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 30 fathoms.

(4) Central Groundfish Management Area: Open May 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 40 fathoms.

(5) Southern Groundfish Management Area: Open March 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than ~~60~~50 fathoms.

(6) Cowcod Conservation Areas: Open March 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(b) Limit: Two.

(c) Minimum size: 22 inches total length.

(d) Method of take: When angling, gear is restricted to not more than two hooks and one line. For purposes of this section, a hook is a single hook, or double or treble hook with multiple points connected to a common shank.

(e) Fishing rules for lingcod may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). The department will provide a news release notifying the public 10 calendar days in advance of a change for this species made under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). 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 (831) 649-2801 for recorded information, or by contacting a department office.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, ~~220~~, 205, 220, 702 and 8587.1, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 202, 205, 1802 and 8586, Fish and Game Code; 50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G; 50 CFR 660.384; and 14 CCR 27.20.

Section 28.28, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

**§ 28.28. Cabezon.**

(a) Open areas, seasons, and depth constraints: See Section 27.20 through Section 27.50 for definitions, special closure areas, and exceptions. Take and possession is authorized as follows:

(1) Northern Groundfish Management Area: Open ~~from the second Saturday in May 15~~ through October 31, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(2) Mendocino Groundfish Management Area: Open ~~from the second Saturday in May 15 through August 15~~September 2 in 2013 and May 15 through September 1 in 2014, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(3) San Francisco Groundfish Management Area: Open ~~June 9, 2011 through December 31, 2011, in waters shallower than 30 fathoms. Beginning in 2012, open~~ June 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 30 fathoms.

(4) Central Groundfish Management Area: Open May 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 40 fathoms.

(5) Southern Groundfish Management Area: Open March 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than ~~60~~50 fathoms.

(6) Cowcod Conservation Areas: Open March 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(b) Limit: Three Fish, within a Rockfish, Cabezon, and Greenling complex (RCG complex, as defined in Section 1.91) bag limit of 10 fish.

(c) Minimum size: 15 inches total length.

(d) Method of take: When angling, gear is restricted to not more than two hooks and one line. For purposes of this section, a hook is a single hook, or double or treble hook with multiple points connected to a common shank.

(e) Fishing rules for cabezon may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e) or Section 52.10. The department will provide a news release notifying the public 10 calendar days in advance of a change for this species made under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). 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 (831) 649-2801 for recorded information, or by contacting a department office.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 205, 220, 702 and 8587.1, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 202, 205, 1802, 7071 and 8586, Fish and Game Code; 50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G; 50 CFR 660.384; and 14 CCR 27.20.

Section 28.29, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

**§ 28.29. Kelp Greenling. Rock Greenling.**

(a) Open areas, seasons, and depth constraints for greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos* (including kelp and rock greenlings): See Section 27.20 through Section 27.50 for definitions, special closure areas, and exceptions. Take and possession is authorized as follows:

(1) Northern Groundfish Management Area: Open ~~from the second Saturday in May 15~~ through October 31, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(2) Mendocino Groundfish Management Area: Open ~~from the second Saturday in May 15 through August 15~~September 2 in 2013 and May 15 through September 1 in 2014, in

waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(3) San Francisco Groundfish Management Area: Open ~~June 9, 2011 through December 31, 2011, in waters shallower than 30 fathoms. Beginning in 2012, open~~ June 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 30 fathoms.

(4) Central Groundfish Management Area: Open May 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 40 fathoms.

(5) Southern Groundfish Management Area: Open March 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than ~~60~~50 fathoms.

(6) Cowcod Conservation Areas: Open March 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(b) Limit: For greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*, ten fish within a Rockfish, Cabezon, and Greenling complex (RCG complex, as defined in Section 1.91) bag limit of 10 fish.

(c) Minimum size: 12 inches total length.

(d) Method of take: When angling, gear is restricted to not more than two hooks and one line. For purposes of this section, a hook is a single hook, or double or treble hook with multiple points connected to a common shank.

(e) Fishing rules for greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos* may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e) or Section 52.10. The department will provide a news release notifying the public 10 calendar days in advance of a change for these species made under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). 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 (831) 649-2801 for recorded information, or by contacting a department office.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 205, 702, 7071 and 8587.1, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 202, 205, 1802, 7071 and 8586, Fish and Game Code; 50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G; 50 CFR 660.384; and 14 CCR 27.20.

Section 28.49, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

**§ 28.49. Petrale Sole, Starry Flounder, Soupfin Shark, Dover Sole, English Sole, Arrowtooth Flounder, Spiny Dogfish, Big Skate, California Skate, Longnose Skate, Ratfish, Rattails, Codlings, Pacific Cod, Pacific Whiting, Sablefish and Thornyheads.**

Petrable sole, starry flounder, soupfin shark, Dover sole, English sole, arrowtooth flounder, spiny dogfish, big skate, California skate, longnose skate, ratfish, Pacific rattail, finescale codling, Pacific cod, Pacific whiting, sablefish, longspine thornyhead, and shortspine thornyhead are federal groundfish, as defined in subsection 1.91(a), and are subject to special regulations as follows. Regulations of this Section do not apply to other species of flounders, sole, sharks, skates, rattails, or codlings unless otherwise specified.

(a) Open areas, seasons, and depth constraints: See Section 27.20 through Section 27.50 for definitions, special closure areas, and exceptions. Take and possession is authorized as follows:

(1) Northern Groundfish Management Area: Open ~~from the second Saturday in May~~ 15 through October 31, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(2) Mendocino Groundfish Management Area: Open ~~from the second Saturday in May~~

15 through August 15~~September 2~~ in 2013 and May 15 through September 1 in 2014, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(3) San Francisco Groundfish Management Area: ~~Open June 9, 2011 through December 31, 2011, in waters shallower than 30 fathoms. Beginning in 2012, open~~ June 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 30 fathoms.

(4) Central Groundfish Management Area: Open May 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 40 fathoms.

(5) Southern Groundfish Management Area: Open March 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than ~~60~~50 fathoms.

(6) Cowcod Conservation Areas: Closed.

(b) Fishing rules for Petrale sole, starry flounder, soupfin shark, Dover sole, English sole, arrowtooth flounder, spiny dogfish, big skate, California skate, longnose skate, rattfish, Pacific rattail, finescale codling, Pacific cod, Pacific whiting, sablefish, longspine thornyhead and shortspine thornyhead may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). The department will provide a news release notifying the public 10 calendar days in advance of a change for these species made under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). 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 (831) 649-2801 for recorded information, or by contacting a department office.

(c) Limit:

(1) There is no limit on Petrale sole or starry flounder.

(2) The limit on soupfin shark is one fish.

(3) The general bag limit of not more than 20 finfish in combination of all species with not more than 10 of any one species applies to Dover sole, English sole, arrowtooth flounder, spiny dogfish, big skate, California skate, longnose skate, rattfish, Pacific rattail, finescale codling, Pacific cod, Pacific whiting, sablefish, longspine thornyhead and shortspine thornyhead.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 205 and 702, Fish and Game Code.

Reference: Sections 200, 202, 205 and 1802, Fish and Game Code; 50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G; 50 CFR 660.384; and 14 CCR 27.20.

Section 28.54 is amended to read:

#### **§ 28.54. California Scorpionfish (Sculpin).**

(a) Open areas, seasons, and depth constraints: See Section 27.20 through Section 27.50 for definitions, special closure areas, and exceptions. Take and possession is authorized as follows:

(1) Northern Groundfish Management Area: ~~Open from the second Saturday in May~~ 15 through October 31, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(2) Mendocino Groundfish Management Area: ~~Open from the second Saturday in May~~ 15 through August 15~~September 2~~ in 2013 and May 15 through September 1 in 2014, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(3) San Francisco Groundfish Management Area: ~~Open June 9, 2011 through December 31, 2011, in waters shallower than 30 fathoms. Beginning in 2012, open~~ June 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 30 fathoms.

(4) Central Groundfish Management Area: Open May 1 through December 31, in waters

shallower than 40 fathoms.

(5) Southern Groundfish Management Area: Open year-round in waters shallower than ~~60~~50 fathoms.

(6) Cowcod Conservation Areas: Open year-round, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(b) Limit: Five.

(c) Minimum size: 10 inches total length.

(d) Fishing rules for California scorpionfish may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). The department will provide a news release notifying the public 10 calendar days in advance of a change for this species made under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). 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 (831) 649-2801 for recorded information, or by contacting a department office.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 205, 702, 7071 and 8587.1, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 202, 205, 220, 1802, 7071 and 8586, Fish and Game Code; 50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G; 50 CFR 660.384; and 14 CCR 27.20.

Section 28.55, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

**§ 28.55. Rockfish (*Sebastes*).**

(a) Open areas, seasons, and depth constraints: See Section 27.20 through Section 27.50 for definitions, special closure areas, and exceptions. Take and possession is authorized as follows:

(1) Northern Groundfish Management Area: Open ~~from the second Saturday in May~~ 15 through October 31, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(2) Mendocino Groundfish Management Area: Open ~~from the second Saturday in May 15 through August 15~~ September 2 in 2013 and May 15 through September 1 in 2014, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(3) San Francisco Groundfish Management Area: Open ~~June 9, 2011 through December 31, 2011, in waters shallower than 30 fathoms. Beginning in 2012, open~~ June 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 30 fathoms.

(4) Central Groundfish Management Area: Open May 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 40 fathoms.

(5) Southern Groundfish Management Area: Open March 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than ~~60~~50 fathoms.

(6) Cowcod Conservation Areas: Open March 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms, except that only Nearshore Rockfish and Shelf Rockfish, as defined in subsections 1.91(a)(1) and 1.91(a)(3) may be taken and possessed except as provided below in (b)(1).

(b) Limit: Ten, within the Rockfish, Cabezon, and Greenling complex (RCG complex, as defined in Section 1.91) limit of 10 fish, in any combination of species, except as provided below.

(1) The limit on bronzespotted rockfish, canary rockfish, cowcod, and yelloweye rockfish is zero. These species shall not be taken or possessed as part of the RCG limit.

(2) The limit on bocaccio rockfish is ~~two~~ three fish, within the RCG limit.

(3) In the Cowcod Conservation Areas (see Section 27.50), the limit on ~~bocaccio and~~

~~other shelf and slope rockfish, as defined in subsections 1.91(a)(3) and 1.91(a)(4), is zero. These species shall not be taken or possessed as part of the RCG limit in the Cowcod Conservation Areas.~~

~~(c) Size limit: None, except no bocaccio may be taken or possessed that is less than 10 inches in total length.~~

(d) Method of take: When angling, gear is restricted to not more than two hooks and one line. For purposes of this section, a hook is a single hook, or a double or treble hook with multiple points connected to a common shank.

(e) Fishing rules for rockfish may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). The department will provide a news release notifying the public 10 calendar days in advance of a change for these species made under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). 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 (831) 649-2801 for recorded information, or by contacting a department office.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 205, 215, 220, 702, 7071 and 8587.1, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 202, 205, 215, 220, 1802, 7071, 8585.5 and 8586, Fish and Game Code; 50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G; 50 CFR 660.384; and 14 CCR 27.20.

Section 28.56, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

### **§ 28.56. Leopard Shark.**

(a) Open areas, seasons, and depth constraints: See Section 27.20 through Section 27.50 for definitions, special closure areas, and exceptions. Take and possession is authorized as follows:

(1) Northern Groundfish Management Area: ~~Open from the second Saturday in May 15~~ through October 31, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms, except that take and possession is authorized year-round in Humboldt Bay.

(2) Mendocino Groundfish Management Area: ~~Open from the second Saturday in May 15 through August 15~~September 2 in 2013 and May 15 through September 1 in 2014, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(3) San Francisco Groundfish Management Area: ~~Open June 9, 2011 through December 31, 2011, in waters shallower than 30 fathoms, except that take and possession is authorized year-round in Drake's Estero Bay, Bolinas Bay, Tomales Bay, Bodega Harbor, and San Francisco Bay. Beginning in 2012, open June 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 30 fathoms, except that take and possession is authorized year-round in Drake's Estero Bay, Bolinas Bay, Tomales Bay, Bodega Harbor, and San Francisco Bay.~~

(4) Central Groundfish Management Area: Open May 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 40 fathoms, except that take and possession is authorized year-round in Elkhorn Slough.

(5) Southern Groundfish Management Area: Open March 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than ~~60~~50 fathoms, except that take and possession is authorized year-round in Newport Bay, Alamitos Bay, Mission Bay, and San Diego Bay.

(6) Cowcod Conservation Areas: Closed.

(b) Limit: three.

(c) Minimum size: 36 inches total length.

(d) Fishing rules for leopard shark may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). The department will provide a news release notifying the public 10 calendar days in advance of a change for this species made under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). 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 (831) 649-2801 for recorded information, or by contacting a department office.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 205 and 702, Fish and Game Code.

Reference: Sections 200, 202, 205, 206 and 1802, Fish and Game Code; 50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G; 50 CFR 660.384; and 14 CCR 27.20.

Section 28.58, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

### **§ 28.58. Ocean Whitefish.**

(a) Open areas, seasons, and depth constraints: See Section 27.20 through Section 27.50 for definitions, special closure areas, and exceptions. Take and possession is authorized as follows:

(1) Northern Groundfish Management Area: Open ~~from the second Saturday in May 15~~ through October 31, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(2) Mendocino Groundfish Management Area: Open ~~from the second Saturday in May 15 through August 15~~September 2 in 2013 and May 15 through September 1 in 2014, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(3) San Francisco Groundfish Management Area: Open ~~June 9, 2011 through December 31, 2011, in waters shallower than 30 fathoms. Beginning in 2012, open~~ June 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 30 fathoms.

(4) Central Groundfish Management Area: Open May 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 40 fathoms.

(5) Southern Groundfish Management Area: Open March 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than ~~60~~50 fathoms.

(6) Cowcod Conservation Areas: Open March 1 through December 31, in waters shallower than 20 fathoms.

(b) Fishing rules for ocean whitefish may be changed during the year or in-season by the department under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). The department will provide a news release notifying the public 10 calendar days in advance of a change for this species made under the authority of subsection 27.20(e). 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 (831) 649-2801 for recorded information, or by contacting a department office.

(c) Limit: The general bag limit of not more than 20 finfish in combination of all species with not more than 10 of any one species applies to ocean whitefish.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 205, 215, 220 and 702, Fish and Game Code.

Reference: Sections 200, 202, 205, 206, 215, 220 and 1802, Fish and Game Code; 50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G; 50 CFR 660.384; and 14 CCR 27.20.