



# KAYAK FISHING THE FOUR SEASONS

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Keith Nguyen (The Lost Anchovy), and is an avid kayak fisherman in Northern California. I started fishing 15 years ago in the bay and ocean targeting large predatory fish like the California halibut, King Salmon, and Coastal Rock Fish.

I'm a member of NCKA (NorcalKayakAnglers) since 2008, and is the tournament director for the Alameda Rock Wall Halibut tournament.

2022 California Canoe and Kayak Fishing Team Manager/Captain, Hobie fishing Team.

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## SEMINAR OUTLINE

Introduction and Background

Fishing the Winter, Spring,  
Summer and Fall

Season, Species, and Locations

California Regulations  
Question and Answers





# BAY AND COASTAL SPECIES



## Seasons and Species

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Herring	x	x	x									x
Halibut				x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Rock Fish					x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Strip Bass			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	x	
Sturgeon	x	x	x							x	x	x
White Sea Bass						x	x	x	x	x		
Salmon				x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Crab	x	x	x	x	x	x					x	x

# Winter Fishery





# San Francisco Herring Spawn



[https://thelostanchovy.com/kayak-fishing-tutorials/  
how-to-fish-the-annual-herring-spawn/](https://thelostanchovy.com/kayak-fishing-tutorials/how-to-fish-the-annual-herring-spawn/)

# White Sturgeon



▶ **Location:** San Pablo Bay, China Camp, Sherman Island, Montezuma Slough, Knights landing, Liberty Island, Pittsburg

▶ **Sabiki Lures** Grass shrimp, Mud Shrimp, Clams, Ghost shrimp Anchovies, Salmon Roe, Eel, .

▶ **Enviromental Triggers** Rain, King Tides, Muddy Water,

# Kokanee Salmon & Mackinaw Trout



▶ **Location:** Lake Berryessa, Bullards Bar, Union Valley Reservoir, Whiskey Town, Lake Tahoe

▶ **Sabiki Lures or Castnet**  
Small Lures jig, Troll Dodger with Pink Hoochie and Corn

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# Spring Fishery





# Halibut and Stripers



▶ **Location:** San Francisco Bay: Oyster Point, Alameda Rock Wall, Paradise Park, Berkeley Flats,

▶ **Location:** Ocean: Half Moon Bay, Santa Cruz, Capitola, Monterey, Bolinas, Bean Hollow State Park, Pigeon Point (Sharky)

▶ **Bait and Tides:** In the bay trolling herring, anchovies and lures work well and casting swimbaits. In the ocean squid, live smelt, anchovies, brine herring,

# Summer Fishery



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▶ **Species:** Rockfish, Lingcod, Ocean Halibut, King Salmon

▶ **Location:** Half Moon Bay, Santa Cruz, Moss Landing, Monterey, Capitola, Stinson, Bolinas, Anchor Bay, Shelter Cove, Leffingwell, Big Sur

▶ **TLA Propro Tip:**  
Understand your tides, swells and weather.  
Understand moon phases and its pull on the tides and locate the bait.

# King Salmon Fishing



**This is a Darn Darn Tough fish to catch from the kayak!  
TLA Proprop tip: Follow the bait and hold onto your seats  
if you get hit**



# California Fishing Regulations



California Department of  
**Fish and Wildlife**

# Updated Ground and Rock Fish Regulations



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## 2023 Seasons and Depth Limits for Boat-based Anglers

(Shore-based anglers and spear divers are exempt from seasons and depths. See footnote 2.)

**THESE ROCKFISHES MAY NOT BE TAKEN OR POSSESSED IN CALIFORNIA:**

**Bronzespotted Rockfish, Cowcod and Yelloweye Rockfish** (§28.55)

FISHING IS CLOSED year-round, at all depths NO RETENTION at any time (zero fish per person)

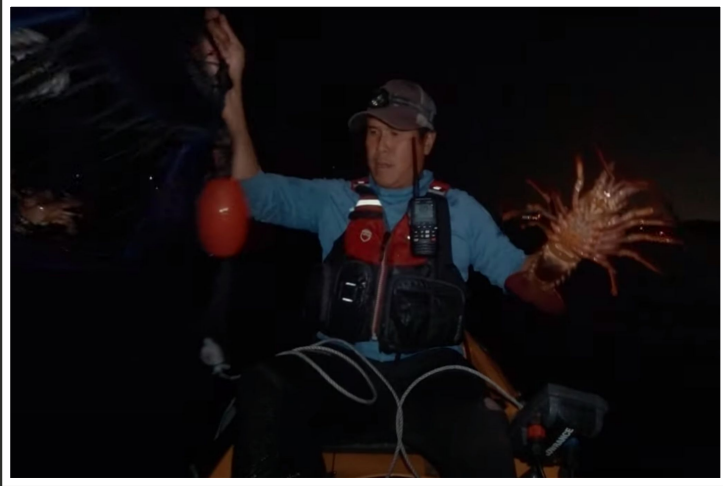
Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Nearshore Rockfish:</b> (§1.91(a)(1) and §28.55) black, black and yellow, blue, brown, calico, China, copper, gopher, grass, kelp, olive, and quillback rockfishes; treefish	<b>Jan 1 – Jul 15:</b> Closed						<b>Jul 16 – Dec 31:</b> May be taken at any depth					
<b>Cabezon and Greenlings</b> (§28.28 and §28.29)	<b>Jan 1 – May 14:</b> Closed						<b>May 15 – Jul 15:</b> Take is prohibited shoreward of the 50 fathom (300 feet) Rockfish Conservation Area boundary line, which is a series of connected waypoints defined in Federal regulations (50 CFR Part 660, Subpart C)		<b>Jul 16 – Dec 31:</b> May be taken at any depth			
<b>All Other Rockfish:</b> <b>Shelf Rockfish,</b> (§1.91(a)(3)) bocaccio; canary, chilipepper, dusky, flag, greenblotched, greenspotted, greenstriped, harlequin, honeycomb, Mexican, pink, redstripe, rosethorn, rosy, shortbelly, silvergray, speckled, squarespot, stary, stripetail, tiger, vermilion, widow, and yellowtail rockfishes  <b>Slope Rockfish,</b> (§1.91(a)(4)) aurora, bank, blackgill, darkblotched, redbanded, rougheye, sharpchin, shortraker, splitnose, and yellowmouth rockfishes; Pacific ocean perch							Open year-round, No depth limit					
<b>Lingcod</b> (§28.27)												
<b>California Scorpionfish</b> (§28.54) <b>Leopard Shark</b> (§28.56) <b>Pacific Sanddabs and "Other Flatfish"</b> (§28.48) rock, sand, butter, curffin, rex, and flathead soles  <b>Petrals Sole and Starry Flounder</b> (§28.47)												
<b>Other Federal Groundfish</b> (§28.49) soupin shark, Dover sole, English sole, arrowtooth flounder, spiny dogfish, skates, rattfish, grenadiers, finescale codling, pacific cod, pacific whiting, sablefish, and thornyheads	Open year-round, No depth limit											

1. Certain areas may prohibit or restrict fishing, including State and federal Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) or other State and federal conservation areas. Check CDFW's website at [wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/MPAs](https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/MPAs) for MPAs, or the [Ocean Sportfishing Interactive Web Map](#) for MPAs and other

Source:

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Ocean/Regulations/Groundfish-Summary#sf>

# Fall Fishery



▶ **Species:** Dungeness Crab and California Spiny Lobsters

▶ **Equipment:** Promar Net (Recommend 32 inches), and they can be dual purposed. Lead line, and marked bouye



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# THE GHOST AND THE HOLY GRAIL



IF YOU  
INTENTIONALLY  
CATCH THIS FISH.  
YOU SHOULD BE  
DOING THIS  
SEMINAR!



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