



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
2026 SPORT FISHING ITEMS AND FEES

Fee includes 5% License Agent Handling Fee and 3% Nonrefundable Application Fee



365-DAY SPORT FISHING LICENSE & VALIDATION REQUIREMENT

Valid 365 days from the date of purchase or starting the day after the existing license expires.

A sport fishing license and the validations listed below are required for any person who is 16 years of age or older to take fish, mollusks, crustaceans, invertebrates, amphibians, or reptiles in inland or ocean waters.

365-DAY FISHING LICENSES	FEES
Resident	\$64.54
Nonresident	174.14
Reduced Fee (Disabled Veterans or Recovering Service Members - Available if prequalified by CDFW)	10.54
Free (Visually, Mobility, or Developmentally Impaired - Available if prequalified by CDFW)	FREE

SHORT TERM FISHING LICENSES	
One-Day	\$21.09
Two-Day	32.40
Ten-Day Nonresident.....	64.54

365-DAY GIFT VOUCHER & REDEMPTIONS	
Gift Voucher for a Resident Sport Fishing License (Not a Valid License until Redeemed)	\$64.54
Resident Sport Fishing License Voucher Redemption (Must Surrender Gift Voucher)	FREE

365-DAY VALIDATIONS	
Second-Rod (For use in Inland waters, except where barbless hooks or artificial lures are required)	\$20.26
Ocean Enhancement (Required South of Point Arguello - Santa Barbara County)	7.30

REPORT CARD & CRAB TRAP VALIDATION REQUIREMENT

The report cards and crab trap validation listed below are required for all anglers to have in possession while targeting the specific species; including anglers 15 years of age and younger, anglers fishing on free fishing days, and anglers who fish from a public pier in ocean waters.

365-DAY VALIDATION	
Recreational Crab Trap (Not required for anglers using hoop nets, crab loop traps, or fishing from a Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessel).....	\$2.98

REPORT CARDS	
North Coast Salmon (Klamath-Trinity & Smith River System) (Valid January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026)....	\$9.21
Steelhead Trout (Valid January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026)	10.29
2025/26 Sturgeon Fishing (Valid October 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026)	FREE
2026/27 Sturgeon Fishing (Available August 15, 2026) (Valid October 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027)	8.13
2026/27 Spiny Lobster (Available August 15, 2026) (Valid October 2, 2026 – March 17, 2027).....	12.70

NON-REPORTING FEES	
Spiny Lobster Non-Reporting Fee (Automatically added if prior year report card was not reported)	\$21.60

DUPLICATE LICENSES, VALIDATIONS & REPORT CARDS

Valid from the date of purchase through the original license’s validity end date.

The duplicate fee depends on the license year of the items being duplicated. If a 2025 license or validation, then the 2025 fees apply. If a 2026 license or validation, then the 2026 fees apply.

DUPLICATES	2025	2026
365-Day Sport Fishing License	\$14.04	\$14.30
365-Day Reduced Fee Sport Fishing License	10.29	10.54
365-Day Validation (each)	3.81	3.81

MISCELLANEOUS / NON-HUNTING / NON-FISHING

DRAWING APPLICATIONS	
SHARE Fishing Multi Choice Application (If available).....	\$15.12
CDFW LANDS PASSES	
Annual CDFW Lands Pass	\$33.48
One-Day CDFW Lands Pass	5.97
Duplicate CDFW Annual Lands Pass	14.30



AUTHORIZED LICENSE AGENT

To Report Hunting, Fishing, or Pollution Violations Call 1-888-334-2258
Your license purchase supports conservation and management of California’s fisheries.
www.wildlife.ca.gov