

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 Resident Nonresident	FEES \$64.54 174.14
Reduced Fee (Disabled Veterans or Recovering Service Members - Available if prequalified by CDFW)	10.54 FREE
SHORT TERM FISHING LICENSES One-Day	\$21.09
Two-DayTen-Day Nonresident	32.40 64.54
365-DAY GIFT VOUCHER & REDEMPTIONS Gift Voucher for a Resident Sport Fishing License (Not a Valid License until Redeemed)	\$64.54 FREE
365-DAY VALIDATIONS Second-Rod (For use in Inland waters, except where barbless hooks or artificial lures are required) Ocean Enhancement (Required South of Point Arguello - Santa Barbara County)	\$20.26 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; <u>including anglers 15 years of age and younger</u>, <u>anglers fishing on free fishing days</u>, and <u>anglers who fish from a public pier in ocean waters</u>.

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Recreational Crab Trap (Not required for anglers using hoop nets or crab loop traps)	\$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

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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