

2015-16 Recreational Crab Fishing Timeline

From the California Fish and Game Commission

http://www.fgc.ca.gov/regulations/2016/29_85ntc_second_readoption.pdf

Pursuant to the emergency regulations adopted in November 2015 and readopted in April 2016, the following state waters have been reopened for recreational fishing based on the recommendations of OEHHA in consultation with the director of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH):

1. On December 31, 2015, the recreational Dungeness crab and rock crab fisheries were reopened in state waters south of 35° 40' N. Latitude (near Piedras Blancas Light Station).
2. On February 11, 2016, the recreational Dungeness crab fishery was reopened in state waters south of 38° 00' N. Latitude (near Point Reyes).
3. On March 18, 2016, the recreational Dungeness crab fishery was reopened in state waters south of the Mendocino/Sonoma county line (near Gualala).
4. On March 28, 2016, the recreational rock crab fishery was reopened in the Channel Islands, with the exception of state waters between Santa Cruz and Santa Rosa islands.
5. On April 22, 2016 state waters were reopened for the recreational rock crab fishery south of Sand Hill Bluff in Santa Cruz County (36° 58.72' N. Latitude) and the recreational Dungeness crab fishery was opened south of the northern jetty of Humboldt Bay in Humboldt County (40° 46.15' N. Latitude).
6. On May 2, 2016 the recreational Dungeness crab fishery was reopened statewide except for one area within Humboldt County; the area north of 40°46.15' N. Latitude (a line extending due west from the west end of the north jetty at the entrance of Humboldt Bay) and south of 41° 17.60' N. Latitude (a line extending due west from the mouth of Redwood Creek, Humboldt County) remained closed.
7. On May 19, 2016, the recreational Dungeness crab fishery was reopened statewide.
8. On June 3, 2016, state waters were reopened for the recreational rock crab fishery around the Channel Islands between Santa Cruz and Santa Rosa Islands.
9. On July 6, 2016, the recreational rock crab fishery was reopened in state waters south of Pigeon Point in San Mateo County (37° 11' N. Latitude).