



# Southern California Summer 2020 Tidepool Collecting Regulations



**CDFW FISHING LICENSE & OCEAN ENHANCEMENT STAMP REQUIRED**  
For all persons 16 years and older

Except where prohibited within marine protected areas **ONLY** the following may be taken: limpets, turban snails, mussels, rock scallops, native oysters, octopuses, crabs, lobster (when in season), shrimp, sea urchins and worms except that no worms may be taken in any mussel bed, unless taken incidental to the harvesting of mussels. An accurate measuring device must be in your possession to keep legal-sized rock crab and lobster.

Please see CCR Title 14, Section 29.05 for more information.



All species in the **RED** box are **PROHIBITED** at this time.  
Species in the **GREEN** box have **SIZE** and/or **NUMBER** limits

## No Take:



California spiny lobster  
\*Season starts in October  
\*Minimum size: 3 1/4 inch carapace



All sea star species



Chiton



All abalone species



Gooseneck barnacles



All barnacle species



# Take:

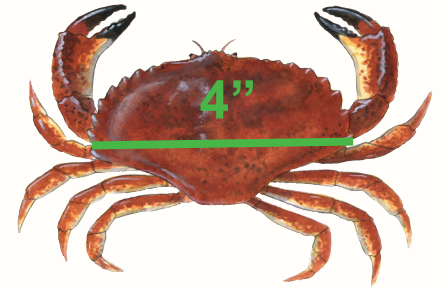
35 individuals may be taken for each of these species with the exception that mussels have a limit of 10 pounds in the shell.



Hermit crab: 35



Shore crab: 35



Rock crab: 35  
Minimum length: 4 inches



Limpet: 35



Turban snail: 35

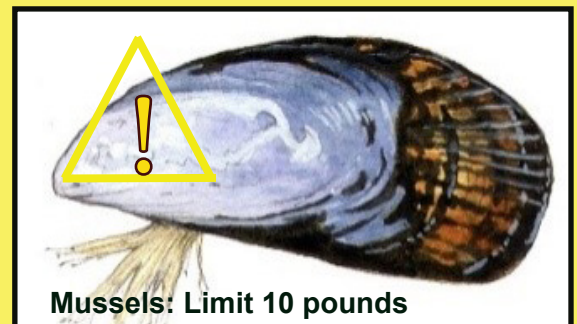


Red and Purple urchin: 35

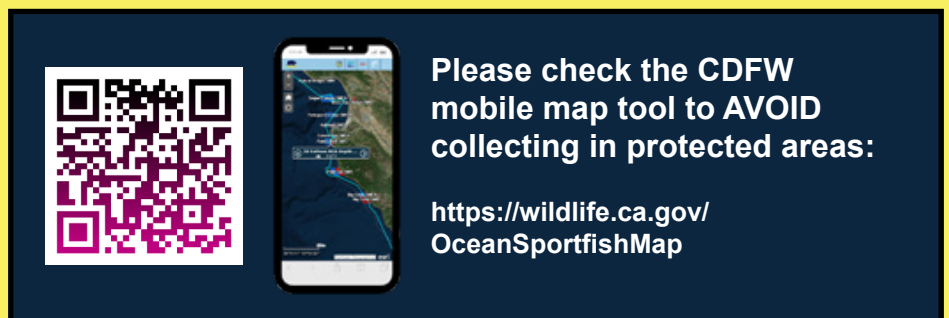
Other species that may be taken, with a limit of 35 each include: native oysters, octopuses, and worms except that no worms may be intentionally taken in any mussel bed. Rock scallops have a limit of 10. **ONLY** use hands to collect. **DO NOT** use knife, prybar or any other tool.



The California Department of Public Health warns not to eat mussels from May - Oct each year, to avoid poisoning that can lead to serious illness, including coma and death.



Mussels: Limit 10 pounds



Please check the CDFW mobile map tool to AVOID collecting in protected areas:

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/OceanSportfishMap>