

Knots you need

The End of the line... Connect it well to the hook or swivel so you can pull the fish all the way in. It must last for the whole fight. Some fish will test your knot tying skills to the limit. - Practice helps!

IMPROVED CLINCH KNOT



1. Thread the end of the line through the eye of the hook, swivel or lure. Double back and make five or more turns around the standing line. Bring the end of the line through first loop formed behind the eye, then through the big loop.

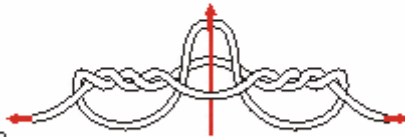


2. Wet knot and pull slightly on the tag end to draw up coils. Pull on the standing line to form knot with coils pressed neatly together. Slide tight against eye and clip tag end.

A strong knot for the hook or when connecting a swivel. Practice and test the knot. Turn the twists into a small fist. A dab of spit helps a lot when pulling it tight.

DROPPER LOOP

1. Form a loop in the line at the desired location. Pull line from one side of loop down and pass it through and around that side of loop. Make 5+ wraps around the loop, keeping a thumb or forefinger in the new opening which is formed.

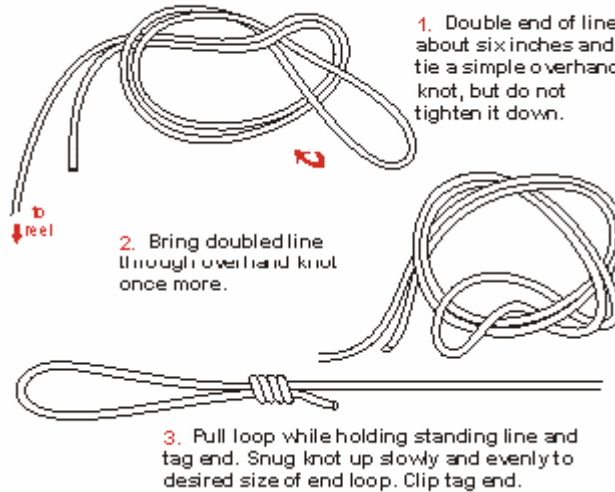


2. Push bottom of original loop up through new opening and hold with teeth. Wet knot and pull both ends in opposite directions.

3. Pull ends of line firmly until coils tighten and loop stands out from line.

This loop is very useful for putting a hook above your weight or a weight above your hook. If made correctly it is really strong and you can even cut one part of the loop for a dangly end of line for tying on a hook. This keeps your bait up off the bottom.

SURGEON'S END LOOP



1. Double end of line about six inches and tie a simple overhand knot, but do not tighten it down.

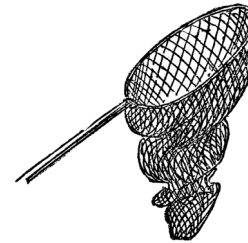
2. Bring doubled line through overhand knot once more.

3. Pull loop while holding standing line and tag end. Snug knot up slowly and evenly to desired size of end loop. Clip tag end.

Very useful for putting the weight at the end of the line. Or to put the end of your line around your fishing reel handle at the end of the day.

Some fish need to be released. Bring a net to safely return the fish to the water unharmed.

Smaller mesh will damage the fish less. If the tail gets split it can be hard on the fish.



Places to Go Fish

- Santa Monica Pier
- Venice Pier
- Marina del Rey
 - Burton Chase Park fishing dock
 - Del Rey Sportfishing Dock at Fisherman's Village (there is a small fee but you get Live Bait!)
 - Fishing Docks at the end of the bike path along the main channel
 - From the rocks on North side of MDR main channel
- Manhattan Beach Pier
- The Beach!



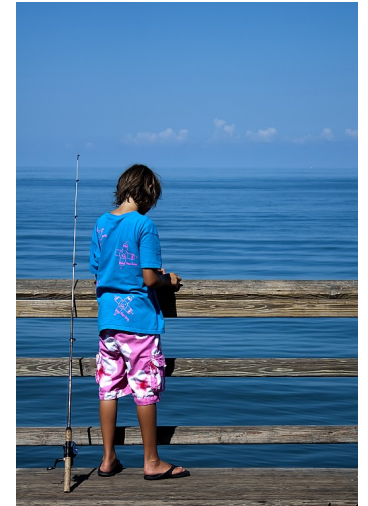
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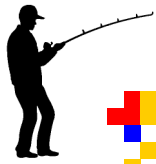


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Know your Fish

If you are 16 years or older you do need a CA DFG fishing license.

Everyone needs to follow the rules and know the size limits.

The **Department of Fishing and Game** wants you to have fun fishing. However it is their job to make sure there is plenty of fish for the future and long term health of the environment. The fish size limits & rules are designed to ensure the long term health of the fishery. **You can take 10 of any one species with a daily limit of 20 fish total.** However there are specific amendments to this as outlined in the Ocean Fishing Regulations booklet. Or see the **DFG** web site for details. www.dfg.ca.gov

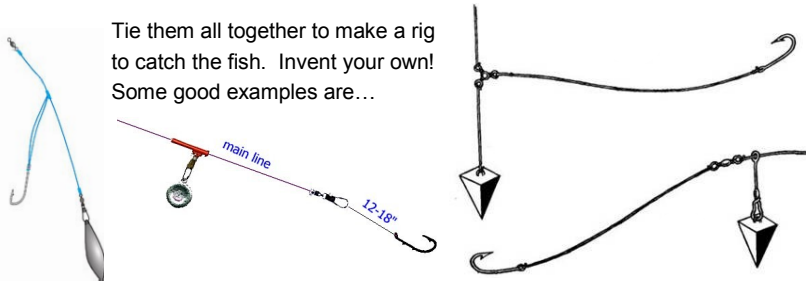
Please enjoy the water and follow the rules. Here are the rules on the most sought after fish we can catch locally.



Learn the terms: The parts fishermen use to build your fishing rig include...

Hook ~ Swivel ~ Weight ~ Leader line ~ Main Line ~ Rod ~ Reel

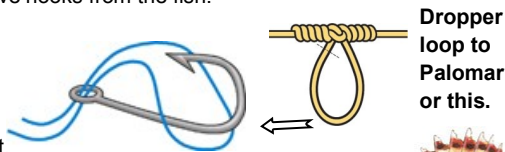
Tie them all together to make a rig to catch the fish. Invent your own! Some good examples are...



Think about what to bring along. Water & food for you, chair, sunscreen, shade hat.

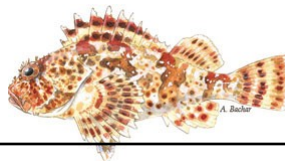
Tools that you may eventually need include: Knife for cutting bait. Net for landing fish. Tackle box to sort your various hooks swivels and lures. Stringer to keep your fish on. Bucket to carry the fish and your gear. Some bags to keep gear sorted from the slime of the fish. Zip-lock baggies for the fish fillets you clean off of the catch you do keep. Long nose pliers to safely remove hooks from the fish.

This simple knot can attach a hook to a loop by dropping the hook through the loop after it goes through the hook's eyelet. Also used to put a weight onto the Surgeon's Loop on the end of your rig. Easy to undo.



Dropper loop to Palomar or this.

Sculpin > 10 inches also called Scorpion Fish Their spines will sting you!



Sand Bass & Calico Bass > 12



Halibut > 22 inches



California Halibut

(*Paralichthys californicus*) The daily bag and possession limit is five. The minimum size limit is **22 inches** total length. If shorter than 22 inches please release it unharmed. Best to use a net with small mesh so tail does not get splits.



White Seabass

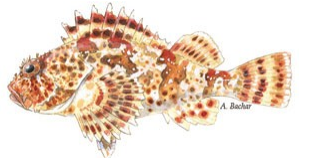
(*Atractoscion nobilis*) The daily bag and possession limit is three fish **except** that only **one** fish may be taken between March 15 and June 15. The minimum size limit is **28 inches** total length. Many small juvenile WSB are around Marina Del Rey. Please release these little ones unharmed.

Surfperch

(family Embiotocidae) is open year-round. The daily bag and possession limit is 20 fish in combination of all species (except shiner perch), with not more than 10 fish of any one species. **Shiner perch** (*Cymatogaster aggregata*) have a separate bag and possession limit of 20 fish. **Redtail surfperch** (*Amphistichus rhodoterus*) have a minimum size limit of **10 1/2 inches** total length.

California Scorpionfish (a.k.a. sculpin)

Handle with Care! Clip off the venomous quills or toss back. (*Scorpaena guttata*) The daily bag and possession limit is 5 fish with a minimum size limit of **10 inches** total length.



California Sheephead

California sheephead (*Semicossyphus pulcher*) . The daily bag and possession limit is 5 fish with a minimum size limit of 12 inches total length.

Sculpin have dangerous quills! The venom is worse than a bee sting. Grab it's lower lip. Or use pliers.

Common Baits: Squid ~ Mackerel ~ Sardine ~ Anchovy ~ or Strip Baits cut from these bait fishes



Other baits at your local tackle shops may include Ghost Shrimp and soft Shell Crabs etc. Some baits you can dig up on the sandy shores. Sand crabs are frequently used for Corbina and Surfperch fishing on the beaches.

Pacific Mackerel are both fun to catch and good bait!



Bonito is a small tuna that sometimes can be caught from the piers on warm El-Nino years.

Spinning reels make it easy to cast lures. Always look to make sure it is safe to cast. Hooks can be dangerous and painful. Or use an underhand cast. Underhand casts are easy when on raised piers.



Black Surfperch



Opaleye



Redtail Surfperch

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Be a good Sportfisherman. Be a responsible user of the natural environment. Leave a few fish for the next guy. Only take what you are going to eat. Leave the areas you visit cleaner than you found them. Appreciate the beauty of the ocean and the creatures in it.

Barracuda > 28 inches



White Seabass > 28

