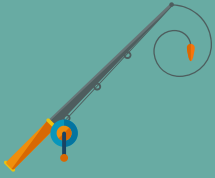


# California Sheephead Fillet Length



A Collaborative Project by SAC and California Department of Fish and Wildlife

2001

## Minimum Size Limit

In 2001, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) enacted a minimum size limit of 12 inches for California Sheephead whole carcasses. No minimum fillet length was established.



6.75 inches  
legal minimum fillet  
length



2016

## Approval by CDFW

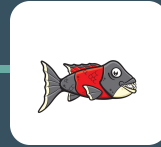
CDFW approve a collaborative project to determine a fillet length for the species.



2012

## Internal Request

Fleet captains request that SAC approach CDFW with a proposal to determine a fillet length regulation for CA Sheephead.



2017

## Protocol Development

SAC and CDFW develop sampling protocols. SAC coordinates chartered CFPV trips and commercial trap trips out of Dana Point, Long Beach, and Point Loma to collect fish.



2018

## At-sea Data Collection

Commercial trap fishers collect 180 Sheephead ranging from 10-16 inches in length. Fish are filleted at sea by deckhands and data is recorded.



2018

## Regulatory Process

The project is presented jointly by SAC and CDFW before the California Fish and Game Commission. A minimum fillet length of 6.75 inches is approved.



2019

## Law

The regulation is published in the Saltwater Sport Fishing Regulations Booklet. The successful completion of the project promotes working collaboratively into the future.



\$56,000 - \$85,000  
annual revenue  
for crew



100%  
of fillets  
donated to local  
food banks



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