

Coastside Fishing Club

Coastside Fishing Club is a community of recreational anglers who share common goals of improving and conserving our nation's fisheries and sharing fishing and conservation knowledge with younger generations. Coastside members have been actively involved in numerous initiatives to directly and indirectly support sustainable fish populations, including:

- Development and operation to independently verify the estimated ground fish take of private boat recreational anglers to help validate California's (CDFG) current methodology to estimate ground fish take. This two year effort was used by the CDFG to compare with the output of the California Recreational Fishing Survey (CRFS) as an independent check on the data quality.
- Worked with CDFG personnel to assess the quality of the data and data collection methods and on the water sample areas to support stock assessments of Sturgeon in the San Francisco Bay Delta system.
- Sponsored PhD research at Oregon State University to assess the ability to reduce by-catch mortality in recreationally caught rockfish. The phenomena known as Barotrauma typically causes high mortality in rockfish released at the surface, but if those fish can be taken back down to depth (by any of several means) the mortality rates can be dramatically lowered. The research attempts to quantify the extent of the reduced mortality and assess if the fish are actually healthy in the long term.
- Financial and volunteer support provided to other organizations to operate "acclimation pens" for the release of young hatchery salmon - creating safe environments to allow them to adjust to the transition from fresh water to salt water, and to avoid predation during the process.
- Support ongoing research support including a collaborative fishing project with Moss Landing Marine Labs and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, and with the CDFG research fishing trips in Monterey Bay.
- Fishermen pay special area / species fees to support specific areas and fisheries, including: Striped Bass Stamp, Bay/Delta Enhancement Stamp and the Ocean Enhancement Stamp.
- Organizations have sponsored and conducted charitable fishing opportunities, such as kids and veterans fishing days, as well as volunteered boats and crew to support a disabled veterans fishing program operated out of Monterey.
- Provide support to the Marine Life Protection Act Initiative through participation on the North Central Coast Regional Stakeholders Group, through development and support of external MPA proposals, and coordination throughout the recreational fishing community to advocate for the adoption of reasonable MPA proposals.