

MCB Camp Pendleton Fishing regulations



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This handout provides basic information and Camp Pendleton specific regulation(s). It is the fisherman's responsibility to know and abide by all applicable regulations. Consult the 'State of California' Fishing Regulations for seasons, size, bag and possession limits. Violation of Camp Pendleton and/or CA State regulations may result in a State, and/or Federal Citation, and/or suspension/revocation of fishing privileges.

These regulations provide guidance for freshwater and saltwater fishing aboard Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton. Questions may be directed to the **Conservation Law Enforcement Office** @ 760-725-3360.

Authorized Patrons.

The following are authorized patrons for recreational fishing:

- a. Active-duty military
- b. Military retirees
- c. Department of Defense (DOD) civilians
- d. Dependents of Active-duty military and Military retirees (with an active CAC card)
- e. Members of the 'Active Reserve'
- f. Veterans in possession of a 'Disabled Veterans Identification Card (DAV)'
- g. Guest(s)

- DAV patrons are only authorized to fish at the Delmar Jetties, Delmar Boat basin, Delmar Beach, San Onofre Beach and Lake O'neill.

-Customer types authorized to fish at Pulgas Lake and Case Springs must print and display a parking pass while in the training areas.

- Guests (civilians) may fish if sponsored by those patrons in categories a.-f. named above. **The sponsor** must be physically present with the guest at all times. Each authorized patron listed above a-f, may sponsor no more than 3 guests. **Violation of these conditions will result in revocation of fishing privileges for the sponsor and the guest.**

Fishing Licenses and Permits.

-All fishermen, age 16 and above, must possess a current 'California State Fishing License' and a Camp Pendleton 'Fishing Permit'.

-An 'Ocean Enhancement Stamp' is required to fish in ocean waters.

-California Fishing License and Camp Pendleton Permit must be in your 'immediate possession' while fishing. (Not in the truck or back at the camper). **You may present a screen shot of your Camp Pendleton Permit in place of a paper copy. (must be the permit in printable format that includes your name and address.**

Number of Fishing Poles.

-Fresh water. Limited to 1 rod unless the fisherman possesses a '2nd-Rod' stamp.

-Ocean fishing. Any number rods may be used.

Authorized Fishing Hours.

-Camp Del Mar Boat Basin and Beach: 24 hours a day.

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-Jetties: Sunrise–Sunset.

-White Beach (Cocklebur): Sunrise to Sunset when authorized, (check iSportsman for availability).

-Lake O'neill: 1 hour before sunrise through 2200.

-Pulgas/Case Springs: Sunrise-Sunset when authorized, (check iSportsman for availability).

-ALL RIVERS AND CREEKS: Closed to Fishing all year

Boats/Motors.

-Trailer boats. Only authorized at Lake O'neill and Del Mar Harbor.

-Row Boats or electric motors (able to be loaded/unloaded by no more than 2 people). Authorized at all Camp Pendleton fishing locations.

-The use of spears, bows & arrows, and throw nets is not permitted anywhere on Camp Pendleton.

-Diving, snorkeling, swimming, etc. in the 'pursuit/taking' of any fish, clam, lobster, crab, etc. is strictly forbidden at all Camp Pendleton locations. Violations will result in a minimum one-year suspension.

Freshwater Fishing.

-See State regulations for size and bag limits except as follows:

-Lake O'neill: 7 days a week. **Bass** are 'catch & release' only.

-Lake Pulgas is 'catch & release' for all fish.

Ocean Fishing.

-See State regulations for size and bag limits.

Bait.

-Legally acquired and possessed invertebrates, mollusks, crustaceans, dead ocean fish, and treated and processed foods may be used for bait. **No fishing is allowed with live bait fish and amphibians.**

-Live or dead freshwater finfish will not be used or possessed for use as bait, except dead threadfin shad, and dead golden shiner/red shiner.