

Marine Corps Base 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 authorized patrons can be issued fishing permits:

- 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 Common Access Card [CAC])
- e. Reserve military with a current CAC
- f. Veterans in possession of a 'Disabled Veterans Identification Card (DAV)'
- g. Guest(s)

- Veteran's/DAV patrons are only authorized to fish at the Del Mar Jetties, Del Mar Boat Basin, Del Mar Beach, San Onofre Beach, and Lake O'Neill.

- Guests (civilians) may fish if sponsored by those patrons in categories a.-f. named above. **The sponsor** must be physically with the civilian fisherman when fishing.

The civilian guest must create an iSportsman account with a customer type of "sponsored."

Violation of these conditions will result in revocation of fishing privileges for the Sponsor and the Sponsored.

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).

Number of Fishing Poles.

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

- Ocean fishing. Any number rods may be used.

Authorized Fishing Hours.

- Del Mar Beach: 0600 to 2200

- Camp Del Mar Boat Basin: 24 hours a day

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Authorized Fishing Hours continued:

- Del Mar Jetties: Sunrise to Sunset
- San Onofre Beach: 0600 to 2200
- White Beach (Cocklebur): Sunrise to Sunset when authorized, (check iSportsman for availability)
- Lake O'Neill: 1 hour before sunrise through 2200
- Pulgas Lake/Case Springs: Sunrise-Sunset when authorized, (check iSportsman for availability)
- **ALL RIVERS AND CREEKS:** Closed to Fishing all year

Boats/Motors.

- Trailered 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 nor amphibians while fishing from the beaches.**
- 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.