

## Help Needed For 2017 Northern California Abalone Creel Surveys

The California Fish and Wildlife Abalone Project needs help surveying 10 abalone creel sites for 2 days in May and June this year. This is a great opportunity for volunteers to experience first-hand one of the most popular recreational fisheries in California. This year we are particularly interested in seeing how the catch is affected by [poor environmental conditions](#) for red abalone (warm water, no kelp and sea urchin population explosion). Participants will be interviewing abalone fishers at sites and will not be involved with enforcing fishing regulations. Dates selected this year are May 28 & 29 (Sunday, Monday) and June 25 & 26 (Sunday, Monday). People can sign up for single days.

Sites include Shelter Cove (southern Humboldt County), Hardy Creek, MacKerricher State Park, Van Damme State Park, Arena Cove, Moat Creek (Mendocino County), Sea Ranch, Salt Point and Fort Ross area (Sonoma County). The sampling occurs for about 3 ½ hours during morning low tides and will start at 7:45 A.M. **To sign up to participate with the creel survey contact Jerry Kashiwada at the Fort Bragg Marine Region field office (707) 964-5791.**