

CDFW “Angler Update”, 6-3-2021

What is the Annual Mussel Quarantine?

The California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) annual quarantine of sport-harvested mussels gathered along the California coast is in effect as of May 1. The annual mussel quarantine is in place to protect the public against paralytic shellfish poisoning and domoic acid poisoning, also known as Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning. The quarantine applies to all species of mussels that are recreationally harvested for human consumption along the California coast, including all bays and estuaries. During the quarantine, mussels may still be harvested for use as bait. The quarantine applies only to sport-harvested mussels; commercially grown mussels from certified companies are not included in the quarantine.

For detailed information go to:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DRSEM/Pages/EMB/Shellfish/Annual-Mussel-Quarantine.aspx>