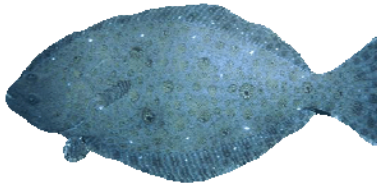


# Port Walk #11



## **Fish, Fish, and More Fish**

Today, boats move into the open seas and up and down the coast in search of the best fishing ground. You can see crews unloading their catch at the PIER 45 processing facilities.



## **California Halibut**

California halibut can be found along the coast from Washington State to southern Baja California. Although most California halibut is harvested by trawlers and gillnetters, there is also a commercial hook-and-line fishery. These large flatfish average 2 feet in length, but can grow to as much as 5 feet and weigh up to 72 pounds.



## **Pacific Sardine**

Pacific sardines range from British Columbia to the Gulf of California, straining plankton prey out of the water as they swim. Once the largest fishery in the Western Hemisphere, the sardine population declined dramatically after World War II. Today, purse seiners are again catching these 12-inch silvery fish as the sardine population recovers.



## **California King Salmon**

Chinook salmon, also known as King salmon, range from the Bering Sea to Central California. Salmon begin life in freshwater rivers, then make the long journey to the open ocean and back upstream to spawn and die. Ocean salmon are caught by trolllers during the months of May through September. The average weight of California King salmon is between 5 and 25 pounds, but King Salmon can weigh more than 100 pounds.



## **Dungeness Crab**

Dungeness crabs range from Alaska to Santa Barbara and can be found on the ocean floor at depths of up to 300 feet. Between November and June crabbers set their traps at the bottom of the sea. When the traps are emptied, only male crabs that meet the minimum size limit can be harvested to ensure the crabs have an opportunity to reproduce.