

The following is a review from Zack Thomas at Pacific Coast Sportfishing magazine:

The Ultimate Pier Fishing Resource

The ultimate resource for Pacific Coast pier anglers is Ken Jones' remarkable book *Pier Fishing in California: The Complete Coast and Bay Guide*, the second edition of which is due out in May. The first edition was a 200-page volume covering 92 piers from the Mexican border to the Oregon border, but the vastly expanded second edition runs 528 pages and covers 113 piers.

In addition to the 20 new piers, the second edition also features expanded chapters on the history of California piers and pier fishing, cleaning and cooking a wide range of species (including "oddballs" like skates and rays), and an exhaustive discussion of tackle, rigging, baits and lures.

Over 350 new photos and illustrations have also been added, including detailed, species-specific illustrations of fish-cleaning, rigging illustrations, and maps. An "encyclopedia" of the 100 most commonly caught pier species is also completely illustrated. Another new chapter in the second edition, "The Pier Rats Speak," reproduces a dozen classic "threads" from the discussion boards at PierFishing.com, which offer a colorful glimpse into the unique pier fishing "culture."

The sheer amount of research and experience that's gone into this book is simply mind-boggling; it really does seem to contain just about everything there is to know about California pier fishing. Even if you're not a dedicated pier angler, it's a fascinating read and an admirable accomplishment. For more information, or to order a copy, visit PierFishing.com or contact the publisher at PublishersDesign.com or 800-587-6666.