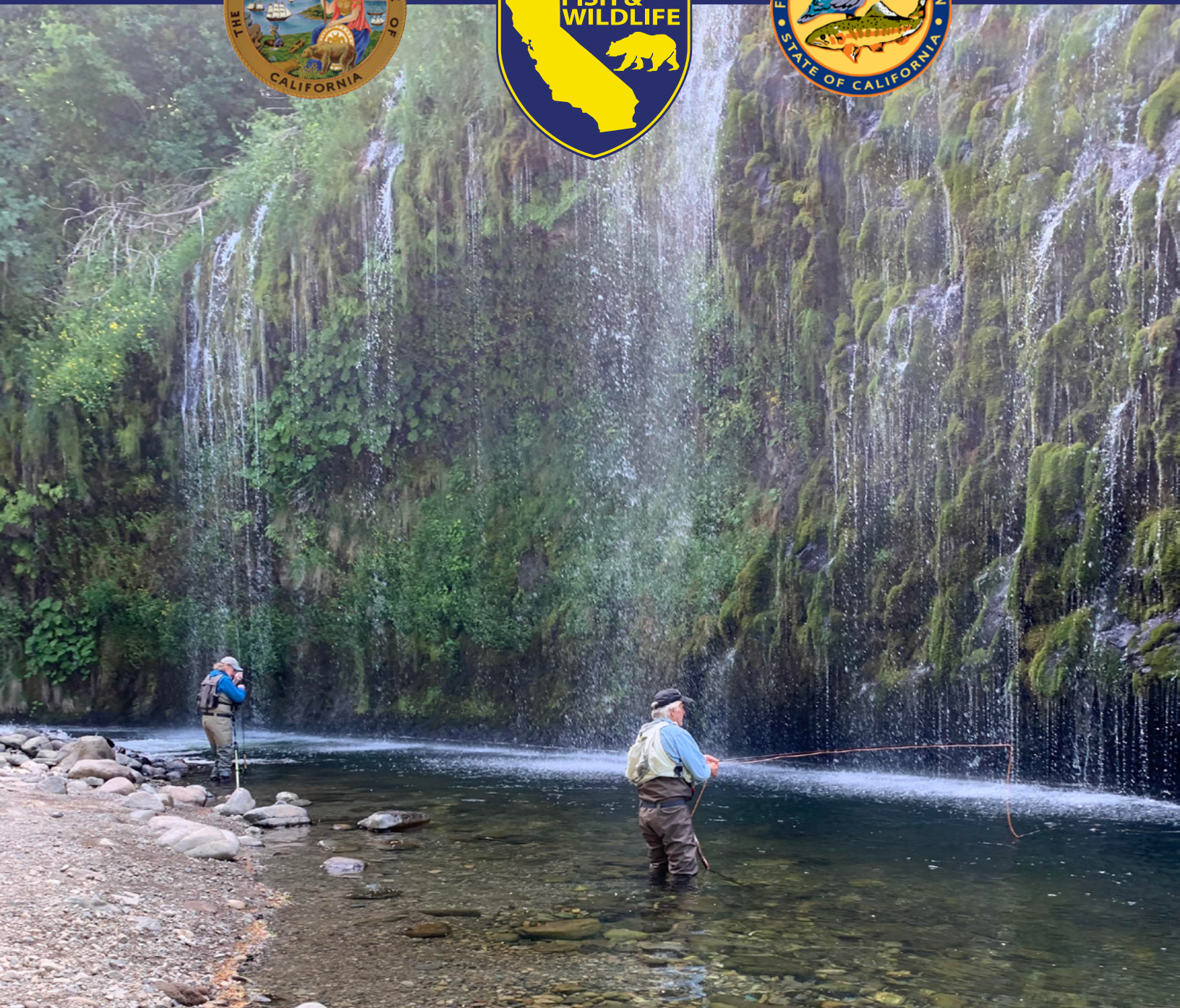


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601 Locust Street,
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AskRegion1@wildlife.ca.gov

Licenses are not sold over the counter at this office.
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619 Second Street,
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(707) 445-6493

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R2info@wildlife.ca.gov

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Fairfield 94534
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Reg4Assistant@wildlife.ca.gov

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3883 Ruffin Road,
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AskR5@wildlife.ca.gov

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3602 Inland Empire Blvd., Ste. C-220,
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Monterey 93940

(831) 649-2870

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Alternate communication format available upon request, call (916) 322-8911. Call the California Relay (telephone) Service for the deaf or hearing-impaired from TDD phones at 800-735-2929 or 711.

PARTICIPATING IN THE REGULATORY PROCESS

The California Fish and Game Commission is composed of five members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the State Senate. The Commission establishes hunting and fishing regulations, including seasons, bag and possession limits, methods of take, area descriptions and any special conditions. In addition, the Commission formulates general policies for itself and CDFW. Commission and committee meetings alternate from one month to the next and include discussions and/or decisions about recommended regulation changes. You are invited to participate in the discussions, make comments during hearings, and submit comments in writing, in advance. New regulation change proposals must be submitted in writing; visit fgc.ca.gov or contact staff for more information.

The Commission's meeting schedule — including agendas, dates, locations and video archives — is posted on the website. Written comments can be directed to the California Fish and Game Commission by email at fgc@fgc.ca.gov or by standard mail to P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090. You can also sign up to receive information of interest to you through the Commission's electronic mailing list.



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IT IS UNLAWFUL TO DO THE FOLLOWING

It is unlawful to do the following:

- Fish without a valid fishing license if you are 16 years of age or older (FGC 7145); exceptions, fishing from public piers in ocean or bay waters;
- Fail to return a report card by the deadline printed on the report card. Reporting harvest online at wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/fishing#reporting satisfies the return requirement (T14 CCR § 1.74);
- Take or possess fish taken illegally (FGC 2000 and 2002);
- Transfer licenses, tags, validations, permits, applications or reservations to another person (FGC 1052);
- Use or possess any license, tag, validation, permit, application or reservation not lawfully issued to the user (FGC 1052);
- Alter, mutilate, deface, duplicate or counterfeit any license, tag, validation, permit, application or reservation (FGC 1052);
- Fish without the required report card on a free-fishing day (T14 CCR § 1.74);
- Sell fish taken with a sport fishing license (FGC 7121);
- Cause the deterioration or waste of any fish taken in the waters of this state (T14 CCR § 1.87);
- Use explosives in state waters inhabited by fish (FGC 5500);
- Use or possess any net in state waters except as is authorized (FGC 8603);
- Disturb legal traps set by another person (FGC 9002);
- Litter into or within 150 feet of state waters (FGC 5652);
- Possess fish where the size or species cannot be determined (FGC 5508 and 5509);
- Fail to exhibit on demand all licenses, tags, validations, permits, applications or reservation to any peace officer or authorized CDFW employee (FGC 2012);
- Fail to exhibit, on demand, all fish, mollusks, crustaceans, amphibians and reptiles and any device or apparatus capable of being used to take them, to any peace officer or authorized CDFW employee (FGC 2012); or
- Prohibit a warden from inspection of any boat, market or receptacle where fish may be found (FGC 1006).



Anadromous Fish Identification

Steelhead Rainbow Trout



Chinook Salmon



Coho Salmon



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2026 SPORT FISHING LICENSE FEES

365 Day Licenses

Resident Sport Fishing License	\$64.54
Non-Resident Sport Fishing License	\$174.14
Reduced-Fee Sport Fishing License	\$10.54

Short Term Licenses

One-Day Sport Fishing License (resident or non-resident)	\$21.09
Two-Day Sport Fishing License* (resident or non-resident)	\$32.40
Ten-Day Non-Resident Sport Fishing License**	\$64.54

*Valid for two consecutive calendar days

**Valid for ten consecutive calendar days

Validations

Second-Rod Validation	\$20.26
Sport Ocean Enhancement Validation ¹	\$7.30
Recreational Crab Trap Validation	\$2.98

Report Cards

North Coast Salmon Report Card ²	\$9.21
Spiny Lobster Report Card	\$12.70
Spiny Lobster Report Card Non-Reporting Fee	\$21.60
Steelhead Report Card	\$10.29
2025-2026 Sturgeon Fishing Report Card	\$0.00
2026-2027 Sturgeon Fishing Report Card	\$8.13

Other Permits

Declaration for Multi-day Fishing Trip	\$8.76
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Duplicate Fees

Sport Fishing License	\$14.30
Sport Ocean Enhancement Validation ¹	\$3.81

Lifetime Sport Fishing Licenses³

Age 9 years or younger	\$709.00
Age 10 to 39 years	\$1,160.25
Age 40 to 61 years	\$1,045.00
Age 62 years or older	\$709.00
Additional Lifetime Fishing Privileges (includes Sport Ocean Enhancement Validation and several freshwater privileges)	\$478.75

¹Required to fish in ocean waters south of Point Arguello (Santa Barbara County). An Ocean Enhancement Validation is not required when fishing under the authority of a One or Two-Day Sport Fishing License.

²Required for any person taking salmon in the Smith River System or Klamath-Trinity River System.

³Lifetime licenses are available only at Department of Fish and Wildlife license sales offices.

Most fees include a 5% license agent handling fee and 3% ALDS application fee. CDFW does not accept cash at the License and Revenue Branch or regional license offices. Check, money orders, or any debit or credit card with the Visa or Mastercard logo are accepted. Cash transactions are available for all items sold at authorized local sales agents. Search for a license agent near you at: <https://www.licenses.wildlife.ca.gov/internetsales/OutletSearch/FindOutlet>.

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FOREWORD

This booklet contains information from both the California Fish and Game Code (FGC) and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (T14 CCR). For detailed information, refer to the appropriate code or contact the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

These excerpts are provided as a courtesy and are not to be used as legal documents. Since regulation and FGC sections may be amended at any time, it is the reader's responsibility to be knowledgeable of, and abide by, all laws and regulations in effect at the time they participate in any commercial or recreational fishing or hunting activity. Any discrepancies between this document and the regulation and FGC sections from which they were prepared will be enforced and adjudicated according to the official code sections and regulations in effect on the date the activity takes place.

The official California Code of Regulations may be accessed through Thompson Reuters Westlaw at govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Index. The official Fish and Game Code may be accessed through California Legislative Information at leginfo.legislature.ca.gov.

California Fish and Game Commission

The mission of the California Fish and Game Commission is, on behalf of California citizens, to ensure the long term sustainability of California's fish and wildlife resources by:

- Guiding the ongoing scientific evaluation and assessment of California's fish and wildlife resources;
- Setting California's fish and wildlife resource management policies and ensuring these are implemented by the Department of Fish and Wildlife;
- Establishing appropriate fish and wildlife resource management rules and regulations; and
- Building active fish and wildlife resource management partnerships with individual landowners, the public and interest groups, and federal, state, and local resource management agencies

Department of Fish and Wildlife

The mission of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department or CDFW) is to manage California's diverse fish, wildlife, and plant resources, and the habitats upon which they depend, for their ecological values and for their use and enjoyment by the public.

The Department is charged with the administration and enforcement of the FGC and Title 14. The Department is organized with the Director and headquarters staff in Sacramento, and seven regional managers coordinating the operations in their respective portions of the state. The Director is the appointing power of all Department employees, who are responsible to the Director for the proper performance of their duties and responsibilities.

Most of the revenue for the Department comes from the Fish and Wildlife Preservation Fund, with a limited amount from other sources (General Fund, Sport Fish Restoration Act, Environmental License Plate Fund, and grants). The Fish and Wildlife Preservation Fund is supported by the sale of sport fishing and hunting licenses, commercial licenses, fish landing taxes, and fines and penalties assessed for violation of Fish and Wildlife laws.

All laws or regulations hereunder are either reproduced verbatim from the Fish and Game Code or from Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, as adopted by the California Fish and Game Commission under authority of the Fish and Game Code.

All references to state highway, interstate highway and U.S. highway numbers appearing in regulations are as designated on the current California State Highway map issued by the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency at the time such regulations were adopted by the California Fish and Game Commission.

Accessing Hunting and Fishing Regulations

- [Mammal Hunting Booklet](#) includes regulations for: hunting small and big game mammals; exotic game mammals; trapping furbearers (fox, badger, beaver and raccoon, etc.); hunting nongame animals (bobcat, coyote, weasel, etc.)
- [Big Game Hunting Digest](#) includes hunt seasons, tag quotas and drawing for deer, elk, pronghorn antelope and bighorn sheep; bear and wild pig hunting; other related hunting regulations
- [Mammal Hunting Regulations](#)
- [Waterfowl, Upland Game, and Public Use of Department Lands Regulations Booklet](#)
- [Upland Game Bird Hunting Regulations](#)
- [Waterfowl Hunting Regulations](#)
- [Upland Game Birds Regulations Summary](#)
- [Waterfowl Regulations Summary](#)

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WHAT'S NEW IN 2026

Regulatory changes and updates from the previous year are provided in **bold and underlined red** text.

Free Fishing Days

July 4th and September 5th, 2026

On these days only in 2026, ALL regulations apply and report cards are required—but NO license is required for sport fishing.

Regulations Booklet Changes: Anadromous In-Season Updates

Tired of tracking regulations in both the main Freshwater Sport Fishing Regulations booklet and the Supplemental booklet? We have good news!

The special fishing regulations for hatchery trout, hatchery steelhead and salmon in Section 7.40, Title 14, will be updated in the main Freshwater Sport Fishing Regulations booklet beginning on or about June 1, 2026.

Updated regulations are available in this version of the booklet!

Protect Against the Spread of Golden Mussel

To protect California against the spread of invasive golden mussel (*Limnoperna fortunei*) discovered in October 2024 in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and San Luis Reservoir's O'Neill Forebay, the Commission added golden mussel to the list of species restricted from live importation, transportation and possession (CCR Title 14, Section 671), effective December 19, 2024. Golden mussel pose an immediate threat to the ecological health of the Delta and all waters of the state, water conveyance systems, infrastructure and water quality. The emergency action makes it illegal to import, transport, or possess golden mussels in California. Please visit [California's Invaders: Golden Mussel](#) and [CDFW News | Golden Mussel](#) for more information.

Regulations Publications Survey

The CDFW Regulations Unit has prepared a public survey to better understand the needs of California hunters and anglers with respect to regulations and the way that regulations publications are made available for use.

Please visit <https://wildlife.ca.gov/notices/regulations/survey> to take the survey.

White Sturgeon Fishing: Regulations for Season Starting Oct. 1, 2026

As of September 26, 2025, the report card reporting period for sturgeon fishing has changed to align with the new sturgeon fishing season. The seasonal Sturgeon Fishing Report Card is valid from October 1 through June 30 (check regulations for local closures). The cards must be reported by July 31 after the season ends, either online or by mail. The 2026-2027 fishing season Sturgeon Fishing Report Cards will be available for \$8.13 and the price will increase annually to account for inflation.

For more information visit: wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Fishes/Sturgeon/White-Sturgeon.

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The California Inland Recreational Angler Survey (**CIRAS**) is a web-based platform that provides the public with helpful fishing information powered by data submitted by anglers. CIRAS allows anglers to submit data regarding their fishing trips and provides access to aggregated inland sport fishing data through the interactive “Ready to Fish” dashboard. Visit: **CIRAS.wildlife.ca.gov**

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HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

Quick Steps to Finding the Correct Fishing Regulations

It is important to note the waters where you intend to fish can have further take, method, gear and closure provisions for various freshwater species. Therefore, it is each angler's responsibility to verify the regulations for all species in their chosen location(s) and water(s), prior to sport fishing in California waters.

First familiarize yourself with the statewide regulations for General Provisions and Definitions, Fishing Methods and Gear Restrictions, Fishing Hours, and Bait Regulations listed starting on page 16.

Next familiarize yourself with the General District Regulations that start on page 36 that apply to the Sport Fishing District in which you will be fishing. To determine the Sport Fishing District, use the District Definitions listed and the state map.

If fishing for trout, steelhead or salmon: Consult the Alphabetical List of Waters with Special Fishing Regulations that start on page 40 in Sections 7.40 and 7.50.

If the water you intend to fish is on this list, follow the regulations as noted on these pages. If the water you are fishing is a tributary to any lake or reservoir, you must check under both the name of the stream/river and the connecting lake or reservoir.

If the water or the connecting lake or reservoir is NOT listed in the Alphabetical List of Waters with Special Fishing Regulations, then follow the General District Regulations.

If fishing for bass, sunfish, catfish, sturgeon, or any species other than trout, steelhead or salmon: Consult the Species Regulations that start on page 26 and locate the regulations for the species you want to pursue. Be sure to also check the water where you intend to fish as additional take, method, gear and closure provisions may apply.

If you have any further questions, please contact the local regional office serving the county where you will be fishing. A regional office listing is on page 4.

Keeping Up With In-Season Regulation Changes

State sport fishing regulations may change during the year. Before engaging in any sport fishing, please access one of the following sources for up-to-date information:

Check the Department's regulations page at wildlife.ca.gov/regulations for any new changes,

Check the Department's News Room at wildlife.ca.gov/news for any new announcements, or

Call the Department office nearest your fishing location (see page 4) for the latest information before heading out on a fishing trip.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Residency

A resident is defined as: any person who has resided continuously in California for six months or more immediately before the date of application for a license, or any person on active military duty with the armed forces of the United States, or an auxiliary branch, or a Job Corps enrollee. (FGC, Section 70)

License Provisions

Any person who is 16 years of age or older must have a sport fishing license to take any kind of fish, mollusk, invertebrate, amphibian or crustacean in California, except for persons angling from a public pier in ocean or bay waters. A sport fishing license is required to take reptiles, except for rattlesnakes. Anyone 16 years or older fishing anywhere in Lake Tahoe or Topaz Lake must possess either a California sport fishing license or a Nevada sport fishing license (Nevada also requires a trout stamp). Any person fishing from either side of the river or from a boat in the section of the Colorado River that makes up the California-Arizona border must have either a California sport fishing license or an Arizona sport fishing license.

Identification Required for License Purchase (T14 CCR §700.4)

Any person applying for any license, tag, permit, reservation or other entitlement issued via the ALDS shall provide valid identification. Acceptable forms of identification include:

- any license document or GO ID number previously issued via ALDS
- a valid driver's license or identification card issued to him or her by the Department of Motor Vehicles or by the entity issuing driver's licenses from the licensee's state of domicile
- US Birth Certificate
- US Certificate or Report of Birth Abroad
- a Tribal Identification Card, issued by a sovereign tribal nation
- Birth Certificate or passport issued from a US Territory
- US Passport
- US Military Identification
- Certificate of Naturalization or Citizenship,
- A foreign government-issued photo identification

Applicants less than 18 years of age may provide any form of identification described above, or a parent or legal guardian's identification as described above.

Telephone Number Required for Angler Surveys

Anglers are required to provide their telephone number when purchasing a sport fishing license. Collection of telephone numbers allows California to comply with a federal mandate for purposes of establishing a National Saltwater Angler Registry and will prevent California anglers from having to pay an additional registration fee each year to the federal government. (CCR T-14, Section 700.3)

License Formats

Licenses issued through the Automated License Data System (ALDS) are printed on durable thermal paper. They are waterproof, stainproof and tear resistant. All licenses are imprinted with your permanent ID number (GO ID). Your GO ID can be used to retrieve your customer information in the future. Sport fishing licenses and validations can also be displayed electronically using the CDFW License App. Information about the CDFW License App is available online at wildlife.ca.gov/licenseapp.

Report cards issued through ALDS have a different look and size. All the information is printed on one side of the paper, so report cards can be quite long. They can be folded to fit in your wallet. You must use indelible ink to make entries on your report card. Proof of purchase for report cards can be viewed using the CDFW License App, but they are not valid entitlements and do not replace the physical report cards. Anglers must always have physical report cards in their immediate possession when engaging in activities authorized by the report cards (see special exemption regarding possession of report cards for lobster divers in California Code of Regulations, Title 14 Section 29.91).

Protect Your License From Heat

Licenses subjected to extreme or prolonged heat may darken and become difficult to read. To protect your license, keep it away from heat sources.

Purchasing a License for Another Person

Regulations provide that a person may purchase a hunting or sport fishing license, tags, or validations for another person, as long as the licensee's customer identification number issued from the ALDS and date of birth are provided. If a person wishes to purchase a sport fishing license for another person but does not have the required information, a gift voucher may be purchased for that person that may be redeemed for a resident sport fishing license. Gift vouchers are nonrefundable and valid for 365 days from the date of purchase. (CCR T-14, Section 700.3).

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License Sales by Telephone

Sport fishing licenses, validations, and report cards may be purchased via telephone from Active Network's telephone license sales line at (800) 565-1458. Items purchased by telephone sales will be delivered by mail within 15 days of purchase.

Online Sport Fishing Licenses and Harvest Reporting

You can purchase California sport fishing licenses, report cards and validations online at wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/online-sales. In addition, anglers can submit report card information online. Report cards provide important harvest data critical to helping fishery scientists better manage these fishing programs. Online report card submission makes reporting faster and easier. By providing harvest details more quickly, fishery managers can more promptly put the information to use. Standard mail reporting is still available and can be done through the address printed on the report card. To report online, go to CDFW's harvest reporting site at wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/fishing#reporting. The regulatory deadline to report harvest information is provided on the report card, even if anglers were unsuccessful or did not fish. You can also return your report card via mail to the address printed on the report card. **Important information—read before you report online!**

- Accurate and complete data is required. If you report online, all entries on the report card must be entered in the electronic form, including sport fishing reports of activity where no catches were made.
- Submission of report card data online must be completed within 20 minutes to avoid a system time out.
- Sport fishing report cards may be reported online only after the last day of the report card's validity.
- If you report online, you do not need to mail in your report card. You will be issued a report confirmation number. After reporting, please retain your report card for 90 days for survey purposes and write your report confirmation number on it. Once a report card has been reported, it may no longer be used in the field.

Report Card Requirements

Anglers who are not required to have a sport fishing license, such as anglers who are under 16 years of age and anglers who will be fishing on Free Fishing Days, are required to have report cards to fish for: salmon in the Klamath, Trinity and Smith rivers and their tributaries; steelhead; and sturgeon statewide.

Return of Report Cards is Mandatory

Report cards must be reported online at wildlife.ca.gov/reportcards or returned to the CDFW at the address specified on the report card by January 31 of the following year. Any person who fails to report online or return his or her report card to the CDFW by the deadline may be restricted from obtaining the same card in a subsequent license year or may be subject to an additional fee for the issuance of the same card in a subsequent license year. (CCR T-14, Section 1.74)

- A North Coast Salmon Report Card is required for any person fishing for salmon in the Klamath, Trinity and Smith Rivers or their tributaries.
- A Steelhead Report Card is required for any person fishing for steelhead trout in all anadromous waters where take is authorized.
- A Sturgeon Fishing Report Card is required for any person fishing for sturgeon.
- A Second-Rod Validation is required to fish with two rods in inland waters in any sport fishery in which the regulations of the Commission provide for the taking of fish by angling, except those waters in which only artificial lures or barbless hooks may be used.

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CDFW License App FAQ:

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Possession of License

Every person, while engaged in taking any fish, amphibian or reptile, shall have a valid sport fishing license on their person in their immediate possession except when diving as provided in Section 7145 of the Fish and Game Code. (CCR T-14, Section 700)

In the case of a person diving from a boat, the license may be kept in the boat, or in the case of a person diving from the shore, the license may be kept within 500 yards of the shore. (FGC, Section 7145)

Duplicate Sport Fishing Licenses

If you lose your sport fishing license and validations, visit any license agent, CDFW License Sales Office or log in to the license sales service at wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/online-sales to obtain a low-cost duplicate and validations. Duplicate Abalone Report Cards may only be purchased at CDFW license sales offices.

Refund Policy

Refunds will not be issued for sport fishing licenses, vouchers, validations or report cards.

Free and Reduced-Fee Sport Fishing Licenses

CDFW offers reduced-fee sport fishing licenses to honorably-discharged veterans with a service-connected disability rating of at least 50 percent, to recovering service members, and to resident low-income seniors who are at least 65 years of age. (FGC, Section 7150)

The term "recovering service member" means a member of the Armed Forces, including a member of the National Guard or a Reserve, who is undergoing medical treatment, recuperation, or therapy and is in an outpatient status while recovering from a serious injury or illness related to the member's military service.

Disabled veterans and recovering service members can prequalify for reduced-fee sport fishing licenses via fax or secure document upload. To pre-qualify, submit a copy of your personal identification, GO ID and documentation of eligibility by fax to (916) 419-7585 or by secure document upload. To upload documentation, please send an email request to LRB@wildlife.ca.gov and follow the link provided in the response. After your customer record has been updated, you will be able to purchase a reduced-fee fishing license anywhere licenses are sold.

Free sport fishing licenses are available to eligible persons who are blind; low-income American Indians; developmentally disabled persons, and residents who are so severely physically disabled that they are permanently unable to move from place to place without the use of a wheelchair, walker, forearm crutches, or a comparable mobility-related device.

Eligibility for free and reduced-fee sport fishing licenses will be verified. Applications and additional information are available online at wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/fishing.

STAY CONNECTED TO CDFW

Having your e-mail address and mobile number will enable the CDFW to send you information you can use, such as license renewal and courtesy report card deadline reminders, and California fishing information. When purchasing a license from a license agent or when you log in to the Online License Sales and Services, update your communication preferences and provide your e-mail address and mobile number.

www.licenses.wildlife.ca.gov/internetsales

Fish and Game Code, Section 1050.6, and California Government Code, Section 11015.5, prohibit the CDFW from selling or sharing your personal information with any third party.

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GENERAL PROVISIONS AND DEFINITIONS

All laws or regulations below are either reproduced verbatim from the Fish and Game Code (FGC) or from Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (T14 CCR), as adopted by the Fish and Game Commission under authority of the Fish and Game Code.

Anadromous Waters (T14 CCR §1.04)

Anadromous waters are inland waters that are accessible to fish migrating from the ocean.

Angling (T14 CCR §1.05)

Angling means take of fish by hook and line with the line held in the hand, or with the line attached to a pole or rod held in the hand or closely attended in such manner that the fish voluntarily takes the bait or artificial lure inside its mouth.

Artificial Fly (T14 CCR §1.08)

Any fly constructed by the method known as fly tying.

Artificial Lure (T14 CCR §1.11)

Any manufactured or man-made non-scented/flavored (regardless if scent is added in the manufacturing process or added afterwards) device complete with hooks, intended to attract fish. Artificial lures include, but are not limited to; spoons, spinners, artificial flies, and plugs, made of metal, plastic, wood, or other non-edible materials.

Authorization for Taking Fish

(T14 CCR §1.14)

Fish, amphibians, reptiles, mollusks and crustaceans may be taken only in the amounts, only during the open season and only with the gear authorized and shall not be taken otherwise.

Bag and Possession Limit

(T14 CCR §1.17)

No more than one daily bag limit of each kind of fish, amphibian, reptile, mollusk or crustacean named in these regulations may be taken or possessed by any one person unless otherwise authorized; regardless of whether they are fresh, frozen, or otherwise preserved. Exceptions: See Sections 7.00, 7.50(a), 27.60(c), and 195, Title 14, CCR.

Bait (T14 CCR §1.18)

Any natural or manufactured product or device which is used to attract fish by the sense of taste or smell, including any product or device to which scents or flavored attractants have been added or externally applied. Bait includes, but is not limited to; scented and flavored paste, scented manufactured fish eggs, and

traditional organic baits such as worms, grubs, crickets, leeches, stink baits, insects, crayfish, human food, fish, fish parts, and fish eggs.

Barbless Hook (T14 CCR §1.19)

A fish hook from which the barb or barbs have been removed or completely bent closed, or which is manufactured without barbs.

Black Bass (T14 CCR §1.20)

Includes largemouth, smallmouth, redeye and spotted bass.

Bow and Arrow Fishing Tackle

(T14 CCR §1.23)

Such tackle must have the arrow shaft or the point, or both, attached by a line to the bow or to a fishing reel (includes crossbow).

Bullfrog (T14 CCR §1.24)

Includes only *Rana catesbeiana*.

Bullhead (T14 CCR §1.26)

Includes brown, black and yellow bullhead.

Catfish (T14 CCR §1.29)

Includes channel, white, blue and flathead catfish.

Chumming (T14 CCR §1.32)

Placing any material in the water, other than on a hook while angling, for the purpose of attracting fish to a particular area in order that they may be taken.

Closed or Closure (T14 CCR §1.35)

Refers to waters or areas closed to all fishing unless otherwise authorized.

Closed Season (T14 CCR §1.38)

That period during which the taking of fish, amphibians, reptiles, mollusks or crustaceans is prohibited.

Dates (T14 CCR §1.41)

Dates of seasons and closures are inclusive.

Dip Net (T14 CCR §1.42)

Webbing supported by a frame, and hand held, not more than six feet in greatest dimension, excluding handle.

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Dividing Line Between Lake and Stream (T14 CCR §1.44)

The mouth of the stream at the existing level of the lake surface. Stream regulations apply to parts of streams in the exposed beds of partially empty lakes.

Filleting of Salmonids in Inland Waters (T14 CCR §1.45)

Except as otherwise required, all salmon and steelhead taken in inland anadromous waters where a sport fishing license is required, must be kept in such a condition that species and size can be determined until placed at the angler's permanent residence, a commercial preservation facility or being prepared for immediate consumption. Also when required, the presence or absence of a healed adipose fin scar must be able to be determined until placed at the anglers permanent residence, a commercial preservation facility, or being prepared for immediate consumption.

(a) Exceptions:

(1) Chinook salmon taken from July 1 through December 31 in the following areas:

(A) The main stem of the American and Feather rivers.

(B) The main stem of the Sacramento River between the Deschutes Road Bridge and Tower Bridge.

(b) Definitions

(1) Personal residence is defined as one's principal or ordinary home or dwelling place, as distinguished from one's temporary or transient place of residence or dwelling such as a cabin, tent, trailer house, recreational vehicle, or any hotel, motel or rooming house used during a fishing, pleasure or business trip.

(2) Commercial preservation facility is defined as any person who at their residence or place of business and for hire or compensation cleans or processes fish for another person, or any taxidermist, cold-storage facility or locker plant which for hire or other compensation processes or stores fish.

(A) Licensed fishing guides are considered a person at their place of business processing fish pursuant to this section and are required to maintain a guide trip log with client and catch information pursuant to subsection 745(e) of these regulations.

Finfish Defined (T14 CCR §1.46)

Finfish are defined as any species of bony fish or cartilaginous fish (sharks, skates and rays). Finfish do not include amphibians, invertebrates, plants or algae.

Fishing Closures (Special), Seasons and Bag and Size Limits. (T14 CCR §1.47)

The District Special Regulations are exceptions to the open seasons and bag limits specified in the Species Regulations. Where more than one area is fished, the number of fish in possession shall not exceed the limit specified in the Species Regulations. Open seasons and closures on streams listed in the District Special Regulations do not include tributaries of such streams unless so specified.

Inland Waters (T14 CCR §1.53)

Inland waters are all the fresh, brackish and inland saline waters of the state, including lagoons and tidewaters upstream from the mouths of coastal rivers and streams. Inland waters exclude open or enclosed bays contiguous to the ocean including the waters of San Francisco Bay and the waters of Elkhorn Slough, west of Elkhorn Road between Castroville and Watsonville. See Section 27.00 for the description of San Francisco Bay.

Inland Sport Fishing Districts (T14 CCR §1.54)

Inland Sport Fishing Districts are defined in Sections 6.31 to 6.37 of these regulations.

Lake (T14 CCR §1.56)

Includes natural lakes or man-made reservoirs.

Landlocked Salmon (T14 CCR §1.57)

Landlocked salmon includes kokanee and landlocked Chinook salmon.

Limit (T14 CCR §1.59)

Refers to daily bag limit and possession limit per person, or boat limit authorized in Sections 27.60(c) and 195, Title 14, CCR.

Non-Buoyant Artificial Lure (T14 CCR §1.61)

Any artificial lure that sinks in freshwater.

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Minimum and Maximum Size

(T14 CCR §1.62)

No fish, mollusks or crustaceans less than the legal minimum size or greater than the maximum legal size (total, fork or alternate) may be possessed, except as otherwise provided. Total length is the longest straight-line measurement from the tip of the head to the end of the longest lobe of the tail. Fork length is the straight-line distance from the tip of the head to the center of the tail fin. Tip of the head shall be the most anterior point on the fish with the mouth closed and the fish lying flat on its side. Alternate length is the straight-line distance from the base of the foremost spine of the first dorsal fin to the end of the longest lobe of the tail. Unless otherwise provided, all fish, mollusks or crustaceans less than the legal minimum size or greater than the maximum legal size must be returned immediately to the water from which they were taken.

Movement of Live Fish (T14 CCR §1.63)

Except as provided in sections 4.00 through 4.30 and 230, live fin fish may not be transported alive from the water where taken.

Multiple Hook (T14 CCR §1.65)

A hook with two or more points.

Native Reptiles and Amphibians

(T14 CCR §1.67)

Native reptiles and amphibians are those subspecies, and species, including all color phases, of the classes Reptilia and Amphibia indigenous to California. This definition includes all specimens regardless of their origin even if they were produced in captivity.

Open Season (T14 CCR §1.68)

That period of time during which the taking of fish, amphibians, reptiles, mollusks and crustaceans is authorized.

Opening Date and Bag Limit for Boundary Waters (T14 CCR §1.70)

Waters, exclusive of their tributaries, on the boundary between areas or districts with different opening dates or limits shall open on the earlier date and have the larger limit unless otherwise specified.

Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta

(T14 CCR §1.71)

The Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta includes all rivers, sloughs, canals, cuts, forebays, and flooded islands within the area south of Interstate 80 to its junction with Highway 50, and south of Highway 50 via the Pioneer Bridge to its junction with Highway 99, west of Highway 99, north of Interstate 580, 205, and Highway 120, and east of Interstate 680.

Stream (Includes Creeks and Rivers)

(T14 CCR §1.72)

A stream is a body of water that flows at least periodically or intermittently through a bed or channel having banks and supports fish or other aquatic life. This includes watercourses having a surface or subsurface flow that supports or has supported riparian vegetation.

Salmon (T14 CCR §1.73)

- (a) Salmon includes Chinook, Coho, pink, chum, and sockeye salmon.
- (b) Any person in possession of a recreationally taken salmon with a missing adipose fin (the small, fleshy fin on the back of the fish between the back fin and tail) shall immediately relinquish the head of the salmon, upon request by an authorized agent or employee of the department, to facilitate the recovery of any coded-wire tag. The head may be removed by the fish owner or, if removed by the official department representative, the head shall be removed in a manner to minimize loss of salmon flesh and the salmon shall immediately be returned to the fish owner.

Sport Fishing Report Card Requirements

(T14 CCR §1.74)

- (a) Purpose. These regulations are designed to improve recreational fishing effort and catch information in some or all areas where the fisheries operate. Many of these species are of high commercial value, and therefore, additional enforcement mechanisms are needed to improve compliance with existing bag limits and other regulations, and to reduce the potential for poaching.
- (b) Report card requirements apply to any person fishing for or taking the following species regardless of whether a sport fishing license is required:
 - (1) Salmon, in the anadromous waters of the Klamath, Trinity, and Smith river basins. Anadromous waters are defined in Section 1.04 of these regulations.
 - (2) Steelhead trout.
 - (3) White sturgeon.
 - (4) Red abalone.
 - (5) California spiny lobster.

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(c) General Report Card Requirements.

- (1) Any person fishing for or taking any of the species identified in this Section shall have in their immediate possession a valid non-transferable report card issued by the department for the particular species. See special exemption regarding possession of report cards for lobster divers in Section 29.91 of these regulations.
- (2) All entries made on any physical report card or tag shall be legible and in indelible ink.
- (3) A report card holder fishing with a one, two, or ten-day sport fishing license may replace the expired fishing license without purchasing a new report card so long as the report card is still valid.
- (4) Report cards are not transferable and shall not be transferred to another person. No person shall possess any report card other than their own.
- (5) A person may only obtain one abalone report card per report card period.
- (6) Any report card holder who fills in all available lines on their steelhead, salmon, sturgeon, or lobster report card shall return or report the card to the department pursuant to subsection 1.74(e) prior to purchasing a second card.
- (7) Data recording and tagging procedures vary between report cards and species. See specific regulations in sections: 5.80 (Inland white sturgeon), 5.87 (North Coast salmon), 5.88 (Steelhead), 27.90 (Ocean white sturgeon), 29.16 (Abalone), and 29.91 (Spiny lobster) that apply in addition to the regulations of this Section.

(d) Report Card Return and Reporting Requirements

- (1) Report card holders shall return or report their salmon, steelhead, or abalone report cards to the department pursuant to subsection 1.74(e) by January 31 of the following year.
 - (A) Any report card holder who fails to return or report their salmon, steelhead, or abalone report card to the department by the deadline may be restricted from obtaining the same card in a subsequent license year or may be subject to an additional fee for the issuance of the same card in a subsequent license year.
- (2) Report card holders shall return or report their lobster report cards pursuant to subsection 1.74(e) by April 30 following the close of the lobster season for which the card was issued.
 - (A) Any report card holder who fails to return or report their lobster report card by April 30 following the close of the lobster season specified on the card shall be subject to a nonrefundable non-return fee specified in Section 701, in addition

to the annual report card fee, for the issuance of a lobster report card in the subsequent fishing season.

(e) Report Card Return and Reporting Mechanisms:

- (1) By mail or in person at the address specified on the card. A report card returned by mail shall be postmarked by the date applicable to that card as specified in subsection 1.74(d)(1), 1.74(d)(2), 5.80(g), or 27.90(g).
- (2) Online through the department's license sales service website by the date applicable to that card as specified in subsection 1.74(d)(1), 1.74(d)(2), 5.80(g), or 27.90(g).
Report card holders reporting online will be provided a confirmation number upon successful submission. The report card holder must record the provided confirmation number in the space provided on the report card and retain the report card for 90 days after the reporting deadline. Report cards submitted online must be surrendered to the department upon demand.
- (3) If a report card is submitted by mail and not received by the department, it is considered not returned unless the report card holder reports their report card as lost pursuant to subsection 1.74(f).

(f) Lost report cards.

- (1) Lobster, salmon, sturgeon, and steelhead.
Notwithstanding subsection 1.74(c)(5), any report card holder who loses their report card during the report card period for which it is valid may purchase an additional report card by submitting payment to an authorized license agent or department license sales office. Catch information from the lost report card shall not be transferred to the new card. Information from lost lobster, salmon, sturgeon, and steelhead report cards shall be reported as specified in subsection 1.74(f)(3).
- (2) Abalone. Notwithstanding subsection 1.74(c)(5), any report card holder who loses their report card during the period for which it is valid may purchase a replacement report card.
 - (A) The Department may issue a replacement report card for abalone upon completion of the following:
 1. Submitting an affidavit to any department license sales office containing all the information specified in subsection 1.74(f)(3)(B); and
 2. Submitting payment of the report card fee and the non-refundable replacement-processing fee specified in Section 701.
 - (B) Department staff shall enter the harvest information from the affidavit to the replacement report card.

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(C)Based on the information provided on the affidavit, department staff shall remove tags reported as used and issue only the number of tags that were reported as unused on the lost original report card.

(D)Report card holders shall verify that the harvest information has been accurately transferred from the affidavit to their replacement report card.

(E)The replacement report card shall be reported pursuant to the requirement for the original report card as specified in subsection 1.74(d).

Note: the original report card should not be reported.

(3) Reporting requirements. Except for lost abalone report cards for which a replacement card was purchased, all lost report cards shall be reported by the harvest report submission deadline date applicable to that card as specified in subsection 1.74(d)(1), 1.74(d)(2), **5.80(g), or 27.90(g)** by one of the following methods:

(A) Online through the department's license sales service website; or

(B) Submitting an affidavit, signed under penalty of perjury, to a department license sales office containing the following information:

1. The report card holder's full name, GOID#, and a statement confirming that the originally issued report card is lost and cannot be recovered.
2. A statement containing the report card holder's best recollection of the prior catch records that were entered on the report card that was lost.
3. A statement describing the factual circumstances surrounding the loss of the report card.

Salmon Spawning Areas

(T14 CCR §1.75)

No salmon may be taken or possessed on any salmon spawning area when it is closed to salmon fishing.

Spearfishing (T14 CCR §1.76)

The taking of fish by spear or hand by persons who are in the water and may be using underwater goggles, face plates, breathing tubes, SCUBA or other artificial underwater breathing device.

Sunfish (T14 CCR §1.77)

Includes bluegill, green sunfish, redear sunfish, pumpkinseed, warmouth, and Sacramento perch.

Take (T14 CCR §1.80)

Hunt, pursue, catch, capture or kill fish, amphibians, reptiles, mollusks, crustaceans or invertebrates or attempting to do so.

Trout (T14 CCR §1.86)

Trout includes all trouts, chars, steelhead, and grayling.

Waste of Fish (T14 CCR §1.87)

It is unlawful to cause or permit any deterioration or waste of any fish taken in the waters of this state.

Weight (T14 CCR §1.93)

Any object directly or indirectly attached to a fishing line with the purpose of casting or sinking a lure or bait.

Online Fishing Guide

California is a great place to fish! An online fishing guide is available to help plan your fishing trips.

www.wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Guide

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Fishing Methods: General

(T14 CCR §2.00)

- (a) Except as otherwise authorized, all fish may be taken only by angling with one closely attended rod and line or one hand line with not more than three hooks nor more than three artificial lures (each lure may have three hooks attached) attached thereto. Anglers in possession of a valid two-rod stamp and anglers under 16 years of age may use up to two rods in inland waters which regulations provide for the taking of fish by angling, except those waters in which only artificial lures or barbless hooks may be used. See Trout, Salmon and Special Regulations for exceptions.
- (b) Snagging is prohibited. Snagging is defined as impaling or attempting to impale a fish in any part of its body other than inside the mouth by use of a hook, hooks, gaff, or other mechanical implement. This definition does not include activities otherwise authorized under these regulations for the lawful use of a gaff, bow and arrow, or spear.
- (c) It is unlawful to kill, or retain in possession any fish which has not voluntarily taken the bait or artificial lure inside its mouth. Any fish not taken pursuant to these regulations, shall be released immediately back into the water.

Leader Length Restriction

(T14 CCR §2.05)

It shall be unlawful to use any configuration of fishing tackle in anadromous waters unless the distance between the terminal hook or terminal lure and any weight attached to the line or leader, whether fixed or sliding, is less than six feet. For purposes of this section, "weight" includes any product used to submerge the line or leader, including non-buoyant artificial flies or artificial lures, but does not include integrated or sinking fly fishing lines, lead core lines used while trolling from a boat, dropper weights used while trolling from a boat, or clipped weights used with downrigger systems.

Use of Gaffs (T14 CCR §2.06)

No person shall possess or use a gaff in inland waters, except that a gaff three feet or less in length may be used to land legal-sized fish only by anglers fishing from a boat in the Sacramento River main stem below Deschutes Road Bridge.

Special Fishing Methods and Bag Limits: Barrett and Upper Otay Lakes, San Diego County (T14 CCR §2.08)

The following fishing methods restrictions and bag limits apply to Barrett Lake and Upper Otay Lake:

- (a) Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.
- (b) The bag limit for all species is zero.

Possession of Illegal Gear

(T14 CCR §2.09)

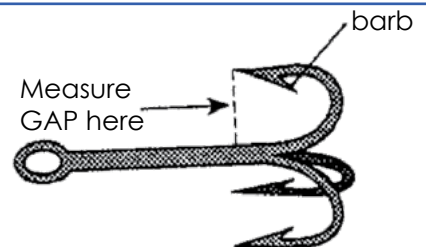
Except as otherwise provided, no person shall use or possess, except in his or her home, any landing gear, any nets, except standard landing-type dip nets not exceeding 36 inches in diameter across the net opening and 60 inches in net length/depth, excluding handle, gaffs or spears within 100 yards of any canal, river, stream, lake or reservoir. Non-electronic underwater viewing devices may not be used for taking fish except under the provisions of Section 2.30.

Hook and Weight Restrictions

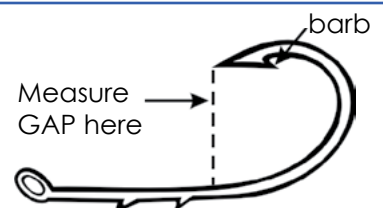
(T14 CCR §2.10)

- (a) Definition of Gap: For the purposes of this section, "gap" means the distance measured from the point of a hook to the shank.
- (b) Maximum Gaps and Gear Rigging for Rivers and Streams unless otherwise provided (does not apply to lakes and reservoirs, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (see Section 1.71 for definition of the Delta), and the Colorado River.
 - (1) No person shall use any single hook with a gap greater than 1 inch or any multiple hook with a gap greater than 3/4 inch.

Multiple Hook:
A hook with more than one point on a common shaft



Single Hook:
A hook with a single point.



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- (2) It is unlawful to use any hook which is directly or indirectly attached closer than 18 inches to any weight exceeding 1/2 ounce.
- (3) It is unlawful to use any multiple hook or more than one single hook on non-buoyant artificial lures exceeding one ounce.
- (4) It is unlawful to use any weight directly attached below a hook.
- (c) Maximum Gaps for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (see Section 1.71 for definition of the Delta).
 - (1) No person shall use any single hook with a gap greater than 1 inch or any multiple hook with a gap greater than 3/4 inch.

Special Fishing Methods: Shasta County (T14 CCR §2.12)

- (a) In all waters of the Fall River Valley downstream from Thousand Springs Road, in the Pit River from the confluence with the Fall River downstream to Lake Britton, and in Hat Creek from Hat No. 2 Powerhouse downstream to Lake Britton, western suckers may be taken by hand or hand-thrown spears only by enrolled members of the Pit River Tribe.
- (b) Open Season: January 1 through April 15.
- (c) No fish other than western suckers may be speared, and all fish other than western suckers captured by hand must be immediately returned live to the water.
- (d) No other fish may be possessed along with western suckers as part of a mixed bag.

Use of Lights (T14 CCR §2.15)

Lights may be used when fishing at night when and where such fishing is permitted. Lights may be used on or as part of any fishing tackle (this supersedes Section 2005 of the Fish and Game Code).

Fishing Beneath Ice (T14 CCR §2.20)

Fish may be taken beneath the ice during the open season for that water.

Bow and Arrow Fishing (T14 CCR §2.25)

- (a) Bow and arrow fishing is permitted only for the taking of carp, goldfish, Sacramento (Western) Sucker, Sacramento blackfish, hardhead, Sacramento pikeminnow and lamprey, all year, except in:
 - (1) Designated salmon spawning areas (See Fish and Game Code Section 1505).
 - (2) The Colorado River District where only carp, tilapia, goldfish and mullet may be taken.
 - (3) See bullfrogs (Section 5.05).

- (4) The East Fork of the Walker River between Bridgeport Dam and the Nevada State line where only carp may be taken.
- (b) Bow and arrow fishing is permitted for bullheads and catfish in the following waters:
 - (1) Within the boundaries of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta (See Section 1.71).
 - (2) Big Bear Lake in San Bernardino County.
 - (3) Lake Isabella in Kern County.

Spearfishing (T14 CCR §2.30)

Spearfishing is permitted only in:

- (a) The Colorado River District for carp, tilapia, goldfish and mullet, all year.
- (b) The Valley District and Black Butte Lake (Tehama County) for American Shad, carp, tilapia, goldfish, striped bass, Sacramento (Western) Sucker, Sacramento blackfish, hardhead, Sacramento pikeminnow and lamprey, from May 1 through September 15, except that no spearfishing is permitted in:
 - (1) Shasta County (see Section 2.12).
 - (2) Tehama County except Black Butte Lake.
 - (3) Butte Creek (Butte Co.).
 - (4) Feather River below Oroville Dam (Butte Co.).
 - (5) Yuba River upstream of Simpson Lane Bridge (Yuba Co.).
 - (6) American River upstream of Howe Ave. Bridge (Sacramento Co.).
 - (7) Mokelumne River upstream of Elliot Road Bridge (San Joaquin Co.).
 - (8) San Joaquin River upstream of State Route 99 Bridge (Madera and Fresno Co.).
 - (9) Stanislaus River upstream of S. Santa Fe Road (J7) Bridge (Stanislaus Co.).
 - (10) Tuolumne River upstream of the Geer Road (J14) Bridge (Stanislaus Co.).
 - (11) Merced River upstream of N. Santa Fe Drive (J7) Bridge (Merced Co.).
 - (12) All designated salmon spawning areas (See Fish and Game Code 1505).
 - (13) Refer to all county, city, and/or local regulations and ordinances to confirm if use and/or possession of projectile weapons is prohibited.
- (c) The Kern River from the Kern-Tulare County line upstream to the Johnsondale Bridge for carp, goldfish, Sacramento (Western) Sucker, hardhead and Sacramento pikeminnow, from May 1 through September 15.
- (d) See bullfrogs (Section 5.05).

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Taking Fish Near Dams, Fishways, Screens and Egg-Taking Stations and Flood Control Weirs (T14 CCR §2.35)

- (a) No fish may be taken within 250 feet of:
 - (1) Any fishway or any egg-taking station.
 - (2) Any dam or any weir or rack which has a fishway or an egg-taking station.
 - (3) The upstream side of any fish screen.
 - (4) The overflow side of Moulton, Tisdale, Fremont, and Sacramento flood control weirs.
- (b) Fish may be taken upstream or downstream from any dam that does not have a fishway or egg-taking station.

Chumming (T14 CCR §2.40)

Chumming is permitted only in:

- (a) The Colorado River District, but only the approved bait fishes for this District may be used as chum (see Section 4.15) except in the Salton Sea where corn may also be used.
- (b) Carquinez Strait and Suisun Bay and their tributaries and saltwater tributaries.
- (c) Sacramento River and tidewater of tributaries downstream from Interstate 80 bridge.
- (d) San Joaquin River and tidewater of tributaries downstream from Interstate 5 bridge.

Computer Assisted Remote Fishing (T14 CCR §2.45)

- (a) It is unlawful to take or assist in the taking of any fish in or from this state, by computer-assisted remote fishing.
- (b) It is unlawful to establish or operate a computer-assisted remote fishing site for the purpose of taking any fish from or within this state.
- (c) For the purposes of this section, "computer-assisted remote fishing" means the use of a computer or any other remotely controlled device, equipment, software, or technology, to remotely control the aiming or discharge of any weapon, including, but not limited to, any firearm, bow and arrow, spear, harpoon or any other weapon capable of killing or injuring any fish, for the purposes of taking any fish.
- (d) For the purposes of this section, "computer-assisted remote fishing site" means any computer, internet site or web-based device or system, or other electronically operated site or system used to assist in the remote taking fish.

Fishing Hours (T14 CCR §3.00)

- (a) Day Defined: One hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset. Remaining hours are night.
 - (b) All fish may be taken day or night, except as follows:
 - (1) Waters with restricted fishing hours for all species:
 - (A) American River between Business 80 and Nimbus Dam (Sacramento Co.): Night fishing prohibited.
 - (B) Heenan Lake (Alpine Co.): See Section 7.50(b) (56).
 - (C) Mono County: Night fishing is prohibited in all Mono County waters except Topaz Lake, where fishing is prohibited from two hours after sunset to one hour before sunrise.
 - (D) Tahoe Lake (Placer and El Dorado cos.): Fishing is prohibited from two hours after sunset to one hour before sunrise.
 - (2) Waters where night and day fishing is allowed, but no trout or salmon may be taken at night:
 - (A) North Coast District.
 - (B) North Central District: All waters except no fishing hour restrictions at Berryessa Lake (Napa Co.) and Mendocino Lake (Mendocino Co.)
 - (C) South Central District: All waters except no fishing hour restrictions at Coyote Lake (Santa Clara Co.)
 - (D) Valley District, north of Interstate 80: All waters except no fishing hour restrictions at Camp Far West Lake (Nevada, Placer, and Yuba counties), Collins Lake (Yuba Co.), Oroville Lake (Butte Co.), and Wildwood Lake (Nevada Co.).
 - (E) Shasta, Siskiyou, Lassen and Tehama Counties.
- Also, See Section 27.56.

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BAIT REGULATIONS

Bait: General (T14 CCR §4.00)

Legally acquired and possessed invertebrates, mollusks, crustaceans, amphibians (except salamanders), fish eggs and treated and processed foods may be used for bait, except:

- (a) No species specified as endangered, threatened, candidate, fully-protected, or otherwise protected under state and federal law may be used as bait.
- (b) No salamander may be used as bait. See section 5.05 for other amphibians that may be used as bait.
- (c) See Section 5.35 for restrictions on crayfish;
- (d) See Section 7.50(b)(55) for restriction on bait collecting in Hat Creek;
- (e) No trout may be maintained or possessed in a live condition in any container on or attached to any boat;
- (f) Except for restrictions listed under special regulations, dead ocean fish may be used as bait statewide. This section supersedes the provisions of sections 4.10, 4.15, 4.20, 4.25 and 4.30.

Bait Fish Capture Methods

(T14 CCR §4.05)

- (a) Approved bait fish may be taken only by hand, with a dip net not exceeding 36 inches in greatest dimension, excluding handle, or with traps not over three feet in greatest dimension. Such bait fish may not be purchased, bartered, sold, transferred or traded; or transported alive from the location where taken. Any other species taken shall be returned to the water immediately. Traps need not be closely attended. Dip net use: A dip net must be hand held, and the motion of a dip net shall be caused only by the physical effort of the operator. A dip net may not be moved through the water by any mechanical force or motorized device.
- (b) Within the area bounded by Highway 111 on the north and east and Highway 86 on the west and south, approved bait fish may be taken only with dip nets with diagonal mesh size one inch and greater, or by traps in water greater than four feet in depth. Traps may not exceed three feet in greatest dimension. Approved bait fish may not be taken by hand within this area.

Bait Fish Use in the Southern District

(T14 CCR §4.10)

Except as provided below, live or dead fin fish shall not be used or possessed for use as bait in the Southern District:

- (a) Dead threadfin shad and live or dead longjaw mudsucker may be used in all Southern District waters.
- (b) Live threadfin shad may be used only at the location where taken.

- (c) Golden shiner and red shiner may be used in San Diego County.

Bait Fish Use in the Colorado District

(T14 CCR §4.15)

Except as provided below, live or dead fin fish shall not be used or possessed for use as bait in the Colorado River District:

- (a) Live or dead golden shiner, fathead minnow, red shiner, mosquitofish, longjaw mudsucker, threadfin shad, goldfish, sunfish, molly, and dead carp may be used in all Colorado River District waters.
- (b) Live carp may be used only at the location where taken.
- (c) Tilapia may be used in the Salton Sea, and may be taken for bait only within the area bounded by Highway 111 on the north and east and Highway 86 on the west and south (except as in subsection below (d) below).
- (d) Tilapia may be taken and used for bait in the Colorado River and its associated backwaters only within the area bounded by Palo Verde Diversion Dam south to the Morelos Dam.

Bait Fish Use in the Valley and South

Central Districts (T14 CCR §4.20)

Except as provided below, live or dead fin fish shall not be used or possessed for use as bait in the Valley or South Central District:

- (a) Live or dead golden shiner, fathead minnow, mosquitofish, longjaw mudsucker, and staghorn sculpin, and dead threadfin shad, Mississippi silverside and lamprey may be used in all Valley and South Central District waters except those listed in subsection (f) below.
- (b) Red shiner may be used only in the Valley District north of Interstate 580 and Highway 132.
- (c) Yellowfin gobies may be used in the Valley District only in those areas described in subsections (d) (1)-(3) below.
- (d) In addition, except for trout and salmon, fin fish lawfully taken in the following waters by angling or with bait fish methods approved in Section 4.05 may be used only in the waters where taken:
 - (1) Carquinez Strait and Suisun Bay and their tributaries and saltwater tributaries.
 - (2) Sacramento River and tidewater of tributaries downstream from the Highway 32 bridge near Hamilton City, Feather River downstream from the Oroville Hatchery Fish Barrier Dam, and American River downstream from Nimbus Dam.
 - (3) San Joaquin River and tidewater of tributaries downstream from Interstate 5 bridge.

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- (e) Live threadfin shad, Mississippi silverside and lamprey may be used only at the location where taken.
- (f) Fin fish may not be used in Keller Lake (Glenn Co.), Letts Lake (Colusa Co.), Merced Lake (San Francisco Co.), Upper and Lower Plaskett Meadow Ponds (Glenn Co.), Whale Rock Reservoir (San Luis Obispo Co.).

Bait Fish Use in the North Central District (T14 CCR §4.25)

Except as provided below, live or dead fin fish shall not be used or possessed for use as bait in the North Central District:

- (a) Golden shiner, fathead minnow, red shiner, mosquitofish, longjaw mudsucker and Pacific staghorn sculpin may be used in Napa and Sonoma counties, in Marin County except for Stafford Lake, in Lake County except for the Eel River and its tributaries, and in Lake Mendocino (Mendocino Co.).
- (b) Live threadfin shad, Mississippi silverside and lamprey may be used only at the location where taken.

Bait Fish Use in the Sierra and North Coast Districts (T14 CCR §4.30)

Except as provided below, live or dead fin fish shall not be used or possessed for use as bait in the Sierra and North Coast Districts.

- (a) In Donner, Fallen Leaf and Tahoe lakes Lahontan redbside, tui chub, Tahoe sucker, Lahontan speckled dace, mountain sucker and Paiute sculpin may be used only in the same lake where taken.
- (b) In Shasta Lake only golden shiner, red shiner, fathead minnows, mosquitofish and threadfin shad may be used or possessed for use as bait.
- (c) Crayfish shall not be used for bait in the Pit River and all tributaries between Pit 3 Dam (Lake Britton) and the Fall River-Cassel Road Bridge at Fall River Mills, California (includes Hat Creek and Fall River and their tributaries).

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Black Bass (T14 CCR §5.00)

It is unlawful to take or possess black bass except as provided in this section:

(Note: Some waters are closed to all fishing under Sections 7.40 and 7.50.)

(a) General Statewide Restrictions:

(1) Lakes/Reservoirs and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: The following waters, except for those listed in subsection (b), are open to fishing all year, with a 12-inch total length minimum size limit and a five-fish daily bag limit: All lakes and reservoirs in the State, and the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, (see Section 1.71 for definition of the Delta).

(2) Rivers/Streams and Private Ponds: Rivers, streams, canals, and lakes or ponds entirely on private lands, which are not listed in subsection (b), are open all year with no size limit and a five-fish daily bag limit.

(b) Special Regulations: Counties and individual waters listed below are those having regulations different from the General Statewide Restrictions in subsection (a).

Area or Body of Water	Open Season	Size (total length)	Bag Limit
DISTRICTS AND COUNTIES WITH SPECIAL REGULATIONS			
(1) Colorado River District: All waters (Bag and size limits conform with Arizona regulations.)	All year.	13-inch minimum.	6
(2) Inyo Co.: All streams east of Highway 395 from the southern Inyo Co. line north to the junction of Highway 6 and east of Highway 6 to the Mono Co. line, except those listed by name in Section 7.50(b), Special Fishing Regulations.	All year.	12-inch minimum.	5
The remaining streams of Inyo Co., except those waters listed in Section 7.50(b), Special Fishing Regulations.	Last Saturday in Apr. through Nov. 15. Closed to bass fishing from Nov. 16 through the Fri. preceding the last Sat. in Apr.	12-inch minimum.	5
All Lakes, Big Pine Canal, Fish Spring Canal, and Millpond in Inyo Co.	All year	12-inch minimum.	5
(3) Mono Co.: all streams, except for Fish Slough (see subsection (b)(10)) and those waters listed by name in Section 7.50(b), Special Fishing Regulations.	Last Saturday in Apr. through Nov. 15. Closed to bass fishing from Nov. 16 through the Fri. preceding the last Sat. in Apr.	No size limit.	5
(4) Plumas Co.: all waters.	All year.	No size limit.	5
INDIVIDUAL BODIES OF WATER WITH SPECIAL REGULATIONS			
(5) Barrett Lake (San Diego Co.). (Also see Section 2.08)	All year.	Catch and Release only.	0
(6) Casitas Lake (Ventura Co.).	All year.	12-inch minimum. No more than one over 22 inches.	5
(7) Castaic Lake (Los Angeles Co.).	All year.	12-inch minimum.	5
(8) Cuyamaca Lake (San Diego Co.).	All year.	No size limit for Largemouth Bass. Catch and Release only for Smallmouth Bass.	5
(9) Fish Slough (Mono Co.), except the fenced portions of Fish Slough within the BLM Spring, which are closed to all fishing all year. See Section 7.50(b)(49), Special Fishing Regulations.	All year.	No size limit.	5
(10) Hodges Lake (San Diego Co.).	All year.	15-inch minimum.	5
(11) Lett's Lake (Colusa Co.).	All year.	No size limit.	5
(12) Plaskett Meadows lakes, upper and lower (Glenn Co.).	All year.	No size limit.	5
(13) Shaver Lake (Fresno Co.).	All year.	No size limit.	5
(14) Upper Otay Lake (San Diego Co.). (Also see Section 2.08)	All year.	Catch and Release Only.	0

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Amphibians (T14 CCR §5.05)

- (a) Only the following amphibians may be taken under the authority of a sportfishing license, subject to the restrictions in this section. No amphibians may be taken from ecological reserves designated by the commission in Section 630 or from state parks, or national parks or monuments.
- (b) Limit: The limit for each of the species listed below is four, unless otherwise provided. Limit, as used in this section, means daily bag and possession limit.
- (1) Coastal giant salamander (*Dicamptodon tenebrosus*)
 - (2) Rough-skinned newt (*Taricha granulosa*)
 - (3) Northwestern salamander (*Ambystoma gracile*)
 - (4) Black salamander (*Aneides flavipunctatus*), except Santa Cruz black salamander (*Aneides flavipunctatus niger*): See Special Closure (f)(1)
 - (5) Clouded salamander (*Aneides ferreus*)
 - (6) Wandering salamander (*Aneides vagrans*)
 - (7) Arboreal salamander (*Aneides lugubris*)
 - (8) California slender salamander (*Batrachoseps attenuatus*)
 - (9) Southern California slender salamander (*Batrachoseps major*), except desert slender salamander (*Batrachoseps major aridus*): See Special Closure (f)(2)
 - (10) Dunn's salamander (*Plethodon dunni*)
 - (11) Ensatina (*Ensatina eschscholtzii*)
 - (12) Western toad (*Anaxyrus boreas*)
 - (13) Woodhouse's toad (*Anaxyrus woodhousii*)
 - (14) Red-spotted toad (*Anaxyrus punctatus*)
 - (15) Great Plains toad (*Anaxyrus cognatus*)
 - (16) Great Basin spadefoot (*Spea intermontana*)
 - (17) California treefrog (*Pseudacris cadaverina*)
 - (18) Pacific treefrog (*Pseudacris regilla*)
 - (19) Baja California treefrog (*Pseudacris hypochondriaca*)
 - (20) Sierran treefrog (*Pseudacris sierra*)
 - (21) Southern leopard frog (*Lithobates sphenoccephalus*):
Limit: No limit.
 - (22) Rio Grande leopard frog (*Lithobates berlandieri*):
Limit: No limit.
 - (23) American bullfrog (*Lithobates catesbeianus*):
Limit: No limit
- (c) Open season: All year. The season closures in Chapter 3 (District Trout and Salmon District General Regulations and Special Regulations) do not apply to fishing for amphibians with methods other than hook and line (see sections 7.00 and 7.50(a)(3)).
- (d) Hours: Amphibians may be taken at any time of day or night.
- (e) Methods of take:
- (1) Amphibians may be taken only by hand, hand-held dip net, or hook and line, except bullfrogs may also be taken by lights, spears, gigs, grabs, paddles, bow and arrow, or fishing tackle.
 - (2) It is unlawful to use any method or means of collecting that involves breaking apart of rocks, granite flakes, logs, or other shelters in or under

which amphibians may be found.

(f) Special closures

- (1) No black salamanders (*Aneides flavipunctatus*) may be taken in San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz counties.
- (2) No Southern California slender salamanders (*Batrachoseps major*) may be taken from the Santa Rosa Mountains in Riverside County.

Candlefish or Eulachon (T14 CCR §5.10)

- (a) Candlefish or Eulachon may not be taken or possessed.

Catfish and Bullheads (T14 CCR §5.15)

- (a) Open season: All year, except for closures listed under special regulations.
- (b) Limit: Bullheads, no limit; all other catfish, no limit, except as follows:

(1) Colorado River District

Body or Bodies of Water	Bag Limit
All waters of the Colorado River District Also see subsection (c) below.	10

(2) Southern District

Body or Bodies of Water	Bag Limit
All waters of the Southern District not listed below.	10

(3) Alameda County

Body or Bodies of Water	Bag Limit
Alameda Creek Quarry Ponds.	5
Chabot Lake.	5
Cull Canyon Lake.	5
Del Valle Reservoir.	5
Don Castro Lake.	5
Jordon Lake.	5
Shadow Cliffs Lake.	5
Temescal Lake.	5

(4) Contra Costa County

Body or Bodies of Water	Bag Limit
Contra Loma Lake.	5
Lafayette Lake.	5
San Pablo Lake.	5

(5) Inyo County

Body or Bodies of Water	Bag Limit
All Waters	10

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(6) Los Angeles County

Body or Bodies of Water	Bag Limit
Alondra County Park Lake.	5
Belvedere Park Lake.	5
Cerritos Regional Park Lake.	5
Earvin "Magic" Johnson County Park Lake.	5
John Anson Ford Park Lake.	5
Kenneth Hahn Regional Park Lake.	5
La Mirada Regional Park Lake.	5

(7) Mono County

Body or Bodies of Water	Bag Limit
All waters.	10

(8) San Bernardino County

Body or Bodies of Water	Bag Limit
Cucamonga-Guiasti Regional Park Lakes.	5
Glen Helen Regional Park Lakes.	5
Gregory Lake.	5
Mojave Narrows Regional Park.	5
Prado Regional Park Lakes.	5
Yucaipa Regional Park Lakes.	5

(9) San Diego County

Body or Bodies of Water	Bag Limit
All Waters except Barrett and Upper Otay lakes.	5
Barrett Lake.	0
Upper Otay Lake.	0

(10) San Joaquin County

Body or Bodies of Water	Bag Limit
Oak Grove Regional Park Lake in Stockton.	10

(11) Santa Clara County

Body or Bodies of Water	Bag Limit
All waters.	5

(c) Carcasses:

In the Colorado River and its backwaters, the carcasses of all catfish and bullheads imported, possessed or transported must have either the head, tail or skin attached so that the species can be identified and numbers can be determined until such fish are being prepared for immediate consumption.

Clams, Freshwater (T14 CCR §5.20)

- (a) Open season: All year, except for closures listed under special regulations.
- (b) Limit: Fifty pounds (in the shell).
- (c) Methods of take: Freshwater clams may be taken only by hand, or by spade, shovel, hoe, rake or other appliance operated by hand.
- (d) The season closures in Chapter 3 (Trout, Salmon and Special Regulations) do not apply to freshwater clam fishing (see Section 7.50(a)(3)).

Corvina in the Salton Sea (T14 CCR §5.25)

- (a) Open season: All year.
- (b) Bag limit: Two.
- (c) Possession Limit: Four.
- (d) Minimum size limit: 18 inches total length.

Gulf Croaker and Sargo in the Salton Sea (T14 CCR §5.26)

- (a) Open season: All year.
- (b) Daily bag limit: Six each species.
- (c) Possession limit: 12 each species.
- (d) Size limit: None.

Crappie (T14 CCR §5.30)

See Section 5.82 for the combined sunfish and crappie bag limit regulations.

Crayfish (T14 CCR §5.35)

- (a) Open season: All year, except for closures listed in subsection (d) of this Section.
- (b) Limit: No limit.
- (c) Methods of take: Crayfish may be taken only by hand, hook and line, dip net or with traps not over three feet in greatest dimension. Any other species taken shall be returned to the water immediately. Traps need not be closely attended.
- (d) Closures for Protection of Shasta Crayfish: Rock Creek (in the Hat Creek Drainage in Shasta County), Fall River upstream of Spring Creek Bridge, Lava Creek, Tule River and all connected waters upstream of Little Tule River, Sucker Springs Creek, Crystal Lake, Rising River and Rising River Lake are closed to take and possession of crayfish. (See Section 4.30 for prohibition against crayfish use for bait in sections of the Pit River).
- (e) The season closures in Chapter 3 (District Trout and Salmon Special Regulations) do not apply to crayfish fishing with methods other than hook and line (see sections 7.00 and 7.50(a)(3)).

Grass Carp (T14 CCR §5.37)

- (a) No grass carp may be taken or possessed at any time, except that any grass carp inadvertently taken must be immediately returned unharmed to the water.

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- (b) Exception for Siskiyou and Shasta Counties for any waters, within the Sacramento River drainage above and including Lake Shasta: All grass carp taken shall be killed immediately by removing the head and shall be retained by the angler. The angler shall notify CDFW that he/she has taken and possesses a grass carp by calling the department's telephone number (1-530-225-2278) as soon as possible, but not more than 24 hours after taking the grass carp.

Lamprey (T14 CCR §5.40)

- (a) Open season: All year, except for closures listed under district or special regulations.
- (b) Limit: Five.
- (c) Methods of take: Lamprey may be taken only by hand, hook and line, spear, bow and arrow fishing tackle, or dip net.
- (d) The season closures in Chapter 3 (District Trout and Salmon Special Regulations) do not apply to lamprey fishing with methods other than hook and line (see sections 7.00 and 7.50(a)(3)).

Landlocked Salmon (T14 CCR §5.41)

- (a) Open season: All year.
- (b) Daily bag limit: Five.
- (c) Possession limit: Ten.
- (d) Size limit: None.
- (e) Exceptions:
- (1) Bucks Lake (Plumas Co.), New Bullards Bar Reservoir (Yuba Co.), Pardee Lake (Amador Co.), and Trinity Lake (Trinity Co.), which shall be subject to the following limits:
- (A) Daily bag limit: Ten.
- (B) Possession limit: Twenty.

Marine Fin Fish, Mollusks and Crustaceans (T14 CCR §5.45)

Marine fin fish, mollusks and crustaceans taken in lagoons and tidal waters are subject to the bag and possession limits established for the Ocean and San Francisco Bay District (beginning with Section 27.00).

See the Ocean Sport Fishing Regulations booklet.

Mountain Whitefish (T14 CCR §5.50)

- (a) Open season: No mountain whitefish may be taken in any water except when trout may be taken in such water.
- (b) Limit: Five.

Northern Pike (T14 CCR §5.51)

No northern pike, dead or alive, may be released into any water at any time. All northern pike taken shall be killed immediately by removing the head and shall be retained by the angler. The angler shall notify CDFW that he/she has taken and possesses a northern pike by calling the department's CalTIP telephone number (1-888-DFW-CALTIP)

as soon as possible, but not more than 24 hours after taking the northern pike. The angler shall maintain the head and body of the fish in a refrigerated or frozen condition, whenever possible, until CDFW collects the northern pike.

Reptiles (T14 CCR §5.60)

- (a) Only the following reptiles may be taken under the authority of a sportfishing license, subject to the restrictions in this section. No sportfishing license is required for the sport take of any rattlesnake, but bag and possession limits do apply. No reptiles shall be taken from ecological reserves designated by the commission in Section 630 or from state parks, or national parks or monuments.
- (b) Limit: The limit for each of the species listed below is two, unless otherwise provided. Limit, as used in this section, means daily bag and possession limit.
- (1) Painted turtle (*Chrysemys picta*): Limit: No limit.
- (2) Pond slider (*Trachemys scripta*): Limit: No limit.
- (3) Spiny softshell (*Apalone spinifera*): Limit: No limit.
- (4) Western banded gecko (*Coleonyx variegatus*), except San Diego banded gecko (*Coleonyx variegatus abbotti*): See Special Closure (f)(1)
- (5) Desert iguana (*Dipsosaurus dorsalis*)
- (6) Common chuckwalla (*Sauromalus ater*)
- (7) Zebra-tailed lizard (*Callisaurus draconoides*)
- (8) Desert spiny lizard (*Sceloporus magister*)
- (9) Granite spiny lizard (*Sceloporus orcutti*)
- (10) Western fence lizard (*Sceloporus occidentalis*): Limit: Species No. 10-14 have a limit of twenty-five (25) in the aggregate
- (11) Common sagebrush lizard (*Sceloporus graciosus*): Limit: Species No. 10-14 have a limit of twenty-five (25) in the aggregate
- (12) Common side-blotched lizard (*Uta stansburiana*): Limit: Species No. 10-14 have a limit of twenty-five (25) in the aggregate
- (13) Western skink (*Plestiodon skiltonianus*): Limit: Species No. 10-14 have a limit of twenty-five (25) in the aggregate
- (14) Desert night lizard (*Xantusia vigilis*), except Sierra night lizard (*Xantusia (vigilis) sierrae*): See Special Closure (f)(2): Limit: Species in subsections (10) through (14) have a limit of twenty-five (25) in the aggregate
- (15) Long-tailed brush lizard (*Urosaurus graciosus*)
- (16) Ornate tree lizard (*Urosaurus ornatus*)
- (17) Baja California brush lizard (*Urosaurus nigricaudus*)
- (18) Desert horned lizard (*Phrynosoma platyrhinos*)
- (19) Pygmy short-horned lizard (*Phrynosoma douglasii*)
- (20) Great Basin collared lizard (*Crotaphytus bicinctores*)
- (21) Mearns' rock lizard (*Petrosaurus mearnsi*)
- (22) Baja California collared lizard (*Crotaphytus vestigium*)
- (23) Long-nosed leopard lizard (*Gambelia wislizenii*)
- (24) Gilbert's skink (*Plestiodon gilberti*)

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- (25) Tiger whiptail (*Aspidoscelis tigris*)
- (26) Southern alligator lizard (*Elgaria multicarinata*)
- (27) Northern alligator lizard (*Elgaria coerulea*)
- (28) Northern rubber boa (*Charina bottae*): See Special Closure (f)(3)
- (29) Northern three-lined boa (*Lichanura orcutti*)
- (30) Ring-necked snake (*Diadophis punctatus*), except Regal ring-necked snake (*Diadophis punctatus regalis*): See Special Closure (f)(4)
- (31) Common sharp-tailed snake (*Contia tenuis*)
- (32) Forest sharp-tailed snake (*Contia longicauda*)
- (33) Spotted leaf-nosed snake (*Phyllorhynchus decurtatus*)
- (34) North American racer (*Coluber constrictor*)
- (35) Coachwhip (*Coluber flagellum*), except San Joaquin Coachwhip (*Coluber (Masticophis) flagellum ruddocki*): See Special Closure (f)(5)
- (36) Striped whipsnake (*Coluber taeniatus*)
- (37) Striped racer (*Coluber lateralis*), except Alameda striped racer (whipsnake) (*Coluber (Masticophis) lateralis euryxanthus*): See Special Closure (f)(6)
- (38) Western patch-nosed snake (*Salvadora hexalepis*), except coast patch-nosed snake (*Salvadora hexalepis virgulata*): See Special Closure (f)(7)
- (39) Glossy snake (*Arizona elegans*), except California glossy snake (*Arizona elegans occidentalis*): See Special Closure (f)(8)
- (40) Gophersnake (*Pituophis catenifer*): Limit: Four (4)
- (41) California kingsnake (*Lampropeltis californiae*): Limit: Four (4)
- (42) California mountain kingsnake (*Lampropeltis zonata*), except San Diego mountain kingsnake (*Lampropeltis zonata pulchra*) and San Bernardino mountain kingsnake (*Lampropeltis zonata parvirubra*): Limit: One (1). See Special Closure: (f)(9)
- (43) Long-nosed snake (*Rhinocheilus lecontei*)
- (44) Common gartersnake (*Thamnophis sirtalis*), except San Francisco gartersnake (*Thamnophis sirtalis tetrataenia*) and South Coast gartersnake (*Thamnophis sirtalis* spp.): See Special Closure (f)(10)
- (45) Terrestrial gartersnake (*Thamnophis elegans*)
- (46) Sierra gartersnake (*Thamnophis couchii*)
- (47) Aquatic gartersnake (*Thamnophis atratus*)
- (48) Northwestern gartersnake (*Thamnophis ordinoides*)
- (49) Checkered gartersnake (*Thamnophis marcianus*)
- (50) Western groundsnake (*Sonora semiannulata*)
- (51) Western shovel-nosed snake (*Chionactis occipitalis*)
- (52) Western black-headed snake (*Tantilla planiceps*)
- (53) Smith's black-headed snake (*Tantilla hobartsmithi*)
- (54) Sonoran lyresnake (*Trimorphodon lambda*)
- (55) California lyresnake (*Trimorphodon lyrophanes*)
- (56) Desert nightsnake (*Hypsiglena chlorophaea*)
- (57) Coast nightsnake (*Hypsiglena ochrorhyncha*)
- (58) Western threadsnake (*Rena humilis*)
- (59) Western diamond-backed rattlesnake (*Crotalus atrox*)
- (60) Mohave rattlesnake (*Crotalus scutulatus*)
- (61) Western rattlesnake (*Crotalus oreganus*)
- (62) Speckled rattlesnake (*Crotalus mitchellii*)
- (63) Sidewinder (*Crotalus cerastes*)
- (64) Panamint rattlesnake (*Crotalus stephensi*)
- (65) Red diamond rattlesnake (*Crotalus ruber*): Limit: Zero (0)
- (c) Open season: All year.
- (d) Hours: Reptiles may be taken at any time of day or night.
- (e) Methods of take:
 - (1) Reptiles may be taken only by hand, except as provided in subsections (e)(2) and (3) below, or by the following hand-operated devices:
 - (A) Lizard nooses.
 - (B) Snake tongs.
 - (C) Snake hooks.
 - (2) Rattlesnakes may be taken by any method.
 - (3) Turtles may be taken by hook and line. Fishing methods described in Section 2.00 apply to the take of spiny softshell turtles, slider turtles and painted turtles.
 - (4) It is unlawful to use any method or means of collecting that involves breaking apart of rocks, granite flakes, logs or other shelters in or under which reptiles may be found.
- (f) Special Closures:
 - (1) No geckos (*Coleonyx variegatus*) may be taken in San Diego County south and west of Highway 79 to its junction with County Road S-2, and south and west of County Road S-2 to the eastern San Diego County border.
 - (2) No night lizards (*Xantusia vigilis*) may be taken in Kern County.
 - (3) No rubber boas (*Charina bottae* or *Charina umbratica*) may be taken in Kern, Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties.
 - (4) No ring-necked snakes (*Diadophis punctatus*) may be taken in San Bernardino and Inyo counties.
 - (5) No coachwhips (*Coluber flagellum*) may be taken in the following counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Kern, Kings, Merced, Monterey, San Benito, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Stanislaus, and Tulare.
 - (6) No striped racers (*Coluber lateralis*) may be taken in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.
 - (7) No patch-nosed snakes (*Salvadora hexalepis*) may be taken in the following counties: Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura.

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- (8) No glossy snakes (*Arizona elegans*) may be taken in the following counties: Alameda, Fresno, Imperial (west of Hwy 111), Kern, Los Angeles, Riverside (southwest of Hwy 111 and I-10), San Benito, San Bernardino (West of I-215 and Hwy 138), San Diego, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara and Tulare.
- (9) No California mountain kingsnakes (*Lampropeltis zonata*) may be taken in Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Ventura counties.
- (10) No common gartersnakes (*Thamnophis sirtalis*) may be taken in San Mateo, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, and Ventura counties.

Shad, American (T14 CCR §5.65)

- (a) Open season: All year, except for closures listed under special regulations.
- (b) Limit: Twenty-five.
- (c) Methods of take: Shad may be taken only by angling, except that a dip net may be used in the Valley District.

Also see section 2.30 for other methods of take.

Splittail, Sacramento (T14 CCR §5.70)

- (a) Open season: All year, except for closures listed under district or special regulations.
- (b) Limit: Two
- (c) Methods of take: Splittail may be only taken by angling.

Striped Bass (T14 CCR §5.75)

- (a) Open season: All year except for closures listed in special regulations.
- (b) Limit: Two, except in waters listed in (d) below.
- (c) Minimum size: 18 inches total length except in waters listed in (d) below.
- (d) Exceptions:
 - (1) In the Colorado River District, the Southern District, and New Hogan, San Antonio and Santa Margarita lakes.
 - (A) Limit: Ten.
 - (B) Minimum size: No size limit.
- (e) For the purpose of these regulations, any striped bass hybrid with white bass is considered to be striped bass.



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Inland White Sturgeon (T14 CCR §5.80)

(a) Open season:

- (1) From October 1 through June 30: from the west Carquinez Bridge east to downstream of the confluence of the Feather River on the Sacramento River and downstream of the I-5 bridge on the San Joaquin River.
- (2) From October 1 through December 31 of the same calendar year: upstream of the confluence of the Feather River to the Highway 162 Bridge on the Sacramento River and upstream of the I-5 bridge on the San Joaquin River.
- (3) Year-round: all tributaries of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers are closed.

(b) Daily limit: Zero fish.

(c) Annual bag limit: zero fish per calendar year statewide.

(d) Methods of take: Only one single point, single shank, barbless hook shall be used on a line when taking sturgeon. The sturgeon must voluntarily take the bait or lure inside its mouth. No sturgeon may be taken by trolling, snagging or by the use of firearms. Sturgeon may not be gaffed, nor shall any

person use any type of firearm or snare to take any sturgeon.

For the purposes of this section, a snare is a flexible loop made from any material that can be tightened like a noose around any part of the fish.

(e) Handling and removal from water. Any sturgeon greater than 60 inches fork length may not be removed from the water and shall be released immediately. Sturgeon of any size shall not be held out of water suspended by the gills, gill plates, mouth, or solely by the tail, and shall not be dragged across the ground, boat decks, or piers. Lip gripper devices shall not be used on sturgeon.

(f) Sturgeon Fishing Report Card Required: All anglers must have a valid Sturgeon Fishing Report Card in their possession while fishing for white sturgeon. Anglers must complete and return the report card pursuant to regulations in this Section and Section 1.74.

(g) Reporting Requirements for Released Fish:

Note: Subsection (g)(1), reporting requirements for report cards prior to September 26, 2025, removed from booklet for clarity.



In support of sustaining white sturgeon and California's fisheries, CDFW's "Conserve the Sturg" effort aims to raise awareness about sustainable angling and stewardship for this large, long-lived and prehistoric fish. To learn more, visit wildlife.ca.gov/Conserve-the-Sturg.

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- (2) Reporting Requirements for Released Fish (report cards purchased on or after September 26, 2025).
- (A) Prior to beginning fishing activity, the cardholder must record the month, day, and location code on the first available line of the report card.
- (B) Whenever the angler catches and releases a sturgeon, the report card holder shall immediately record the catch in the appropriate column on the report card, according to the length and species of the fish.
- (C) When the cardholder moves to another location code, the angler must complete the line for the location they were fishing in and then start a new line for the new location.
- (D) At the end of the fishing trip, the cardholder shall record the number of hours fished in that location.
- (E) Report card holders shall return or report their sturgeon report card to the department pursuant to subsection 1.74(e) by July 31 after the season closes on June 30.
- (F) Any report card holder who fails to return or report their sturgeon report card to the department by the deadline may be restricted from obtaining the same card in a subsequent license year or may be subject to an additional fee for the issuance of the same card in a subsequent license year.
- (G) In the event an angler fills in all lines and returns a Sturgeon Fishing Report Card, an additional card must be purchased to continue to fish for white sturgeon. See Section 1.74(c)(6). The annual fee for the Sturgeon Fishing Report Card is specified in Section 701(c).
- (d) Special North Coast District Sturgeon Closure (Humboldt, Del Norte, Trinity and Siskiyou cos). It is unlawful to take any sturgeon in the North Coast District at any time.
- (i) Special Sierra and Valley District Sturgeon Closure from January 1 to December 31 (Shasta, Tehama, Butte and Glenn cos).
- (1) Sacramento River from Keswick Dam to the Highway 162 Bridge.
- (A) It is unlawful to take any sturgeon.
- (B) It is unlawful to use wire leaders.
- (C) It is unlawful to use lamprey or any type of shrimp as bait.
- (j) Special Yolo Bypass Flood Control System Sturgeon Closure. It is unlawful to take any sturgeon in the Yolo Bypass, Toe Drain Canal, and Tule Canal upstream of Lisbon Weir at any time.
- (k) For regulations on take and possession of white sturgeon in ocean waters as defined in Section 27.00, see sections 27.90.
- Inland Green Sturgeon (T14 CCR §5.81)**
- (a) Green sturgeon may not be taken or possessed.
- (b) Green sturgeon may not be removed from the water and shall be released immediately.
- (c) Green sturgeon taken and released incidentally to white sturgeon fishing shall be reported on a Sturgeon Fishing Report Card issued by the department, in accordance with procedures defined in Sections 1.74 and **5.80**, Title 14, CCR.
- Sunfish and Crappie (T14 CCR §5.82)**
- (a) Open season: All year, except for closures listed under district or special regulations.
- (b) Limit: Combined bag limit of twenty-five sunfish and crappie of all species, except in:
- (1) Barrett and Upper Otay Lakes (San Diego County): zero bag limit for all species.
- (c) Size Limit: No size limit, except at Hodges and El Capitan Lakes (San Diego County), where the crappie minimum size limit is 10 inches, total length.
- Tilapia (T14 CCR §5.83)**
- (a) Open season: All year, except for closures listed under district or special regulations.
- (b) Limit: No limit.
- Brook Trout (T14 CCR §5.84)**
- (a) Open season: All year.
- (b) Limit: Ten.
- (c) Size limit: Less than 10 inches total length.
- (d) Brook Trout bag limits may be taken in addition to the statewide trout daily bag and possession limits specified in Section 5.85.
- (1) Exceptions:
- (A) Red Lake (Alpine Co.).
- (B) All waters in Section 7.50(b), Alphabetical List of Trout Waters with Special Fishing Regulations.

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Trout (T14 CCR §5.85)

As used in this section and unless otherwise noted, daily bag and possession limits mean the total number of trout in combination including, but not limited to, Rainbow, Golden, Brown, and Cutthroat trout.

(a) General Statewide Regulations:

- (1) All inland lakes, reservoirs, and ponds, including those on private lands, are open to fishing all year with a five-trout daily bag limit and 10 trout possession limit.
- (2) All inland streams, rivers, and canals, except those listed in Sections 7.40(b) and 7.50(b), are open to fishing from the last Saturday in April through November 15 with a five-trout daily bag limit and ten-trout possession limit, with no gear restrictions. From November 16 through the Friday preceding the last Saturday in April, a zero-trout bag limit applies, and only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used for all species of fish. In waters where the bag limit for trout is zero, trout must be released unharmed and should not be removed from the water.
- (3) Exceptions:
 - (A) All waters in Sections 7.40(b) and 7.50(b).
 - (B) Brook Trout bag and possession limits in Section 5.84 and statewide trout daily bag and possession limits are cumulative.

Hoopa and Yurok Indian Salmon Possession Limit (T14 CCR §5.86)

It is unlawful for any person to possess more than one daily bag or possession limit of fish except as follows: Eligible Hoopa Valley and Yurok Reservation Indians, as defined in Chapter 1, Part 250, Title 25, CFR-Indian Fishing, Hoopa Valley Reservation and Yurok Reservation-Department of the Interior; may possess more than two salmon outside boundaries of the Hoopa Valley Reservation, provided:

- (a) Such eligible Indians possess and display upon demand by any officer authorized to enforce this section their Indian Fishers identification card.
- (b) All fish are possessed for subsistence or ceremonial purposes and are clearly marked by removing the dorsal fin prior to transporting them from the reservation.

It shall be unlawful to sell or possess for sale any salmon marked pursuant to this section.

North Coast Salmon Report Card

Requirement (T14 CCR §5.87)

- (a) Report Card Required in Waters of the Klamath-Trinity River System and the Smith River. All anglers must have a North Coast Salmon Report Card in their possession while fishing for or taking salmon in waters of the Klamath-Trinity River System and the Smith River, and must complete and return the card pursuant to regulations in this Section and in Section 1.74.
- (b) Prior to beginning fishing activity, the cardholder shall record the month, day, and fishing location on the first available line on the report card.
- (c) For the Klamath-Trinity River System: Whenever the cardholder lands (either retains or releases) a Chinook Salmon, the angler shall immediately record whether the fish was an adult or a jack, and whether the fish has an adipose fin present. Whenever the cardholder releases a Coho salmon, the angler shall immediately record whether the maxillary is present or absent.
- (d) For the Smith River: Whenever the cardholder lands (either retains or releases) a Chinook salmon, the angler shall immediately record whether the fish was an adult or a jack, and whether the fish has an adipose fin or left ventral fin present.
- (e) Whenever the cardholder moves to another fishing location, the angler shall record the month, day, and location on the next line on the report card.
- (f) In the Klamath-Trinity River System, a jack Chinook salmon is defined in Section 7.40(b)(50). In the Smith River, a jack Chinook salmon is defined in Section 7.40(b)(105).
- (g) In the event an angler fills in all lines and returns a North Coast Salmon Report Card, an additional card may be purchased. See Section 1.74.
- (h) The annual fee for the North Coast Salmon Report Card is specified in subsection 701, Title 14, CCR.

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Steelhead Report and Restoration Card Requirements for Inland Waters (FG 682, T14 CCR §5.88)

- (a) Steelhead Fishing Report and Restoration Card Required. All anglers must have a Steelhead Fishing Report and Restoration Card in their possession while fishing for or taking steelhead in anadromous waters, as defined in Section 1.04. Anglers must complete and return the card pursuant to regulations in this Section and in Section 1.74. For purposes of these regulations, a steelhead trout is defined as any rainbow trout greater than 16 inches in length found in anadromous waters.
- (b) Prior to beginning fishing activity, the cardholder must record the month, day, and location code on the first available line on the report card.
- (c) When a hatchery steelhead is retained, the cardholder must immediately mark the appropriate field.
- (d) When the cardholder moves to another location code, or finishes fishing for the day, the angler must immediately record on the card the number of wild and hatchery steelhead that were released from that location.
- (e) In the event an angler fills in all lines and returns a Steelhead Fishing Report and Restoration Card, an additional card must be purchased to continue to fish for steelhead. See Section 1.74.
- (f) The annual fee for the Steelhead Fishing Report and Restoration Card is specified in Section 7380 of the Fish and Game Code.

Salmon (T14 CCR §5.89)

See Chapter 3, Trout, Salmon, and Special Regulations.

White Bass (T14 CCR §5.90)

- (a) Open season: All year.
- (b) Limit: No limit. No live white bass may be possessed or transported. Any white bass taken must immediately be killed by removing the head or cutting through the gills, except at Lake Nacimiento (San Luis Obispo County) where any white bass taken must immediately be released into the water or killed by removing the head or cutting through the gills.

Yellow Perch (T14 CCR §5.91)

- (a) Open season: All year, except for closures listed under district or special regulations.
- (b) Limit: No limit.

Fully Protected Fishes (T14 CCR §5.93)

None of the following fishes may be taken or possessed at any time: Colorado pikeminnow, Mohave chub, Lost River sucker, Modoc sucker, shortnose sucker, humpback sucker, Owens pupfish, unarmored threespine stickleback, rough sculpin, bonytail, Owens tui chub, Cottonball Marsh pupfish and desert pupfish.

Other Species (T14 CCR §5.95)

Other species of fish may be taken in any number and at any time of the year by angling, except for closures and restrictions listed under district special regulations.

Attention All Inland Salmon Anglers

FGC Section 8226. Relinquishment of Salmon Head for the Recovery of Coded-Wire-Tag

Upon request by an authorized agent or employee of the department a person in possession of a salmon with a missing adipose fin shall immediately relinquish the head of the salmon to the department.

As a reminder it is illegal to intentionally conceal, cull, or possess a salmonid in a condition such that species, size and the presence of an adipose fin cannot be determined.

(CCR T-14, Section 1.45)

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DISTRICT DEFINITIONS

North Coast District Definition

(T14 CCR §6.31)

The North Coast District consists of the inland waters of all of Trinity, Humboldt and Del Norte counties and the portion of Siskiyou County northwest of a line drawn between Mt. Eddy and the Black Butte Summit railroad crossing of Interstate 5 and west of Interstate 5 between the railroad crossing and Weed, and west of Highway 97 between Weed and the Oregon border.

North Central District Definition

(T14 CCR §6.32)

The North Central District consists of the inland waters of all of Marin, Napa, Sonoma, Lake and Mendocino counties.

South Central District Definition

(T14 CCR §6.33)

The South Central District consists of the inland waters of all of Monterey, San Benito, San Francisco, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties; all of Alameda County west of Interstate 680, and that portion of Alameda County which is both east of Interstate 680 and south of Interstate 580; all of Contra Costa County west of Interstate 80, and that portion of Contra Costa County which is both south of Highway 4 and west of Interstate 680.

Southern District Definition

(T14 CCR §6.34)

The Southern District consists of the inland waters of all of Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties and those portions of Riverside and San Bernardino counties outside of the Colorado River District (see section 6.37).

Sierra District Definition

(T14 CCR §6.35)

The Sierra District consists of all of Modoc, Lassen, Shasta, Sierra, Plumas, Alpine, Inyo and Mono counties; Tulare County east of the west boundaries of Sequoia National Forest and Sequoia National Park; Fresno County east of the west boundaries of Sierra and Sequoia National Forests (excluding Pine Flat Lake); Madera County east of the west boundary of Sierra National Forest; Mariposa, Tuolumne, Calaveras, Amador, El Dorado, Placer and Nevada counties east of Highway 49 (excluding Don Pedro, McClure and New Melones lakes); the portion of Siskiyou County southeast of a line drawn between Mt. Eddy and the Black Butte summit railroad crossing of Interstate 5 and east of Interstate 5 between the railroad

crossing and Weed and east of Highway 97 between Weed and the Oregon border; and Tehama County excluding Black Butte Lake. Those waters excluded above are part of the Valley District (see Section 6.36).

Valley District Definition

(T14 CCR §6.36)

The Valley District consists of all of Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Kern, Kings, Merced, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, Stanislaus, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties; Tulare County west of the west boundaries of Sequoia National Forest and Sequoia National Park; Fresno County west of the west boundaries of Sierra and Sequoia National Forests (including all of Pine Flat Lake); Madera County west of the west boundary of the Sierra National Forest; Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Mariposa, Nevada, Placer and Tuolumne counties west of Highway 49 (including all of Don Pedro, McClure and New Melones lakes); that portion of Alameda County which is both east of Interstate 680 and north of Interstate 580; and all of Contra Costa County east of Interstate 680 and that portion of Contra Costa County which is both north of Highway 4 and east of Interstate 80; and all of Black Butte Lake.

Colorado River District Definition

(T14 CCR §6.37)

The Colorado River District consists of Imperial County and those portions of Riverside and San Bernardino counties lying south and east of the following line: Starting at the intersection of Highway 86 with the north boundary of Imperial County; north along Highway 86 to its intersection with Interstate 10; east along Interstate 10 to its intersection with Cottonwood Springs Road; north along Cottonwood Springs Road and the Mecca Dale Road to Amboy; east along old Highway 66 to its intersection with Interstate 40; east along Interstate 40 to its intersection with Highway 95; and north along Highway 95 to the California-Nevada boundary. All of the Coachella Canal and Lake Cahuilla are included in this District.

CALIFORNIA

SPORT FISHING DISTRICTS



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District General Regulations (T14 CCR §7.00)

Unless otherwise provided, waters shown as open to hatchery trout and hatchery steelhead fishing in subsections (a) through (g) below, are open to fishing for other species. Gear restrictions listed in this section apply to the take of all species of fish unless otherwise noted. Every body of water listed in subsections (a) through (g) is closed to all fishing, except during the open season as shown. Unless otherwise provided, waters closed to hatchery trout and hatchery steelhead fishing are closed to fishing for all other species, except that these closures do not apply to fishing for amphibians (see Section 5.05), freshwater clams (see Section 5.20), crayfish (see Section 5.35), and lamprey (see Section 5.40), using legal fishing methods other than hook-and-line fishing, and saltwater clams, crabs, ghost shrimp, and blue mud shrimp (see Ocean Regulations Booklet sections 29.20 to 29.87). Crabs may only be taken using hoop nets or by hand, and Dungeness crab may only be taken within the North Coast District and Sonoma and Mendocino counties.

Daily bag and possession limits, unless otherwise provided, mean the total number of hatchery trout and hatchery steelhead. Unless otherwise provided, no more than one daily bag limit may be possessed. Coho (silver) Salmon may not be taken in any of the waters of the State. Incidentally hooked Coho (silver) Salmon must be immediately released unharmed to the waters where they are hooked. In waters where the bag limit for hatchery trout and hatchery steelhead is zero, fish for which the bag limit is zero must be released unharmed, and should not be removed from the water.

These waters may also be subject to restrictions on fishing methods and gear (Sections 2.00 through 2.45), fishing hours (Section 3.00), and the use of bait (Sections 4.00 through 4.30).

(a) North Coast District

District/Water	Open Season and Special Restrictions	Daily Bag and Possession Limit
(1) Anadromous waters of the Klamath and Trinity River systems, and those entering the ocean south of Humboldt Bay, which are not listed in the Special Regulations.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(2) All anadromous waters tributary to Humboldt Bay, and north of Humboldt Bay, except those of the Klamath and Trinity River systems and those listed by name in the Special Regulations.	Fourth Saturday in May through Oct. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession. Closed to the take of salmon.

(b) Sierra District

District/Water	Open Season and Special Restrictions	Daily Bag and Possession Limit
(1) All rivers and associated tributaries above Lake Shasta.	Closed to the take of salmon.	
(2) Anadromous waters of Tehama and Shasta cos. not listed in the Section 7.40, Special Regulations. (See subsections (b)(80) of Section 7.40, regarding the Sacramento River.)	Last Saturday in Apr. through Nov. 15. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession. Closed to the take of salmon.

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(c) North Central District

District/Water	Open Season and Special Restrictions	Daily Bag and Possession Limit
(1) All streams except those listed by name in Section 7.40, Special Regulations.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(2) The tidewaters of all streams except those listed by name in Section 7.40, Special Regulations. Note: Some waters within this district are tide waters regulated by regulations for the ocean and San Francisco Bay District (see sections 1.53 and 27.00)	Closed to all fishing all year.	

(d) Valley District

District/Water	Open Season and Special Restrictions	Daily Bag and Possession Limit
(1) All anadromous waters except those listed by name in Section 7.40, Special Regulations (See definition of anadromous waters, Section 1.04).	All year.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession. Closed to the take of salmon.

(e) South Central District

District/Water	Open Season and Special Restrictions	Daily Bag and Possession Limit
(1) That portion of any stream west of any Highway 1 bridge except those listed by name in Section 7.40, Special Regulations.	Dec. 1 through Mar. 7, but only on Sat., Sun., Wed., legal holidays and opening and closing days. Only barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession. Closed to the take of salmon.
(2) All anadromous streams and portions of streams except those listed in subsection (e)(1) above or by name in Section 7.40, Special Regulations.	Closed to all fishing all year.	

(f) Southern District

District/Water	Open Season and Special Restrictions	Daily Bag and Possession Limit
(1) All anadromous waters except those listed by name in Section 7.40, Special Regulations (See definition of anadromous waters, Section 1.04).	Closed to all fishing all year.	

*Hatchery trout or steelhead have a healed adipose fin clip (adipose fin is absent). Unless otherwise provided, all other trout and steelhead must be immediately released. Wild trout or steelhead are those not showing a healed adipose fin clip (adipose fin present).

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ALPHABETICAL LIST OF HATCHERY TROUT, HATCHERY STEELHEAD, AND SALMON WATERS WITH SPECIAL FISHING REGULATIONS (§7.40)

Alphabetical List of Hatchery Trout, Hatchery Steelhead, and Salmon Waters with Special Fishing Regulations (T14 CCR §7.40)

(a) General Provisions:

- (1) Every body of water listed in subsection (b) is closed to the take of hatchery trout, hatchery steelhead, and salmon and to fishing for these species, unless otherwise noted.
- (2) Every body of water listed in subsection (b) is closed to all fishing except during the open season as shown. Unless otherwise provided, waters shown as open to hatchery trout, hatchery steelhead, and salmon fishing in subsection (b) are open to fishing for other species. Gear restrictions listed in this section apply to the take of all species of fish unless otherwise noted.
- (3) Unless otherwise provided, waters closed to hatchery trout, hatchery steelhead, or salmon fishing are closed to fishing for all other species, except that these closures do not apply to fishing for amphibians (see Section 5.05), freshwater clams (see Section 5.20), crayfish (see Section 5.35), and lamprey (see Section 5.40), using legal fishing methods other than hook-and-line fishing, and saltwater clams, crabs, ghost shrimp, and blue mud shrimp (see Ocean Regulations Booklet sections 29.20 to 29.87). Crabs may only be taken using hoop nets or by hand, and Dungeness crab within the North Coast District and Sonoma and Mendocino counties.
- (4) Unless otherwise provided, it is unlawful to possess more than one daily bag limit.
- (5) The waters in subsection (b) may also be subject to restrictions on fishing methods and gear (Sections 2.00 through 2.45), fishing hours (Section 3.00), and the use of bait (Sections 4.00 through 4.30).

(b) Alphabetical List of Hatchery Trout, Hatchery Steelhead, and Salmon Waters with Special Fishing Regulations

Body of Water	Open Season and Special Restrictions	Daily Bag and Possession Limit
(1) Alameda Creek and tributaries (Alameda and Santa Clara cos.).		
(A) Alameda Creek and tributaries downstream of San Antonio, Calaveras, and Del Valle Reservoirs except for Arroyo Del Valle between Bernal Ave. and the Thiessen St. intersection with Vineyard Ave.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
1. Arroyo Del Valle between Bernal Ave. and the Thiessen St. intersection with Vineyard Ave.	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout.
(2) Albion River (Mendocino Co.). Also see Section 8.00(b) Low-Flow Restrictions. Main stem below the confluence of South Fork Albion.	Fourth Sat. in May through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used from the fourth Sat. in May through Oct. 31. Only barbless hooks may be used from Nov. 1 through Mar. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
* Hatchery trout or steelhead in anadromous waters are those showing a healed adipose fin clip (adipose fin is absent). Unless otherwise provided, all other trout and steelhead must be immediately released. Wild trout or steelhead are those not showing a healed adipose fin clip (adipose fin is present).		

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Body of Water	Open Season and Special Restrictions	Daily Bag and Possession Limit
(3) Alder Creek (Mendocino Co.). Also see subsection 8.00(b) Low-Flow Restrictions. Main stem below Tramway Gulch.	Fourth Sat. in May through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used from the fourth Sat. in May through Oct. 31. Only barbless hooks may be used from Nov. 1 through Mar. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(4) American River (Sacramento Co.)		
(A) From Nimbus Dam to the U.S. Geological Survey gauging station cable crossing about 300 yards downstream from the Nimbus Hatchery fish rack site.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(B) From the U.S. Geological Survey gauging station cable crossing about 300 yards downstream from the Nimbus Hatchery fish rack site to the SMUD power line crossing at the southwest boundary of Ancil Hoffman Park.	Jan. 1 through Oct. 31. Only barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
	Jul. 16 through Oct. 31. Only barbless hooks may be used.	<u>2 Chinook Salmon.</u> <u>4 Chinook Salmon in possession.</u>
(C) From the SMUD power line crossing at the southwest boundary of Ancil Hoffman Park downstream to the Jibboom Street bridge.	Jan. 1 through Dec. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
	Jul. 16 through Dec. 31.	<u>2 Chinook Salmon.</u> <u>4 Chinook Salmon in possession.</u>
(D) From the Jibboom Street bridge to the mouth.	Jan. 1 through Dec. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
	Jul. 16 through Dec. 16.	<u>2 Chinook Salmon.</u> <u>4 Chinook Salmon in possession**.</u>
(5) Antelope Creek (Tehama Co.).		
* Hatchery trout or steelhead in anadromous waters are those showing a healed adipose fin clip (adipose fin is absent). Unless otherwise provided, all other trout and steelhead must be immediately released. Wild trout or steelhead are those not showing a healed adipose fin clip (adipose fin is present).		

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Body of Water	Open Season and Special Restrictions	Daily Bag and Possession Limit
(A) From confluence with North Fork downstream to U.S. Geological Survey gauging station cable crossing at mouth of Antelope Creek Canyon.	Last Sat. in Apr. through Nov. 15. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(B) From U.S. Geological Survey gauging station cable crossing at mouth of Antelope Creek Canyon downstream to mouth of Antelope Creek.	Jun. 16 through Sep. 30.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(6) Aptos Creek (Santa Cruz Co.) from mouth to bridge on Aptos Creek Road (first bridge on Aptos Creek Road). Also see Low-Flow Restrictions, subsection 8.00(c).	Dec. 1 through Mar. 7, but only on Sat., Sun., Wed., legal holidays and opening and closing days. Only barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(7) Arroyo Grande Creek (San Luis Obispo Co.) from mouth to Lopez Canyon Dam.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(8) Arroyo Leon (San Mateo Co.).	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(9) Arroyo Seco River (Monterey Co.). Also see subsection 8.00(c) Low Flow Restrictions. The main stem Arroyo Seco and tributaries below the waterfall located approximately 3.5 miles upstream from the U.S. Forest Service Ranger Station.	Dec. 1 through Mar. 7, but only on Sat., Sun., Wed., legal holidays and opening and closing days. Only barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(10) Auburn Ravine Creek and tributaries (Placer Co.) east of Nelson Lane.	Fourth Sat. in May through Oct. 15.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(11) Battle Creek (Shasta and Tehama cos.).		
(A) From mouth to Coleman Fish Hatchery weir.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(B) From 250 feet upstream from the Coleman Fish Hatchery upstream to Angel Falls (near Mineral) on the South Fork and to Ponderosa Way Bridge on the North Fork.	Last Sat. in Apr. through Nov. 15. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(12) Bear River (Humboldt Co.) downstream from County Road Bridge at Capetown, excluding tributaries.	Fourth Sat. in May through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(13) Bear River and tributaries (Placer Co.) from Highway 65 to the South Sutter Irrigation District Diversion Dam.	Fourth Sat. in May through Oct. 15.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.

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(14) Big Chico Creek (Butte Co.).		
(A) From mouth to Bear Hole, located approximately one mile downstream from the upper end of Bidwell Park.	Jun. 16 through Feb. 15. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used from Oct. 16 through Feb. 15.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(B) From Bear Hole to the upper boundary of the Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve.	Nov. 1 through Apr. 30. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(C) From the upper boundary of the Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve to Higgins Hole Falls, located about ½ mile upstream from Ponderosa Way.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(15) Big Lagoon (Humboldt Co.). For purposes of this subsection, the boundary between Big Lagoon and Maple Creek is the first private road bridge, located approximately 1/2 mile southeast of the Highway 101 bridge crossing.	All year. Only barbless hooks may be used. Cutthroat Trout minimum size limit: 10 inches.	2 Cutthroat Trout. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(16) Big River (Mendocino Co.). Also see subsection 8.00(b) Low-Flow Restrictions. Main stem below the confluence of Two Log Creek.	Fourth Sat. in May through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used from the fourth Sat. in May through Oct. 31. Only barbless hooks may be used from Nov. 1 through Mar. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(17) Big Sur River (Monterey Co.). Big Sur River within Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, east of the Highway 1 bridge, to its boundary within the Ventana Wilderness Area.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(18) Black Butte River and tributaries (Glenn Co.) except Cold Creek.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(19) Bodfish Creek and tributaries (Santa Clara Co.).	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(20) Bogus Creek (Siskiyou Co.).	See Klamath River, subsection (b)(50).	
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(21) Brush Creek (Mendocino Co.). Main stem below the Lawson bridge. Also see subsection 8.00(c) Low-Flow Restrictions.	Fourth Sat. in May through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used from the fourth Sat. in May through Oct. 31. Only barbless hooks may be used from Nov. 1 through Mar. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(22) Butano Creek (San Mateo Co.). From mouth to county bridge on Pescadero-Bear Hollow Road. Also see subsection 8.00(c), Low-Flow Restrictions.	Dec. 1 through Mar. 7, but only on Sat., Sun., Wed., legal holidays and opening and closing days. Only barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(23) Butte Creek (Butte and Sutter cos.).		
(A) From Oro-Chico Road bridge crossing south of Chico to the Centerville Head Dam, located 300 yards downstream from the DeSabra Powerhouse below DeSabra Reservoir.	Nov. 15 through Feb.15. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(B) From the Oro-Chico Road bridge crossing south of Chico to the point that Butte Creek enters the Sacramento River both via Butte Slough outfall gates at Moon’s Bend and through Butte Slough, thence both the East and West Canals of the Sutter Bypass, thence Sacramento Slough.	All year.	Open to fishing for non-salmonids only. Closed to the take of trout and steelhead.
(24) Calaveras River downstream from New Hogan Dam and the diverting canal (Mormon Slough) from Bellota Weir downstream to Interstate Highway 5 (Calaveras and San Joaquin cos.).	Fourth Sat. in May through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(25) Carmel River and tributaries above Los Padres Dam (Monterey Co.).	Last Saturday in Apr. through Nov. 15. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	5 Brown Trout, 0 Rainbow Trout.
(26) Carmel River below Los Padres Dam. (Monterey Co.).		
(A) Carmel River tributaries below Los Padres Dam and main stem from Los Padres Dam to the bridge at Robles Del Rio/Esquiline Roads (Rosie’s Bridge).	Closed to all fishing all year.	
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(B) Carmel River main stem below the bridge at Robles Del Rio/ Esquiline Roads (Rosie's Bridge). Also see subsection 8.00 (c) Low-Flow Restrictions.	Dec. 1 through Mar. 7, but only on Sat., Sun., Wed., legal holidays and opening and closing days. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(27) Chorro Creek (San Luis Obispo Co.) from the mean high tide line upstream to the South Bay Boulevard Bridge.	Dec. 1 through Mar. 7, but only on Sat., Sun., Wed., legal holidays and opening and closing days. Only barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(28) Codornices Creek (Alameda Co.).	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(29) Coon Creek and tributaries (Placer Co.) east of Highway 65.	Fourth Sat. in May through Oct. 15.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(30) Coon Creek (San Luis Obispo Co.).	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(31) Corralitos Creek (Santa Cruz Co.) from mouth to Browns Valley Road. Also see subsection 8.00(c), Low-Flow Restrictions.	Dec. 1 through Mar. 7, but only on Sat., Sun., Wed., legal holidays and opening and closing days. Only barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(32) Cosumnes River (Sacramento Co.) from Highway 99 bridge upstream to the Latrobe vehicle bridge.	Jan. 1 through Oct. 15. Only barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(33) Cottoneva Creek (Mendocino Co.). Main stem below the confluence of South Fork Cottoneva Creek. Also see subsection 8.00(b), Low-Flow Restrictions.	Fourth Sat. in May through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used from the fourth Saturday in May through Oct. 31. Only barbless hooks may be used from Nov. 1 through Mar. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(34) Coyote Creek (Santa Clara Co.)	Last Sat. in Apr. through Nov. 15. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(35) Deer Creek (Tehama Co.).		
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(A) From 250 feet below Upper Deer Creek Falls and fishway (located 1.5 miles upstream from Potato Patch Campground) downstream 31 miles to U.S. Geological Survey gauging station cable crossing at mouth of Deer Creek Canyon (see Section 2.35 for closure at Upper Deer Creek Falls).	Last Sat. in Apr. through Nov. 15. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(B) From U.S. Geological Survey gauging station cable crossing at mouth of Deer Creek Canyon downstream to mouth of Deer Creek.	Jun. 16 through Sep. 30.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(36) Deer Creek (Yuba and Nevada cos.) from mouth to Smartville-Englebright Dam road crossing.	Fourth Sat. in May through Oct. 15. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(37) Dry Creek and tributaries (Placer Co.) east of the Atkinson Street Bridge in Roseville.	Fourth Sat. in May through Oct. 15.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(38) Dry Creek (Yuba and Nevada cos.) from mouth to Sid Smith Dam about one mile above junction of Scott Forbes and Peoria Roads.	Fourth Sat. in May through Oct. 15.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(39) Earl Lake/Talawa (Del Norte Co.).	All year. Only barbless hooks may be used. Cutthroat Trout minimum size limit: 10 inches.	2 Cutthroat Trout. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(40) Eel River (Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino and Trinity cos.) Subsection 8.00(a) Low-Flow Restrictions also apply. ALL WATERS OF THE EEL RIVER DRAINAGE EXCEPT THOSE LISTED BELOW ARE CLOSED TO ALL FISHING.		
(A) Main stem.		
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1. From the mouth to Fulmor Road, at its paved junction with the south bank of the Eel River. Also see subsection 8.00(a), Low-Flow Restrictions.	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used from Apr. 1 through the Fri. preceding the fourth Sat. in May. Only barbless hooks may be used from fourth Sat. in May through Mar. 31.	Catch and release of Chinook Salmon. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
2. From Fulmor Road, at its paved junction with the south bank of the Eel River, to South Fork Eel River. Also see subsection 8.00(a), Low-Flow Restrictions.	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used from Apr. 1 through Sep. 30. Only barbless hooks may be used from Oct. 1 through Mar. 31.	Catch and release of Chinook Salmon. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
3. From South Fork Eel River to Cape Horn Dam.	Jan. 1 through Mar. 31 and fourth Sat. in May through Sep. 30. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	Catch and release of Chinook Salmon. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
	Apr. 1 through the fourth Fri. in May and Oct. 1 through Dec. 31.	Closed to all fishing.
(B) Van Duzen River.		
1. Main stem from its junction with the Eel River to the end of Golden Gate Drive near Bridgeville (approximately 4,000 feet upstream from the Little Golden Gate Bridge). Also see Low-Flow Restrictions, subsection 8.00(a).	Fourth Sat. in May through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used from the fourth Sat. in May through Sep. 30. Only barbless hooks may be used from Oct. 1 through Mar. 31.	Catch and release of Chinook Salmon. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(C) South Fork Eel River from mouth to Rattlesnake Creek. Also see Low-Flow Restrictions, subsection 8.00(a).	Apr. 1 to fourth Fri. in May.	Closed to all fishing.
	Fourth Sat. in May through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used from the fourth Saturday in May through Sep. 30. Only barbless hooks may be used from Oct. 1 through Mar. 31.	Catch and release of Chinook Salmon. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(D) Middle Fork Eel River.		
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1. Middle Fork main stem from mouth to Bar Creek. Also see subsection 8.00(a), Low-Flow Restrictions.	Jan. 1 through May 31 and Jul. 16 through Sep. 30. At all times, only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
	Jun. 1 through July 15 and Oct. 1 through Dec. 31.	Closed to all fishing.
(41) Elk Creek (Mendocino Co.). Also see subsection 8.00(b), Low-Flow Restrictions. Main stem below the confluence of South Fork Elk Creek.	Fourth Sat. in May through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used from the fourth Sat. in May through Oct. 31. Only barbless hooks may be used from Nov. 1 through Mar. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(42) Elk River (Humboldt Co.) downstream from Highway 101 bridge, excluding tributaries.	Fourth Sat. in May through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used from the fourth Sat. in May through Oct. 31. Only barbless hooks may be used from Nov. 1 through Mar. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(43) Feather River below Fish Barrier Dam (Butte, Sutter and Yuba cos.).		
(A) From Fish Barrier Dam to Table Mountain bicycle bridge in Oroville.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(B) From Table Mountain bicycle bridge to Highway 70 bridge.	Jan. 1 through Jul. 15. Only barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(C) From Highway 70 bridge to the unimproved boat ramp above the Thermalito Afterbay Outfall.	All year.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
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(D) From the unimproved boat ramp above the Thermalito Afterbay Outfall to 200 yards above the Live Oak boat ramp.	Jan. 1 through <u>Dec. 31.</u>	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
	Jul. 16 through <u>Oct. 31.</u>	<u>2 Chinook Salmon.</u> <u>4 Chinook Salmon in possession.</u>
(E) From 200 yards above Live Oak boat ramp to the Highway 99 bridge.	Jan. 1 through <u>Dec. 31.</u>	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
	Jul. 16 through <u>Dec. 16.</u>	<u>2 Chinook Salmon.</u> <u>4 Chinook Salmon in possession.</u>
(F) From the Highway 99 bridge to the mouth. For purposes of this subsection, the lower boundary is defined as a straight line drawn from the peninsula point on the west bank to the Verona Marina boat ramp.	Jan. 1 through <u>Dec. 31.</u>	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
	Jul. 16 through Dec 16.	<u>2 Chinook Salmon.</u> <u>4 Chinook Salmon in possession.</u>
(44) Freshwater Creek (Humboldt Co.) downstream from bridge at "3 Corners" on the Old Arcata Road, excluding tributaries.	Fourth Sat. in May through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used from the fourth Sat. in May through Oct. 31. Only barbless hooks may be used from Nov. 1 through Mar. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(45) Garcia River (Mendocino Co.). Also see Section 8.00(b) Low-Flow Restrictions. Main stem below the Eureka Hill Road bridge.	Fourth Sat. in May through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used from the fourth Sat. in May through Oct. 31. Only barbless hooks may be used from Nov. 1 through Mar. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
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(46) Greenwood Creek (Mendocino Co.). Also see subsection 8.00(b), Low-Flow Restrictions. Main stem below the log bridge about 1-1/2 miles east of Highway 1.	Fourth Sat. in May through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used from the fourth Sat. in May through Oct. 31. Only barbless hooks may be used from Nov. 1 through Mar. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(47) Guadalupe River below Guadalupe Reservoir (Santa Clara Co.) including Los Gatos Creek below Vasona Lake, and Alamitos Creek and Arroyo Calero below Calero Reservoir.	Last Sat. in Apr. through Nov. 15. Only artificial lures and barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(48) Gualala River (Mendocino and Sonoma cos.). Also see subsection 8.00(b). Main stem below the confluence of Wheatfield and South Forks.	Fourth Sat. in May through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used from the fourth Sat. in May through Oct. 31. Only barbless hooks may be used from Nov. 1 through Mar. 31. Fishing from a flotation device is prohibited from Nov. 15 through Feb. 28 from the confluence of the North Fork to the Highway 1 bridge.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(49) Islay Creek (San Luis Obispo Co.).	Closed to all fishing all year.	
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Klamath River Basin Regulations

(T14 CCR §7.40(b)(50))

Please call the Klamath hotline (1-800-564-6479) for the latest on Chinook Salmon angling.

All anadromous Waters of the Klamath River Basin and Trinity River downstream of Lewiston Dam. This subsection applies only to waters of the Klamath River Basin that are accessible to anadromous salmonids. This subsection does not apply to waters of the Klamath River Basin that are inaccessible to anadromous salmon and trout, portions of the Trinity River system upstream of Lewiston Dam, and the Shasta River and tributaries upstream of Dwinell Dam.

(A) Restrictions and Requirements.

1. Only barbless hooks may be used. (For definitions regarding legal hook types, hook gaps, and rigging see Chapter 2, Article 1, Section 2.10.)
2. During closures to the take of adult salmon, it shall be unlawful to remove any adult Chinook Salmon from the water by any means.
3. See Section 1.74 for sport fish report card requirements.

(B) General Area Closures.

1. No fishing is allowed within 750 feet of any department fish-counting weir.
2. No fishing is allowed from the Ishi Pishi Road bridge upstream to and including Ishi Pishi Falls from Aug. 15 through Dec. 31. Exception: members of the Karuk Tribe listed on the current Karuk Tribal Roll may fish at Ishi Pishi Falls using hand-held dip nets.
3. No fishing is allowed from Sep. 15 through Dec. 31 in the Klamath River within 500 feet of the mouths of the Salmon, Shasta and Scott rivers and Blue, Bogus, Fall and Shovel creeks.
4. No fishing is allowed from Jun. 15 through Sep. 14 in the Klamath River from 500 feet above the mouth of Blue Creek to 500 feet downstream of the mouth of Blue Creek.

(C) Klamath River Basin Possession Limits.

1. Trout Possession Limits.
 - (a) The Brown Trout possession limit is 20.
 - (b) The hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead possession limits are as follows:
 - (i) Klamath River - 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead.
 - (ii) Trinity River - 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead.
2. Chinook Salmon Possession Limits.
 - (a) Klamath River downstream of the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec **to the mouth** from Jul. 1 through Aug. 14 and the Trinity River downstream of the Old Lewiston Bridge to the confluence of the South Fork Trinity River from Jul. 1 through Aug. 31: **2 Chinook**

Salmon.

(b) Klamath River from Aug. 15 through Dec. 31 and Trinity River from Sep. 1 through Dec. 31: **6 Chinook Salmon. No more than 3 Chinook Salmon over 23 inches total length may be retained when the take of salmon over 23 inches total length is allowed.**

(D) Klamath River Basin Chinook Salmon Quotas.

Klamath River fall-run Chinook Salmon take is regulated using quotas. Accounting of the tribal and non-tribal harvest is closely monitored from Aug. 15 through Dec. 31 each year. Quota areas are noted in subsection (b) (50)(E) with "Fall Run Quota" in the Open Season and Special Restrictions column.

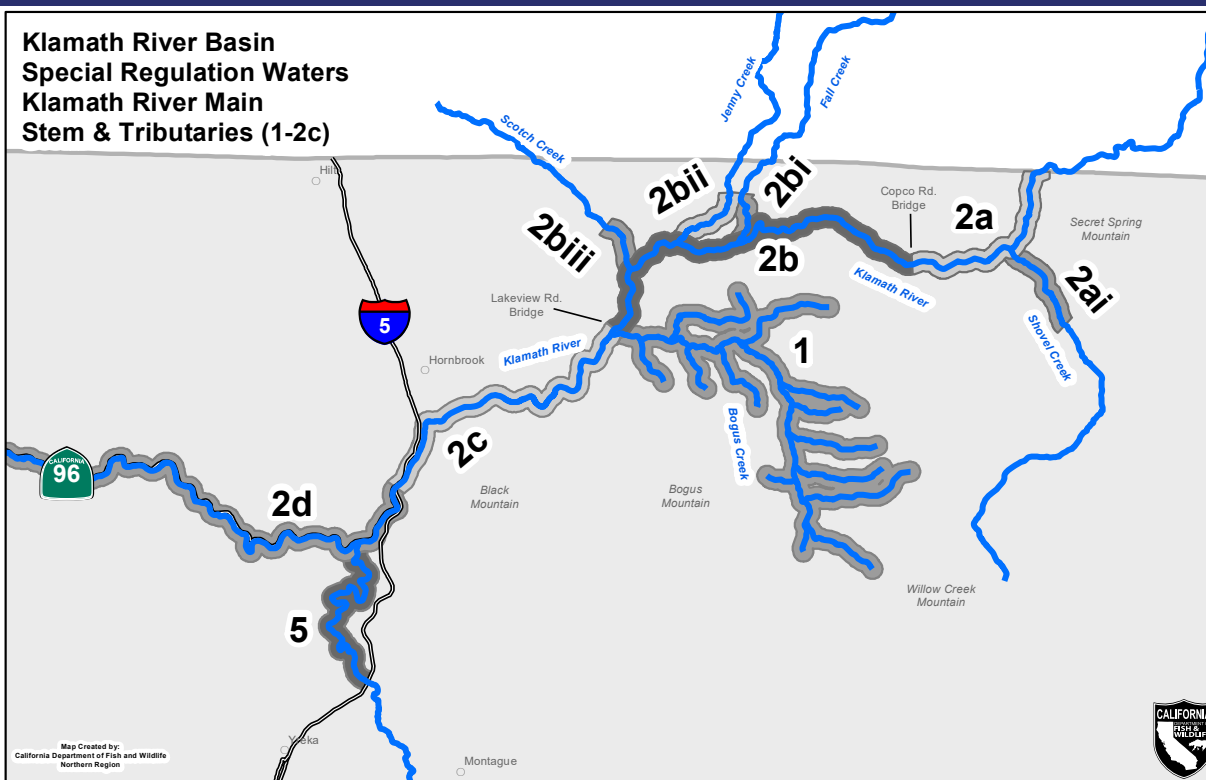
1. Quota for Entire Basin. The **2026** Klamath River Basin quota is **3,248** Klamath River fall-run Chinook Salmon. The department shall inform the commission, and the public via the news media, prior to any implementation of restrictions triggered by the quotas. (NOTE: A department status report on progress toward the quotas for the various river sections is updated weekly, and available at 1-800-564-6479.)
2. Subquota Percentages.
 - (a) The subquota for the Klamath River upstream of the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec and the Trinity River is 50% of the total Klamath River Basin quota.
 - (i) The subquota for the Klamath River from the California-Oregon border to the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec is 17% of the total Klamath River Basin quota.
 - (ii) The subquota for the Trinity River main stem downstream of the Old Lewiston Bridge to the Highway 299 West bridge at Cedar Flat is 16.5% of the total Klamath River Basin quota.
 - (iii) The subquota for the Trinity River main stem downstream of the Denny Road bridge at Hawkins Bar to the confluence with the Klamath River is 16.5% of the total Klamath River Basin quota.
 - (b) The subquota for the lower Klamath River downstream of the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec **to the mouth** is 50% of the total Klamath River Basin quota.

(i) The spit area (within 100 yards of the channel through the sand spit formed at the Klamath River mouth) will close when 15% of the total Klamath River Basin quota is taken downstream of the Highway 101 bridge.

(E) Klamath River Basin Open Seasons and Bag Limits. All anadromous waters of the Klamath River Basin are closed to all fishing for all year except those areas listed in the following table. Bag limits are for trout and Chinook Salmon in combination unless otherwise specified.

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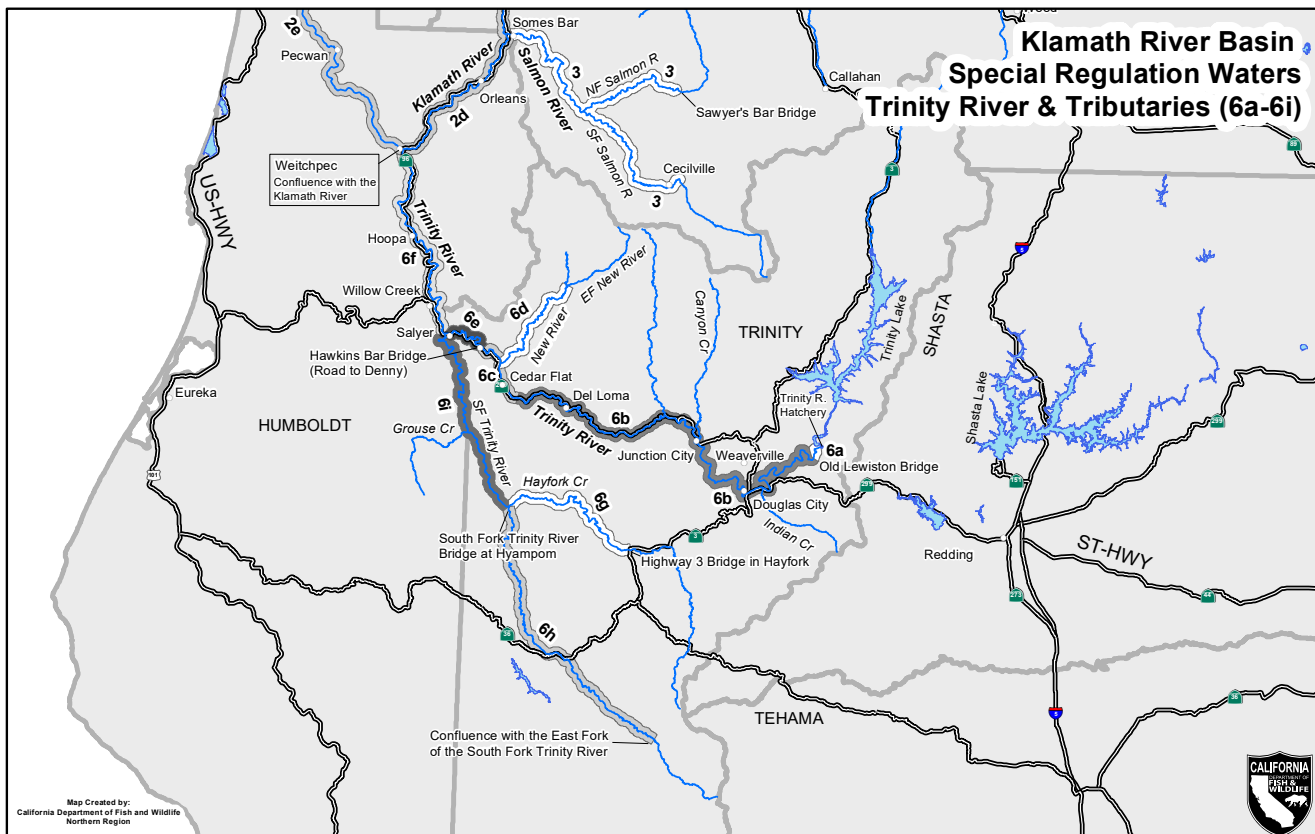
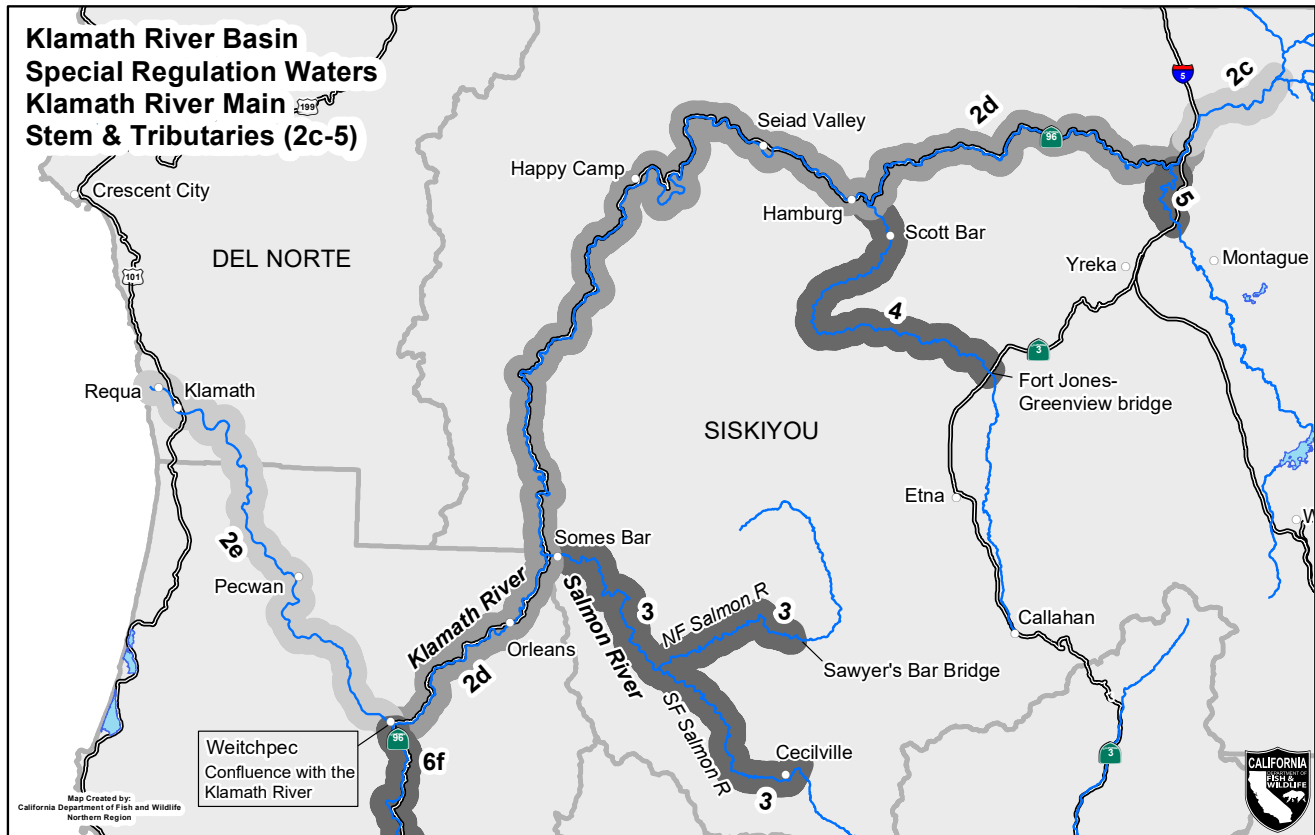
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(50) All anadromous Waters of the Klamath River Basin and Trinity River downstream of Lewiston Dam. (Del Norte, Humboldt, Siskiyou, and Trinity cos.). (See North Coast District Regulations, subsection 7.00(a) for the non-anadromous waters of the Lower Klamath River Basin, and 7.50(b)(73).)		
1. Bogus Creek and tributaries.	All anadromous portions of Bogus Creek. Closed to all fishing all year.	
2. Klamath River main stem from the California-Oregon state line to the mouth.		
a. Klamath River from California-Oregon state line to Copco Road bridge at Copco.	Nov. 1 through Feb. 28 and fourth Sat. in May through Aug. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	Closed to the take and possession of Chinook Salmon. 0 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*.
(i) Shovel Creek main stem downstream of barrier located approximately 2.75 miles upstream from Ager Beswick Road.	All anadromous portions of tributaries. Closed to all fishing all year.	
b. Klamath River from Copco Road bridge at Copco to Lakeview Road bridge near Iron Gate.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(i) Fall Creek downstream of barrier located approximately 1 mile upstream from Copco Road	All anadromous portions of tributaries. Closed to all fishing all year.	
(ii) Jenny Creek downstream of barrier located approximately 2 miles upstream from Copco Road	All anadromous portions of tributaries. Closed to all fishing all year.	
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(iii) Scotch Creek main stem downstream of barrier located approximately 3/4 mile upstream from Copco Road	All anadromous portions of tributaries. Closed to all fishing all year.	
c. Klamath River from Lakeview Road Bridge near Iron Gate to Interstate 5 bridge.	Jan. 1 to Aug. 14.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*.
	Fall-run Quota: 0 Chinook Salmon: Aug. 15 to Dec. 31, 2026 . This is the cumulative quota for subsections 2.c. and 2.d.	Closed to the take and possession of Chinook Salmon. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*.
d. Klamath River from Interstate 5 bridge to the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec.	Jan. 1 to Aug. 14.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*.
	Fall-run Quota: 552 Chinook Salmon Aug. 15 through Dec 31, 2026 . This is the cumulative quota for subsections 2.c. and 2.d. <u>Once the adult salmon quota for this area has been met, salmon fishing may continue but only salmon less than or equal to 23 inches total length may be kept.</u>	2 Chinook Salmon – no more than 1 fish over 23 inches total length until subquota is met, then 0 fish over 23 inches total length. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*.
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e. Klamath River downstream of the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec <u>to the mouth.</u>	Jan. 1 through Jun. 30	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*.
	Jul. 1 through Aug. 14.	<u>1 Chinook Salmon**.</u> 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*.
	Fall-run Quota: <u>1,624</u> Chinook Salmon Aug. 15-Dec 31, <u>2026.</u> <u>Once the adult salmon quota for this area has been met, salmon fishing may continue but only salmon less than or equal to 23 inches total length may be kept.</u> Fall Run Quota Exception: Spit Area (within 100 yards of the channel through the sand spit formed at the Klamath River mouth). This area will be closed to all fishing after 15% of the total Klamath River Basin quota has been taken downstream of the Hwy 101 bridge. All legally caught Chinook Salmon must be retained. Once the adult component of the total daily bag limit has been retained, anglers must cease fishing in the spit area.	<u>2 Chinook Salmon – no more than 1 fish over 23 inches total length until subquota is met, then 0 fish over 23 inches total length.</u> 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*.
3. Salmon River main stem, main stem of North Fork downstream of Sawyer's Bar bridge, and main stem of South Fork downstream of the confluence of the East Fork of the South Fork.	Nov. 1 through Feb. 28.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*.
4. Scott River main stem downstream of the Fort Jones-Greenview bridge to the confluence with the Klamath River.	Fourth Sat. in May through Feb. 28.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*.
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5. Shasta River main stem downstream of the Interstate Highway 5 bridge north of Yreka to the confluence with the Klamath River.	Fourth Sat. in May through Aug. 31 and Nov. 16 through Feb. 28.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*.
6. Trinity River and tributaries.		
a. Trinity River main stem from 250 feet downstream of Lewiston Dam to the Old Lewiston Bridge.	Apr. 1 through Sep. 15. Only artificial flies with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*.
b. Trinity River main stem downstream of the Old Lewiston Bridge to the Highway 299 West bridge at Cedar Flat.	Jan. 1 through Jun. 30.	10 Brown Trout. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*.
	Jul. 1 through Aug. 31.	<u>1 Chinook Salmon.</u> 10 Brown Trout. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*.
	Fall-run Quota: <u>536</u> Chinook Salmon Sep. 1 through Dec. 31, <u>2026.</u> <u>Once the adult salmon quota for this area has been met, salmon fishing may continue but only salmon less than or equal to 23 inches total length may be kept.</u>	<u>2 Chinook Salmon – no more than 1 fish over 23 inches total length until subquota is met, then 0 fish over 23 inches total length.</u> 10 Brown Trout. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*.
c. Trinity River main stem downstream of the Highway 299 West bridge at Cedar Flat to the Denny Road bridge at Hawkins Bar.	Jan. 1 through Jun. 30.	10 Brown Trout. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*.
	Jul. 1 through Aug. 31.	<u>1 Chinook Salmon.</u> 10 Brown Trout. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*.
	Sep. 1 through Dec. 31.	Closed to all fishing.
d. New River main stem downstream of the confluence of the East Fork to the confluence with the Trinity River.	Sep. 15 through Nov. 15. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*.

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e. Trinity River main stem downstream of the Denny Road bridge at Hawkins Bar to the mouth of the South Fork Trinity River.	Jan. 1 through Jun. 30.	10 Brown Trout. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*.
	Jul. 1 through Aug. 31.	<u>1 Chinook Salmon.</u> 10 Brown Trout. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*.
	Fall-run Quota: <u>536</u> Chinook Salmon Sep. 1 through Dec. 31, <u>2026</u> . This is the cumulative quota for subsections 6.e. and 6.f. of this table. <u>Once the adult salmon quota for this area has been met, salmon fishing may continue but only salmon less than or equal to 23 inches total length may be kept.</u>	<u>2 Chinook Salmon – no more than 1 fish over 23 inches total length until subquota is met, then 0 fish over 23 inches total length.</u> 10 Brown Trout. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*.
f. Trinity River main stem downstream of the mouth of the South Fork Trinity River to the confluence with the Klamath River.	Jan. 1 through Aug. 31.	10 Brown Trout. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*.
	Fall-run Quota: <u>536</u> Chinook Salmon Sep. 1 through Dec. 31, <u>2026</u> . This is the cumulative quota for subsections 6.e. and 6.f. of this table. <u>Once the adult salmon quota for this area has been met, salmon fishing may continue but only salmon less than or equal to 23 inches total length may be kept.</u>	<u>2 Chinook Salmon – no more than 1 fish over 23 inches total length until subquota is met, then 0 fish over 23 inches total length.</u> 10 Brown Trout. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*.
g. Hayfork Creek main stem downstream of the Highway 3 bridge in Hayfork to the confluence with the South Fork Trinity River.	Nov. 1 through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*.
h. South Fork Trinity River downstream of the confluence with the East Fork of the South Fork Trinity River to the South Fork Trinity River bridge at Hyampom.	Nov. 1 through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*.
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i. South Fork Trinity River downstream of the South Fork Trinity River bridge at Hyampom to the confluence with the Trinity River.	Jan. 1 through Mar. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*.
	Nov. 1 through Dec. 31.	Closed to the take and possession of Chinook Salmon. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*.
(51) Repealed		
(52) Laguna de Santa Rosa (Sonoma Co. tributary to Russian River) upstream from Guerneville Road bridge.	Last Saturday in Apr. through Nov. 15.	Open to fishing for non-salmonids only. Closed to the take of trout and steelhead.
(53) Lagunitas Creek and tributaries (Marin Co.).	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(54) Limekiln Creek and tributaries above Highway 1 (Monterey Co.). Also see subsection 8.00(c), Low-Flow Restrictions.	Dec. 1 through Mar. 7, but only on Sat., Sun., Wed., legal holidays and opening and closing days. Only barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(55) Little River (Humboldt Co.) downstream from the County Road bridge at Crannell, excluding tributaries.	Fourth Sat. in May through Mar. 31. Cutthroat Trout minimum size limit: 10 inches total length. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used from the fourth Sat. in May through Oct. 31. Only barbless hooks may be used from Nov. 1 through Mar. 31.	2 Cutthroat Trout. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(56) Little Sur River and tributaries above Coast Road (Monterey Co.).	Fourth Sat. in May through Oct. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
	Nov. 16 through the Fri. preceding the last Sat. in Apr. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout.
(57) Llagas Creek (Santa Clara Co.). Also see subsection 8.00(c), Low-Flow Restrictions.		
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(A) From mouth to Monterey Highway Bridge.	Dec. 1 through Mar. 7, but only on Sat., Sun., Wed., legal holidays and opening and closing days. Only barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(B) From Monterey Highway bridge to Chesbro Dam.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(58) Los Osos Creek (San Luis Obispo Co.).	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(59) Los Padres Reservoir (Monterey Co.).	Last Saturday in Apr. through Nov. 15. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	5 Brown Trout. 0 Rainbow Trout.
(60) Mad River and tributaries (Humboldt Co.).		
(A) Mad River from the mouth to 200 yards upstream.	Jan. 1 through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(B) Mad River main stem, from 200 yards above its mouth upstream to the confluence with Cowan Creek, excluding tributaries. Also see Section 8.00(a) Low-Flow Restrictions.	Fourth Sat. in May through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used from the fourth Sat. in May through Oct. 31. Only barbless hooks may be used from Nov 1 through Mar. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(C) Mad River main stem, from the confluence with Cowan Creek to the confluence with Deer Creek, excluding tributaries.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(D) Mad River main stem from the confluence with Deer Creek to Ruth Dam.	Fourth Sat. in May through Oct. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(61) Mattole River (Humboldt Co.). Also see subsection 8.00(a) Low-Flow Restrictions.		
(A) Mattole River main stem from mouth to 200 yards upstream.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(B) Mattole River main stem from 200 yards upstream of mouth to confluence with Stansberry Creek.	Jan. 1 through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
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(C) Mattole River main stem from confluence with Stansberry Creek to confluence with Honeydew Creek.	Jan. 1 through Mar. 31 and fourth Sat. in May through Aug. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(62) McDonald Creek (Humboldt Co.).		
Closed to all fishing all year.		
(63) Merced River (Merced Co.)		
(A) From Crocker-Huffman Dam downstream to the Schaffer Bridge on Oakdale Road.	Jan. 1 through Oct. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(B) From the Schaffer Bridge on Oakdale Road downstream to the mouth.	Jan. 1 through Oct. 31. Bait may be used from Jan. 1 through Oct. 31. However, from Apr. 1 through the Fri. preceding the fourth Sat. in May, bait may be used only with single hooks having a gap between 1/2 and 1 inch, or with multiple hooks having a gap between 1/4 and 1/2 inch.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(64) Mill Creek (Tehama Co.)		
(A) From the Lassen National Park boundary downstream to the U.S. Geological Survey gauging station cable crossing at the mouth of Mill Creek Canyon.	Last Sat. in Apr. through Nov. 15. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(B) From U.S. Geological Survey gauging station cable crossing at mouth of Mill Creek Canyon downstream to the mouth of Mill Creek.	Jun. 16 through Sep. 30.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(65) Mitchell Creek and tributaries (Contra Costa Co.).		
Closed to all fishing all year.		
(66) Mokelumne River (San Joaquin Co.).		
(A) From Camanche Dam to Elliot Road.	Jan. 1 through Mar. 31.	1 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*.
	Fourth Sat. in May through Oct. 15.	1 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*.
	Jul.16 through Oct. 15.	<u>2 Chinook Salmon.</u> <u>4 Chinook Salmon in possession**.</u>
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(B) From Elliot Road to the Woodbridge Irrigation District Dam including Lodi Lake.	Jan. 1 through Dec. 31.	1 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*.
	Jul. 16 through Dec. 31.	2 Chinook Salmon. 4 Chinook Salmon in possession.
(C) Between the Woodbridge Irrigation District Dam and the Lower Sacramento Road bridge.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(D) From the Lower Sacramento Road bridge to the mouth. For purposes of this subsection, this river segment is defined as Mokelumne River and its tributary sloughs downstream of the Lower Sacramento Road bridge and east of Highway 160 and north of Highway 12.	Jan. 1 through Dec. 31.	1 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*.
	Jul. 16 through Dec. 16.	2 Chinook Salmon. 4 Chinook Salmon in possession.
(67) Nacimiento River (Monterey and San Luis Obispo cos.). Main stem below Nacimiento Dam, downstream to its confluence with the Salinas River.	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Oct. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(68) Napa River and tributaries (Napa Co.). Also see subsection 8.00(b) Low-Flow Restrictions.		
(A) Main stem above the Oakville Cross Road Bridge near Yountville and all Napa River tributaries.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(B) From the Oakville Cross Road Bridge near Yountville to the Trancas Bridge. Note: The Napa River below the Trancas Bridge is tidewater, and is under the regulations for the Ocean and San Francisco Bay District (see Sections 1.53 and 27.00).	Fourth Sat. in May through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used from the fourth Sat. in May through Oct. 31. Only barbless hooks may be used from Nov. 1 through Mar. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(69) Navarro River (Mendocino Co.). Also see subsection 8.00(b) Low-Flow Restrictions. Main stem below the Greenwood Road bridge.	Fourth Sat. in May through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used from the fourth Sat. in May through Oct. 31. Only barbless hooks may be used from Nov. 1 through Mar. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(70) Noyo River (Mendocino Co.). Also see subsection 8.00(b) Low-Flow Restrictions.		
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(A) Noyo River main stem from the mouth to the Georgia-Pacific logging road bridge one mile east of Highway 1.	Fourth Sat. in May through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used from the fourth Sat. in May through Oct. 31. Only barbless hooks may be used from Nov. 1 through Mar. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(B) Noyo River main stem from the Georgia-Pacific logging road bridge one mile east of Highway 1 to the confluence with the South Fork Noyo River.	Fourth Sat. in May through Oct. 1. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(C) Noyo River main stem from the confluence with the South Fork Noyo River to the Sonoma/Mendocino Boy Scout Council Camp.	Fourth Sat. in May through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used from the fourth Sat. in May through Oct. 31. Only barbless hooks may be used from Nov. 1 through Mar. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(71) Pajaro River (Monterey, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz and San Benito cos.) from mouth to Uvas Creek. Also see subsection 8.00(c) Low-Flow Restrictions.	Dec. 1 through Mar. 7, but only on Sat., Sun., Wed., legal holidays and opening and closing days. Only barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(72) Upper Penitencia Creek (Santa Clara Co.), a tributary to Coyote Creek.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(73) Pescadero Creek (San Mateo Co.) from mouth to the Stage Road bridge at Pescadero. Also see Section 8.00(c) Low-Flow Restrictions.	Dec. 1 through Mar. 7, but only on Sat., Sun., Wed., legal holidays and opening and closing days. Only barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(74) Pescadero Creek tributaries and main stem above the Stage Road bridge at Pescadero (Santa Clara and San Mateo cos.).	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(75) Pinole Creek (Contra Costa Co.) and tributaries.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(76) Redwood Creek and tidewaters (Marin Co.).	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(77) Redwood Creek (Humboldt Co.). Also see subsection 8.00(a) Low-Flow Restrictions.		
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(A) Redwood Creek main stem, within a radius of 200 yards of its mouth.	Jan. 1 through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(B) Redwood Creek main stem, from 200 yards above the mouth to the mouth of Prairie Creek.	Fourth Sat. in May through Mar. 31. Only barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(C) Redwood Creek main stem, from the mouth of Prairie Creek to the mouth of Bond Creek.	Fourth Sat. in May through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(D) Redwood Creek and tributaries, above the mouth of Bond Creek.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(78) Russian Gulch and tributaries (Sonoma Co.). Main stem below the confluence of the East Branch. Also see subsection 8.00(b) Low-Flow Restrictions.	Fourth Sat. in May through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used from the fourth Sat. in May through Oct. 31. Only barbless hooks may be used from Nov. 1 through Mar. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(79) Russian River and tributaries (Sonoma and Mendocino cos.). Also see subsection 8.00(b) Low-Flow Restrictions.		
(A) Russian River main stem below the confluence of the East Branch Russian River.	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used from Apr. 1 through Oct. 31 Only barbless hooks may be used from Nov. 1 through Mar. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(B) Russian River main stem above the confluence of the East Branch and all River tributaries. (See Laguna de Santa Rosa subsection (b)(52) and Santa Rosa Creek subsection (b)(98) for non-salmonids only.)	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(C) Russian River within 250 feet of the Healdsburg Memorial Dam.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(D) Russian River State Marine Recreational Management Area. See Title 14 Section 623(b)(37).	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(80) Sacramento River main stem below Keswick Dam (Butte, Colusa, Contra Costa, Glenn, Sacramento, Shasta, Solano, Sutter, Tehama and Yolo Cos.)		
(A) Sacramento River from Keswick Dam to 650 feet below Keswick Dam.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(B) Sacramento River from 650 feet below Keswick Dam to the Deschutes Road bridge.		
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1. Sacramento River from 650 feet below Keswick Dam to the Highway 44 bridge.	Jan. 1 through Mar. 31. Only barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession. <u>5 Brown Trout.</u> <u>10 Brown Trout in possession.</u>
	Closed to all fishing from Apr. 1 through Jul. 31.	
	Aug. 1 through Dec. 31. Only barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession. <u>5 Brown Trout.</u> <u>10 Brown Trout in possession.</u>
2. Sacramento River from the Highway 44 bridge to the Deschutes Road bridge.	All year. Only barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession. <u>5 Brown Trout.</u> <u>10 Brown Trout in possession.</u>
(C) Sacramento River from the Deschutes Road bridge to Woodson Bridge.	Jan. 1 through <u>Dec. 31.</u>	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession. <u>5 Brown Trout.</u> <u>10 Brown Trout in possession.</u>
	Aug. 1 through Oct. 31.	<u>2 Chinook Salmon.</u> <u>4 Chinook Salmon in possession.</u>
	Nov. 1 through Dec. 31.	<u>2 Chinook Salmon.</u> <u>4 Chinook Salmon in possession.</u>
(D) Sacramento River from Woodson Bridge to the Highway 113 bridge near Knights Landing.	Jan. 1 through <u>Dec. 31.</u>	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
	Jul. 16 through Dec. 16.	<u>2 Chinook Salmon.</u> <u>4 Chinook Salmon in possession.</u>
(E) Sacramento River from the Highway 113 bridge near Knights Landing to the Carquinez Bridge (includes Suisun Bay, Grizzly Bay and all tributary sloughs west of Highway 160).	Jan. 1 through <u>Dec. 31.</u>	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
	Jul. 16 through Dec. 16.	<u>2 Chinook Salmon.</u> <u>4 Chinook Salmon in possession.</u>

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Body of Water	Open Season and Special Restrictions	Daily Bag and Possession Limit
(81) Salinas River and tributaries (Monterey and San Luis Obispo cos.). Also see subsection 8.00(c) Low-Flow Restrictions.		
(A) The main stem Salinas River.	Dec. 1 through Mar. 7, but only on Sat., Sun., Wed., legal holidays and opening and closing days. Only barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(B) All Salinas River tributaries upstream of Arroyo Seco River confluence (including the San Antonio River below San Antonio Reservoir and Dam, Paso Robles Creek and tributaries, Atascadero Creek, and Santa Margarita Creek and tributaries but excluding the Nacimiento River). See subsection (b)(67).	Last Sat. in Apr. through Nov. 15. Only barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(82) Salmon Creek and tributaries (Sonoma Co.). Also see subsection 8.00(b) Low-Flow Restrictions.		
(A) Salmon Creek main stem below Highway 1.	Fourth Sat. in May through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used from the fourth Sat. in May through Oct. 31. Only barbless hooks may be used from Nov. 1 through Mar. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(B) Salmon Creek main stem above Highway 1 and all Salmon Creek tributaries.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(83) Salmon River (Siskiyou Co.).	See Klamath River subsection (b)(50).	
(84) San Benito River and tributaries (San Benito Co.).	Last Sat. in Apr. through Nov. 15.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(85) San Clemente Creek and tributaries (Monterey Co.) except for Trout Lake.	Last Sat. in Apr. through Nov. 15 Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(86) San Diego Creek (Orange Co.). Downstream of the MacArthur Blvd. bridge only.	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Nov. 30. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	Open to fishing for non-salmonids only. Closed to the take of trout, and steelhead.
(87) San Francisquito Creek and tributaries (Santa Clara and San Mateo cos.)	Closed to all fishing all year.	
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(88) San Gabriel River (Los Angeles and Orange cos.) Upstream of the Highway 22 bridge to the start of concrete-lined portion of the river channel.	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Nov. 30. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	Open to fishing for non-salmonids only. Closed to the take of trout and steelhead.
(89) San Gregorio Creek (San Mateo Co.) from the mouth to the Stage Road bridge at San Gregorio. Also see Section 8.00(c) Low-Flow Restrictions.	Dec. 1 through Mar. 7, but only on Sat., Sun., Wed., legal holidays and opening and closing days. Only barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(90) San Joaquin River (Fresno, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, and Stanislaus cos.).		
(A) From Friant Dam downstream to the Highway 140 bridge.	All year.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(B) From the Highway 140 bridge downstream to the Interstate Highway 5 bridge at Mossdale.	All year.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(91) San Juan Creek main stem (Orange Co.).		
Closed to all fishing all year.		
(92) San Lorenzo River (Santa Cruz Co.) from the mouth to the Lomond Street bridge in the town of Boulder Creek. Also see subsection 8.00(c) Low-Flow Restrictions.	Dec. 1 through Mar. 7, but only on Sat., Sun., Wed., legal holidays and opening and closing days. Only barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(93) San Luis Obispo Creek (San Luis Obispo Co.) from mouth to the first and most southwestern Highway 1/101 bridge.	Dec. 1 through Mar. 7, but only on Sat., Sun., Wed., legal holidays and opening and closing days. Only barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(94) San Luis Rey River (San Diego Co.).		
Closed to all fishing all year.		
(95) San Mateo Creek and tributaries downstream from the falls between the Tenaja Road crossing and Fisherman's Camp (San Diego and Riverside cos.).		
Closed to all fishing all year.		
(96) San Simeon Creek (San Luis Obispo Co.) from mouth to the pedestrian bridge in San Simeon Beach State Park.	Dec. 1 through Mar. 7, but only on Sat., Sun., Wed., legal holidays and opening and closing days. Only barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.

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(97) Santa Margarita River and tributaries downstream from the Interstate Highway 15 bridge (San Diego and Riverside cos.).	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(98) Santa Rosa Creek (Sonoma Co. tributary to Russian River) from Laguna de Santa Rosa to Highway 12 bridge.	Last Sat. in Apr. through Nov. 15.	Open to fishing for non-salmonids only. Closed to the take of trout, and steelhead.
(99) Santa Ynez River and tributaries downstream from Bradbury Dam (Santa Barbara Co.).	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(100) Scott Creek (Santa Cruz Co.) from mouth to confluence with Big Creek. Also see Section 8.00(c) Low-Flow Restrictions.	Dec. 1 through Mar. 7, but only Sat., Sun., Wed., legal holidays and opening and closing days. Only barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout.
(101) Scott River (Siskiyou Co.).	See Klamath River subsection (b)(50).	
(102) See Canyon Creek (San Luis Obispo Co.).	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(103) Shasta River (Siskiyou Co.).	See Klamath River subsection (b)(50).	
(104) Sisquoc River and tributaries (Santa Barbara Co.).	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(105) Smith River (Del Norte Co.) Yearly limits apply for entire river. Subsection 8.00(a) Low-Flow Restrictions also apply.		
(A) Main stem from the mouth to confluence of Middle and South forks. Also see subsection 8.00(a) Low-Flow Restrictions.	Fourth Sat. in May through Apr. 30. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used from the fourth Sat. in May through Aug. 31. Only barbless hooks may be used from Sep. 1 through Apr. 30.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession. 2 Cutthroat Trout, minimum size limit: 10 inches total length. 1 Chinook Salmon and no more than 5 wild Chinook Salmon ¹ over 22 inches per year.
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(B) Middle Fork Smith River		
1. From mouth to Patrick Creek. Also see subsection 8.00(a) Low-Flow Restrictions.	Fourth Sat. in May through Apr. 30. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used from the fourth Sat. in May through Aug. 31. Only barbless hooks may be used from Sep. 1 through Apr. 30.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession. 2 Cutthroat Trout, minimum size limit: 10 inches total length. 1 Chinook Salmon and no more than 5 wild Chinook Salmon ¹ over 22 inches per year.
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2. Above the mouth of Patrick Creek. Also see subsection 8.00(a) Low-Flow Restrictions.	Fourth Sat. in May through Oct. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 Cutthroat Trout, minimum size limit: 10 inches total length. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(C) South Fork Smith River		
1. From the mouth upstream approximately 1,000 feet to the County Road (George Tryon) bridge and Craigs Creek to Jones Creek. Also see subsection 8.00(a) Low-Flow Restrictions.	Fourth Sat. in May through Apr. 30. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used from the fourth Sat. in May through Aug. 31. Only barbless hooks may be used from Sep. 1 through Apr. 30.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession. 2 Cutthroat Trout, minimum size limit: 10 inches total length. 1 Chinook Salmon and no more than 5 wild Chinook Salmon ¹ over 22 inches per year.
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2. From the George Tryon bridge upstream to the mouth of Craigs Creek. Also see subsection 8.00(a) Low-Flow Restrictions.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
3. Above the mouth of Jones Creek. Also see subsection 8.00(a) Low-Flow Restrictions.	Fourth Sat. in May through Oct. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 Cutthroat Trout, minimum size limit: 10 inches total length. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
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(D) North Fork Smith River.		
1. From the mouth to Stony Creek. Also see subsection 8.00(a) Low-Flow Restrictions.	Fourth Sat. in May through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used from the fourth Sat. in May through Aug. 31. Only barbless hooks may be used from Sep. 1 through Mar. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession. 2 Cutthroat Trout, minimum size limit: 10 inches total length. 1 Chinook Salmon and no more than 5 wild Chinook Salmon ¹ over 22 inches per year.
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2. Above the mouth of Stony Creek.	Fourth Sat. in May through Oct. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 Cutthroat Trout, minimum size limit: 10 inches total length. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(106) Sonoma Creek and tributaries (Sonoma Co.). Sonoma Creek and tributaries between the Sonoma Creek seasonal waterfall in Sugarloaf Ridge State Park (located 0.2 miles upstream of the west end of the Canyon Trail) and the Highway 121 bridge. Note: Sonoma Creek below the Highway 121 bridge is tidewater, and is under regulations for the Ocean and San Francisco Bay District (see Sections 1.53 and 27.00).	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(107) Soquel Creek (Santa Cruz Co.) from mouth to confluence of East and West branch. Also see Section 8.00(c) Low-Flow Restrictions.	Dec. 1 through Mar. 7, but only on Sat., Sun., Wed., legal holidays and opening and closing days. Only barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(108) Stanislaus River		
(A) From Goodwin Dam down-stream to the Highway 120 bridge in Oakdale.	Jan. 1 through Oct. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
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(B) From the Highway 120 bridge in Oakdale to the mouth.	Jan. 1 through Oct. 31. Bait may be used from Jan. 1 through Oct. 31. However, from Apr. 1 through the Fri. preceding the fourth Sat. in May, bait may be used only with single hooks having a gap between 1/2 and 1 inch, or with multiple hooks having a gap between 1/4 and 1/2 inch.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(109) Stevens Creek (Santa Clara Co.) downstream of Stevens Reservoir.	Last Sat. in Apr. through Nov. 15. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(110) Stone Lagoon (Humboldt Co.).	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used. Cutthroat Trout minimum size limit: 14 inches.	2 Cutthroat Trout. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(111) Ten Mile River (Mendocino Co.). Also see subsection 8.00(b) Low-Flow Restrictions. Ten Mile River main stem below the confluence with the Ten Mile River North Fork, and the Ten Mile River North Fork below the confluence with Bald Hill Creek.	Fourth Sat. in May through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used from the fourth Sat. in May through Oct 31. Only barbless hooks may be used from Nov. 1 through May 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(112) Topanga Canyon Creek and tributaries (Los Angeles Co.).	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(113) Trabuco Creek (a.k.a. Arroyo Trabuco Creek) (Orange Co.). Downstream of the Interstate Highway 5 bridge to the confluence with San Juan Creek	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(114) Trinity River and tributaries downstream of Lewiston Dam.	See Klamath River subsection (b)(50).	
(115) Tuolumne River (Stanislaus and Tuolumne cos.).		
(A) From La Grange Dam downstream to Hickman Bridge.	Jan. 1 through Oct. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.

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(B) From Hickman Bridge to the mouth.	Jan. 1 through Oct. 31. Bait may be used from Jan. 1 through Oct. 31. However, from Apr. 1 through the Fri. preceding the fourth Sat. in May, bait may be used only with single hooks having a gap between 1/2 and 1 inch, or with multiple hooks having a gap between 1/4 and 1/2 inch.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(116) Usal Creek and tributaries (Mendocino Co.). Also see subsection 8.00(b) Low-Flow Restrictions. Usal Creek main stem below the Usal-Shelter Cove Road.	Fourth Sat. in May through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used from the fourth Sat. in May through Oct. 31. Only barbless hooks may be used from Nov. 1 through Mar. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(117) Uvas or Carnadero Creek (Santa Clara Co.) Also see subsection 8.00(c) Low-Flow Restrictions.		
(A) From Highway 152 bridge to Uvas Dam.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(B) From mouth to Highway 152 bridge.	Dec. 1 through Mar. 7, but only on Sat., Sun., Wed., legal holidays and opening and closing days. Only barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(118) Van Duzen River (Humboldt Co.).	See Eel River subsection (b)(40) and subsection 8.00(a) Low-Flow Restrictions.	
(119) Waddell Creek (Santa Cruz Co.) from mouth to Highway 1 bridge. Also see subsection 8.00(c) Low-Flow Restrictions.	Dec. 1 through Mar. 7, but only Sat., Sun., Wed., legal holidays and opening and closing days. Only barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
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Body of Water	Open Season and Special Restrictions	Daily Bag and Possession Limit
(120) Walker Creek and tributaries (Marin Co.) Also see subsection 8.00(b) Low-Flow Restrictions.		
(A) Walker Creek main stem below Highway 1.	Fourth Sat. in May through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used from the fourth Sat. in May through Oct. 31. Only barbless hooks may be used from Nov. 1 through Mar. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(B) Walker Creek main stem above Highway 1 and all Walker Creek tributaries.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(121) Walnut Creek (Contra Costa Co.).		
(A) Upstream of the confluence with Grayson Creek.	Fourth Sat. in May through Mar. 31. Only artificial lure with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(B) Downstream of the confluence with Grayson Creek.	All year.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(122) Wildcat Creek and tributaries (Contra Costa Co.).		
(123) Yuba River (Yuba and Nevada cos.) from mouth to Englebright Dam.		
(A) From mouth to the Highway 20 bridge.	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
(B) From Highway 20 bridge to Englebright Dam.	Dec. 1 through Aug. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead*. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession.
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ALPHABETICAL LIST OF TROUT WATERS WITH SPECIAL FISHING REGULATIONS (§7.50)

Alphabetical List of Trout Waters with Special Fishing Regulations (T14 CCR §7.50)

(a) General Provisions:

- (1) Every body of water listed in subsection (b) is closed to all fishing except during the open season as shown. Unless otherwise provided, waters shown as open to trout fishing in subsection (b) are open to fishing for other species. Gear restrictions listed in this section apply to the take of all species of fish unless otherwise noted.
- (2) Unless otherwise provided, waters closed to trout fishing are closed to fishing for all other species, except that these closures do not apply to fishing for amphibians (see Section 5.05), freshwater clams (see Section 5.20), crayfish (see Section 5.35), and lamprey (see Section 5.40), using legal fishing methods other than hook- and-line fishing, and saltwater clams, crabs, ghost shrimp, and blue mud shrimp (see Ocean Regulations Booklet sections 29.20 to 29.87). Crabs may only be taken using hoop nets or by hand, and Dungeness crab may only be taken within the North Coast District and Sonoma and Mendocino counties.
- (3) Daily bag and possession limits, unless otherwise noted, mean the total number of trout.
- (4) Unless otherwise provided, it is unlawful to possess more than one daily bag limit.
- (5) These waters may also be subject to restrictions on fishing methods and gear (Sections 2.00 through 2.40), fishing hours (Section 3.00), and the use of bait (Sections 4.00 through 4.30).

(b) Alphabetical List of Trout Waters with Special Fishing Regulations

Body of Water	Open Season and Special Restrictions	Daily Bag and Possession Limit
(1) Alambique Creek (San Mateo Co.).	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(2) Alameda Creek and tributaries (Alameda and Santa Clara cos.).		
(A) Alameda Creek mainstem and all tributaries downstream of San Antonio, Calaveras, and Del Valle Reservoirs except for Arroyo Del Valle between Bernal Ave. and the Thiessen St. intersection with Vineyard Ave.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
1. Arroyo Del Valle between Bernal Ave. and the Thiessen St. intersection with Vineyard Ave.	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(B) Alameda Creek tributaries upstream of San Antonio, Calaveras, and Del Valle reservoirs.	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(C) San Antonio and Calaveras reservoirs.	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(3) Almanor Lake tributaries (Lassen, Plumas and Shasta cos.) upstream to the first lake.	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30.	5 trout
(4) American River, North Fork, Middle Fork, South Fork and their tributaries above Folsom Lake (Placer, El Dorado, Amador, and Alpine cos.), except Caples Creek (See Section 7.50(b)(24)).	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30.	5 trout
	Oct. 1 through the Fri. preceding Memorial Day. Only artificial lures with barbless hook may be used.	0 trout
(5) Antelope Lake tributaries (Plumas Co.).	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30.	5 trout
(6) Arroyo Seco River (Monterey Co.). Also see Section 8.00(c) Low-Flow Restrictions. The main stem Arroyo Seco and tributaries above the waterfall located approximately 3.5 miles upstream from the U.S. Forest Service Ranger Station.	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30.	5 trout
<i>Note: See also 7.40(b)(9) below waterfall.</i>		

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(7) Repealed.		
(8) Bear Creek (San Bernardino Co.) from Big Bear Dam to confluence of Santa Ana River.	All year. Only artificial lures may be used.	2 trout
(9) Bear River and tributaries (Placer Co.). From Highway 20 south (downstream) 2.5 miles to the abandoned concrete dam (the Boardman Diversion Dam). <i>Note: See also 7.40(b)(13) from Hwy 65.</i>	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through the last day in Feb.	5 trout
(10) Berryessa Lake tributaries (Lake and Napa cos.).	Last Sat. in Apr. through Sep. 30.	2 trout. 4 trout in possession.
(11) Big Sur River (Monterey Co.). Big Sur River and tributaries above the upstream end of the gorge pool at the boundary of Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park within the Ventana Wilderness Area. <i>Note: See also 7.40(b)(17) within Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park</i>	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(12) Big Tree Creek (Calaveras Co.) Within Calaveras Big Trees State Park (upstream of the Highway 4 culvert crossing).	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(13) Big Trees Creek (Tuolumne Co.) upstream from the confluence of Beaver Creek.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(14) Boggy Creek (Fresno Co.) and tributaries (tributary to Thomas Edison Lake).	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30	5 trout
(15) Boulder Creek (San Diego Co.) upstream of El Capitan Reservoir, and all of its tributaries.	All year. Only artificial lures may be used.	2 trout
(16) Bridgeport Reservoir and tributaries (Mono Co.). except Swauger Creek from Bridgeport Reservoir upstream to Highway 395, and Swauger Creek from Bridgeport Reservoir upstream to the private property fence line above the Forest Service campground.	Last Sat. in Apr. through Nov. 15.	5 trout
(17) Bucks Lake tributaries (Plumas Co.).	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30.	5 trout
(18) Burney Creek (Shasta Co.). From Burney Creek Falls downstream to Lake Britton.	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(19) Butano Creek (San Mateo Co.). Above Butano Falls. <i>Note: See also 7.40(b)(22) from mouth to county bridge.</i>	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(20) Butt Creek and Butt Valley Reservoir Powerhouse Outfall (Plumas Co.).		
(A) Butt Creek.	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30.	5 trout
(B) Butt Valley Reservoir powerhouse outfall, from the powerhouse, downstream to a marker adjacent to Ponderosa Flat Campground.	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through the last day in Feb.	2 trout. 4 trout in possession.

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(21) Butt Valley Reservoir (Plumas Co.).	All year.	2 trout. 4 trout in possession.
(22) By-Day Creek and tributaries (Mono Co.).	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(23) Cache Creek and tributaries (Lake Co.).	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30.	5 trout
(24) Caples Creek from the confluence with the Silver Fork American River upstream to Caples Lake Dam (El Dorado and Alpine cos.)	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(25) Carson River, East Fork and tributaries (Alpine Co.).		
(A) Carson River, East Fork and tributaries above Carson Falls.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(B) Carson River, East Fork from Hangman's Bridge downstream to Nevada State Line.	All year. Only artificial lures may be used. Minimum size limit: 14 inches total length.	2 trout
(26) Cedar Creek and tributaries upstream from Moon Lake access road (Lassen Co.).	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through the last day in Feb. Only artificial lures may be used.	2 trout
(27) Clear Lake tributaries (Lake Co.).	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(28) Cold Creek (Fresno Co.) and tributaries (tributary to Thomas Edison Lake).	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30.	5 trout
(29) Convict Creek (Mono Co.).		
(A) Convict Creek, including side channels and meanders, in the U.C. study area as posted. This area begins about 1/2 mile above the Highway 395 bridge and extends upstream about 1/2 mile.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(B) Convict Creek downstream of the U.C. study area.	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30.	5 trout
<i>Note: Convict Creek upstream of the U.C. study area.</i>	<i>Covered under Statewide regulation subsection 5.85(a)(2).</i>	
(30) Convict Lake (Mono Co.).	Last Sat. in Apr. through Nov. 15.	5 trout
(31) Corral Valley Creek and tributaries (Alpine Co.).	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(32) Cottonwood Creek and all tributaries upstream from the confluence of the main stem Cottonwood Creek and Little Cottonwood Creek, including the unnamed tributaries flowing through Horseshoe Meadow (Inyo Co.).	All year. Only artificial lures may be used.	2 trout
(33) Cottonwood Creek drainage lakes (Inyo Co.).		
(A) Cottonwood Lakes 1, 2, 3 and 4 and their tributaries (Inyo Co.).	Sep. 1 through Nov. 30. Only artificial lures may be used. Minimum size limit: 14 inches total length.	2 trout
(B) All remaining Cottonwood Creek drainage lakes.	All year. Only artificial lures may be used.	2 trout
(34) Cottonwood Creek, North Fork and tributaries (White Mountains, Mono Co.).	Closed to all fishing all year.	

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(35) Cow Creek and tributaries upstream from Forest Service Road 9S10 (Fresno Co.).	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(36) Coyote Valley Creek and tributaries (Alpine Co.).	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(37) Crooked Creek (Mono Co.).		
(A) Crooked Creek below the City of Los Angeles gauging station.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(B) Crooked Creek and tributaries above the City of Los Angeles gauging station.	All year. Only artificial flies with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(38) Crowley Lake (Mono Co.). (See individual listings for regulations on tributary waters which include: Convict, Crooked, Hilton, Hot, McGee, and Whiskey creeks and the upper Owens River).		
(A) Crowley Lake within 1,800 feet of the outlet dam (this area is marked with a series of buoys).	Closed to all fishing all year for safety purposes.	
(B) Crowley Lake, except for the closed area near the outlet dam (see above).	Last Sat. in Apr. through Jul. 31.	5 trout
	Aug. 1 through Nov. 15. Only artificial lures may be used. Minimum size limit: 18 inches total length.	2 trout
(39) Davis Creek (Goose Lake tributary) and tributaries (Modoc Co.).	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through the last day in Feb.	5 trout
(40) Davis Lake tributaries (Plumas Co.).	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through the last day in Feb.	5 trout
(41) Deadman Creek (Mono Co.).		
(A) Deadman Creek downstream from Highway 395. See Owens River subsection 7.50(b)(104).	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
<i>Note: Deadman Creek upstream from Highway 395.</i>	<i>Covered under Statewide regulation subsection 5.85(a)(2)</i>	
(42) Deep Creek (San Bernardino Co.) from below Green Valley Lake Dam to the confluence of Willow Creek.	All year. Only artificial lures may be used.	2 trout
(43) Dismal Creek (Modoc Co.).	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through the last day in Feb. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(44) Eagle Lake and tributaries (Lassen Co.).		
(A) Eagle Lake.	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through the last day in Feb.	2 trout per day. 4 trout in possession.
(B) Eagle Lake inside the break-water at the Gallatin Marina and Pine Creek Slough and Pine Creek below State Highway 44.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(C) Eagle Lake tributaries, including Pine Creek above State Highway 44.	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through the last day in Feb.	5 trout

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(45) Eel River (Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino and Trinity cos.). <i>Note: See also 7.40(b)(40) for anadromous segments.</i>		
(A) Eel River above Lake Pillsbury and tributaries to Lake Pillsbury (Lake Co.).	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through the last day in Feb. Only artificial lures may be used.	2 trout
(B) Van Duzen River. Main Stem and tributaries upstream of Eaton Falls, located about 1/2 mile upstream of the mouth of the South Fork (Little Van Duzen) and 2 1/2 miles downstream of Dinsmore (Humboldt and Trinity cos.).	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30. Only artificial lures may be used.	2 trout
(C) Eel River Middle Fork.		
1. Eel River Middle Fork tributaries (Hammerhorn Creek, Rattlesnake Creek, Beaver Creek, Fly Creek, and Bar Creek) upstream of USFS M1 Road crossing (Mendocino and Trinity cos.).	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through the last day in Feb. Only artificial lures may be used.	2 trout
2. Eel River Middle Fork and tributaries upstream of mouth of Uhl Creek (Trinity Co.)	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through the last day in Feb. Only artificial lures may be used.	2 trout
3. Balm of Gilead Creek upstream of falls located 1.2 miles from mouth and one mile downstream of Wright's Valley Trail crossing (Trinity Co.).	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through the last day in Feb. Only artificial lures may be used.	2 trout
4. Eel River North Fork of the Middle Fork upstream of mouth of Willow Creek (Trinity Co.).	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through the last day in Feb. Only artificial lures may be used.	2 trout
(46) El Estero Lake (Monterey Co.) portions of the lake south of the Pearl Street bridge known as Camino Aquajito Arm and Camino El Estero finger.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(47) Fall River Complex (Shasta and Siskiyou cos.).		
(A) Fall River (from the confluence with Pit River upstream to origin at Thousand Springs). (B) Lava Creek (C) Little Tule River (D) Tule River (E) Horr Pond (F) Ja She Creek (G) Big Lake (H) Bear Creek (downstream of Pondosa Way bridge) (I) Spring Creek (J) Ahjumawi Lava Springs (K) Eastman Lake (L) Fall River Pond (M) Fall River Lake	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(48) Feather River North Fork from Belden Bridge downstream to Cresta Powerhouse (excluding reservoirs) (Butte and Plumas cos.).	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through the last day in Feb. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout

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(49) Fish Slough (Mono Co.).		
(A) The portions of Fish Slough which lie within the BLM Springs.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(B) All other portions of Fish Slough. Also, see Section 5.00(b)(16) for black bass regulations.	All year	5 trout
(50) George Lake (Lake George, Mono Co.)	Last Sat. in Apr. through Nov. 15.	5 trout
(51) Golden Trout Wilderness Area (Tulare Co.), excluding the main stem Kern River (see subsection 7.50(b)(69), and the Tule River drainage (See subsection 7.50(b)(154)).	All year. Only artificial lures may be used.	2 trout
(52) Goose Lake and tributaries (Modoc Co.), excluding Davis Creek (See subsection 7.50(b)(39), and Pine Creek (See subsection 7.50(b)(106)).	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through the last day in Feb. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(53) Grant Lake (Mono Co.).	Last Sat. in Apr. through Nov. 15.	5 trout
(54) Gull Lake (Mono Co.).	Last Sat. in Apr. through Nov. 15.	5 trout
(55) Hat Creek (Shasta Co.) from Lake Britton upstream to Baum Lake, exclusive of the concrete Hat No. 2 intake canal between Baum Lake and the Hat No. 2 Powerhouse.	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(56) Heenan Lake and tributaries (Alpine Co.).		
(A) Heenan Lake.	Sep. 1 through Nov. 30. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used. Fishing hours are from sunrise to sunset. Night fishing is prohibited.	0 trout
(B) Heenan Lake tributaries.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(57) Hennessey Lake tributaries (Napa Co.).	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30.	2 trout. 4 trout in possession.
(58) Hilton Creek (Mono Co.). Hilton Creek downstream from Crowley Lake Drive.	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30.	5 trout
(59) Hobart Creek (Tuolumne Co.), tributary to Spicer Meadows Reservoir.	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30. Only artificial lures may be used.	2 trout
(60) Horseshoe Lake (Mono Co.).	Last Sat. in Apr. through Nov. 15.	5 trout
(61) Hot Creek (Mono Co.). Hot Creek from the State hatchery property line to the confluence with the Owens River.	All year. Only artificial flies with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(62) Illinois River and tributaries (Del Norte Co.).	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(63) Independence Lake and tributaries (Nevada and Sierra cos.).	NOTE: ALL LAHONTAN CUTTHROAT TROUT TAKEN SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY RETURNED TO THE WATER.	
(A) Independence Lake tributaries and Independence Lake within 300 feet of the mouths of all tributaries.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(B) Independence Lake except Independence Lake within 300 feet of the mouths of all tributaries.	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout

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(64) Indian Tom Lake (Siskiyou Co.).	All year.	2 trout. 4 trout in possession.
(65) Isabella Lake (Lake Isabella, Kern Co.)	All year.	5 trout
(66) Junction Lake and tributaries (Mono Co.) including the lake's outlet stream to Highway 108.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(67) June Lake (Mono Co.).	Last Sat. in Apr. through Nov. 15.	5 trout
(68) Kent Lake tributaries (Marin Co.).	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30.	2 trout. 4 trout in possession.
(69) Kern River (Kern and Tulare cos.).		
(A) From Lake Isabella upstream to the Johnsondale bridge.	All year.	5 trout
(B) From Johnsondale bridge upstream to the Sequoia National Park boundary near the Kern Canyon Ranger Station.	All year. Only artificial lures may be used.	2 trout
(C) Downstream of Lake Isabella.	All year.	5 trout
(70) Kings River (Fresno Co.).		
(A) Kings River, South Fork from its confluence with Copper Creek downstream to the Highway 180 crossing at Boyden Cave.	All year.	2 trout. 4 trout in possession.
(B) Kings River South Fork, from the Highway 180 crossing at Boyden Cave downstream to the main stem; Middle Fork, from the western boundary of Kings Canyon National Park downstream to the main stem; and main stem, from the confluence of the South and Middle forks downstream to Garnet Dike Campground.	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(C) Kings River, from Garnet Dike Campground downstream to Pine Flat Lake.	All year.	2 trout. 4 trout in possession.
(D) Kings River from Pine Flat Dam downstream to U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Bridge on Pine Flat Road.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(E)1. Kings River from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Bridge on Pine Flat Road downstream to Cobbles (Alta) Weir.	All year.	5 trout
(E)2. Kings River Thorburn Spawning Channel, the 2,200 foot long channel located 5 miles downstream from Pine Flat Dam, and the reach of river within a 200-foot radius of the channel exit.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(F) Kings River from Cobbles (Alta) Weir downstream to the Highway 180 crossing.	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(G) Kings River from the Highway 180 crossing downstream.	All year.	5 trout

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(71) Kirman (Carmen) Lake and all its tributaries (Mono Co.).	Last Sat. in Apr. through Nov 15. Only artificial lures may be used. Minimum size limit: 18 inches total length.	2 trout
(72) Kitchen Creek (San Diego Co.) upstream of Lake Morena, and all its tributaries.	All year. Only artificial lures may be used.	2 trout
(73) Non-anadromous tributaries of the Klamath River above Lakeview Road bridge.	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30.	5 trout
	Oct. 1 through the Fri. preceding Memorial Day. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(74) Klopp Lake (Humboldt Co.).	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 trout
(75) Lagunitas Lake (Marin Co.).	All year. Only artificial lures may be used.	2 trout
(76) Lane Lake (Mono Co.).	All year. Only artificial lures may be used.	2 trout
(77) Laurel Lakes and tributaries (Mono Co.).	All year. Only artificial lures may be used. Minimum size limit: 14 inches total length.	2 trout
(78) Lee Vining Creek from the Lee Vining conduit downstream to Mono Lake (Mono Co.).	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30.	2 trout. 4 trout in possession.
	Oct. 1 through the Fri. preceding Memorial Day. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(79) Little Butano Creek above the diversion dam at Butano State Park (San Mateo Co.).	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(80) Little Truckee River (Sierra and Nevada cos.) from Stampede Reservoir Dam downstream to Boca Reservoir.	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(81) Los Gatos Creek (Santa Clara Co.) upstream of Vasona Lake dam including Lexington Reservoir and all tributaries.	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(82) Lundy Lake (Mono Co.).	Last Sat. in Apr. through Nov. 15.	5 trout
(83) Lytle Creek and tributaries upstream of Interstate 15 bridge (San Bernardino Co.).	All year.	5 trout
(84) Macklin Creek (Nevada Co.), arising near Milton-Bowman Tunnel alignment, flowing northwesterly and having its junction with the Middle Fork Yuba River about 2-1/4 miles downstream from Milton Reservoir.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(85) Mamie Lake (Lake Mamie, Mono Co.).	Last Sat. in Apr. through Nov. 15.	5 trout
(86) Mammoth Pool (Fresno and Madera cos.).	All year	5 trout
(87) Martis Creek from the Martis Lake dam downstream to the confluence with the Truckee River (Nevada Co.)	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout

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(88) Martis Lake tributaries (Nevada and Placer cos.).	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(89) Mary Lake (Lake Mary, Mono Co.).	Last Sat. in Apr. through Nov. 15.	5 trout
(90) McCloud River and tributaries (Shasta and Siskiyou cos.).		
(A) Moosehead Creek and all tributaries.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(B) Edson Creek.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(C) Swamp Creek and all tributaries.	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through the last day in Feb. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(D) Sheepheaven Creek.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(E) Bull Creek and tributaries.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(F) Dry Creek south of upper McCloud River.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(G) McCloud River from McCloud Dam downstream to confluence of Ladybug Creek.	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30. Only artificial lures may be used.	2 trout
	Oct. 1 through the Fri. preceding Memorial Day. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(H) McCloud River from confluence of Ladybug Creek downstream to Shasta Lake.	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(91) McGee Creek (Mono Co.). McGee Creek downstream from Highway 395.	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30.	5 trout
(92) McLeod Lake (Mono Co.).	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(93) Meiss Lake (Alpine Co.).	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(94) Milk Ranch Creek and tributaries (Alpine Co.) above the confluence with the North Fork Mokelumne River.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(95) Mill Creek (Mono Co. tributary to West Walker River) and tributaries upstream from confluence with Lost Cannon Creek.	All year. Only artificial flies with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(96) Miller Canyon Creek from Silverwood Lake upstream (San Bernardino Co.)	All year.	5 trout
(97) Milton Lake and Middle Fork Yuba River between Milton Lake and Jackson Meadows Dam (Nevada and Sierra cos.).	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(98) Mitchell Creek and tributaries (Contra Costa Co.).	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(99) Mono Creek (Fresno Co.) and tributaries from Edison Lake upstream to the confluence with the North Fork Mono Creek.	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30.	5 trout

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(100) Murray Canyon Creek and tributaries (Alpine Co.) upstream from the falls located about 1/4 mile above the confluence with the East Fork Carson River.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(101) Nelson Corral Reservoir and tributary (Lassen Co.).		
(A) Nelson Corral Reservoir.	All year.	2 trout. 4 trout in possession.
(B) Nelson Corral Reservoir tributary (the unnamed tributary entering the reservoir at the north end).	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(102) Newlands Lake tributaries (Lassen Co.).	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(103) Nicasio Lake tributaries (Marin Co.).	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30.	2 trout. 4 trout in possession.
(104) Owens River (Inyo and Mono cos.), except (A), (B), (C), and (D) below.	All year.	5 trout
(A) Upper Owens River from Benton Bridge road crossing upstream to Big Springs. Above Big Springs, see Deadman Creek (subsection 7.50(b)(41)).	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(B) Upper Owens River from Benton Bridge road crossing to Crowley Lake.	Last Sat. in Apr. through Jul. 31.	5 trout
	Aug. 1 through Nov. 15. Only artificial lures may be used. Minimum size limit: 18 inches total length.	2 trout
(C) From Pleasant Valley Dam downstream to footbridge at lower end of Pleasant Valley Campground.	Last Sat. in Apr. through Nov. 15.	2 trout. 4 trout in possession.
	Nov. 16 through the Fri. preceding the last Sat. in Apr. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(D) From footbridge at lower end of Pleasant Valley Campground east (downstream) to 5 Bridges Road.	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(105) Parker Creek (Mono Co.) from Parker Lake to the confluence with Rush Creek.	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(106) Parker Lake (Mono Co.).	All year. Only artificial lures may be used. 14-inch minimum size limit.	2 trout
(107) Pine Creek (Goose Lake Tributary) and tributaries (Modoc Co.).	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through the last day in Feb.	5 trout
(108) Pine Valley Creek (San Diego Co.) upstream of Barrett Lake and all its tributaries.	All year. Only artificial lures may be used.	2 trout
(109) Piru Creek (Los Angeles and Ventura cos.).		
(A) Piru Creek and tributaries upstream of Pyramid Lake.	All year. Only artificial lures may be used.	2 trout
(B) From Pyramid Dam downstream to the bridge approximately 300 yards below Pyramid Lake.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(C) From the bridge approximately 300 yards below Pyramid Lake downstream to the falls about 1/2 mile above the old Highway 99 bridge.	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout

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(110) Pit River (Shasta and Modoc cos.).		
(A) Pit River, South Fork (Modoc Co.) and tributaries upstream of the Highway 395 bridge in Likely.	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through the last day in Feb.	5 trout
(B) Pit River, North Fork (Modoc Co.) and tributaries from the confluence with the South Fork upstream to and including Franklin Creek.	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through the last day in Feb. Only artificial lures may be used.	2 trout
(C) From Pit No. 3 (Britton Dam) downstream to the outlet of the Pit No. 3 Powerhouse.	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(D) Pit River, from Pit No. 3 Powerhouse downstream to Shasta Lake.	All year.	2 trout. 4 trout in possession.
(111) Pole Creek and tributaries (Placer Co.).		
Closed to all fishing all year.		
(112) Portuguese Creek, West Fork (Madera Co.) from headwaters downstream to confluence with the East Fork Portuguese Creek.	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through the last day in Feb. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(113) Prosser Creek from the Prosser Reservoir dam downstream to the confluence with the Truckee River (Nevada Co.).	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(114) Purisima Creek (San Mateo Co.).	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(115) Putah Creek (Solano and Yolo cos.) from Solano Lake to Monticello Dam.	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(116) Redwood Creek and tributaries (Alameda Co.).		
Closed to all fishing all year.		
(117) Redwood Creek (Humboldt Co.) and tributaries above the mouth of Bond Creek.		
Closed to all fishing all year.		
(118) Robinson Creek (Mono Co.).		
(A) From the U.S. Forest Service boundary downstream to Upper Twin Lake.	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30.	5 trout
(B) Between Upper and Lower Twin Lakes.	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30.	5 trout
(119) Rock Creek Diversion Channel (Mono Co.) from its source below Tom's Place to its confluence with Crooked Creek.		
Closed to all fishing all year.		
(120) Rock Creek Lake (Inyo Co.).	Last Sat. in Apr. through Nov. 15.	5 trout
(121) Rock Creek in the Hat Creek Drainage (Shasta Co.) from Rock Creek spring (origin) downstream to Baum Lake.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(122) Rock Creek (Shasta Co.) from its confluence with Pit River to Rock Creek Falls (about one mile upstream).	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(123) Roosevelt Lake (Mono Co.).	All year. Only artificial lures may be used.	2 trout

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(124) Rush Creek (Mono Co.).		
(A) Rush Creek from Grant Lake Dam downstream to Mono Lake.	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(B) Rush Creek (Mono Co.) between Silver Lake and Grant Lake	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30.	5 trout
(125) Sabrina Lake (Lake Sabrina, Inyo Co.).	Last Sat. in Apr. through Nov. 15.	5 trout
(126) Sacramento River and tributaries above Keswick Dam (Shasta and Siskiyou cos.).		
(A) Sacramento River and tributaries from Box Canyon Dam downstream to the Scarlett Way bridge in Dunsmuir.	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(B) Sacramento River and tributaries from Scarlett Way bridge downstream to the county bridge at Sweetbriar.	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30.	5 trout
	Oct. 1 through the Fri. preceding Memorial Day. Only artificial lures may be used.	2 trout
(C) Sacramento River and tributaries from the county bridge at Sweetbriar downstream to Shasta Lake.	All year. Only artificial lures may be used.	2 trout
(127) Sagehen Creek (Nevada Co.).		
(A) From the stream gauging station (located about 1/8 mile below Sagehen Creek Station Headquarters) upstream to about 1/8 of a mile above the station headquarters at a point where the stream splits into two sections.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(B) From the Highway 89 bridge upstream to the gauging station at the east boundary of Sagehen Creek Station.	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(128) Salmon Creek and tributaries above Highway 1 (Monterey Co.).	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(129) San Gabriel River, West fork and tributaries (Los Angeles Co.).		
(A) Upstream of Cogswell Dam (including Cogswell reservoir and its tributaries).	All year. Only artificial lures may be used.	2 trout
(B) From Cogswell Dam downstream to the second bridge upstream from the Highway 39 bridge.	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(130) San Luis Rey River West Fork (San Diego Co.).	All year. Only artificial lures may be used.	2 trout
(131) Santa Ana River and tributaries upstream above Seven Oaks Dam. (San Bernardino Co.). See subsection (b)(8), Bear Creek (San Bernardino Co.) for additional info.	All year.	5 trout
(132) Santa Ynez River and tributaries upstream of Gibraltar Dam (Santa Barbara Co.)	All year.	2 trout. 4 trout in possession.
(133) Sausal Creek and tributaries (Alameda Co.).	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(134) Sespe Creek and tributaries above Alder Creek confluence (Ventura Co.).	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout

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(135) Silver Creek (Mono Co.) tributary to West Walker River, and tributaries upstream from Silver Falls.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(136) Silver Creek and all other tributaries to Swonger Lake (Modoc and Lassen cos.).	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through the last day in Feb. Only artificial lures may be used.	2 trout
(137) Silver King Creek and tributaries (Alpine Co.) upstream of the confluence with Snodgrass Creek.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(138) Silver Lake (Mono Co.).	Last Sat. in Apr. through Nov. 15.	5 trout
(139) Slinkard Creek and tributaries (Mono Co.) upstream from a department of Fish and Wildlife rock gabion barrier (38.606976°N, 119.567687°W). The barrier is located approximately 5-6 miles upstream from the Hwy 89 and Hwy 395 junction.	All year. Only artificial flies with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(140) Solano Lake (Solano Co.).	All year. Only artificial lures and barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(141) Sonoma Creek and tributaries (Sonoma Co.). above the Sonoma Creek seasonal waterfall in Sugarloaf Ridge State Park (located 0.2 miles upstream of the west end of the Canyon Trail).	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(142) Sonoma Lake (Sonoma Co.).	All year.	2 trout. 4 trout in possession.
(143) Sonoma Lake tributaries (Sonoma Co.).	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30. Only artificial lures may be used.	2 trout
(144) Soulaajule Reservoir tributaries (Marin Co.).	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30.	2 trout. 4 trout in possession.
(145) South Lake (Inyo Co.).	Last Sat. in Apr. through Nov. 15.	5 trout
(146) Yét Atwam Creek (Previously known as Sq. Valley Creek) and tributaries (Shasta Co.)	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(147) Stanislaus River, Middle Fork (Tuolumne Co.).		
(A) From Beardsley Dam downstream to the U. S. Forest Service footbridge at Spring Gap (including the Beardsley Afterbay).	All year. Only artificial lures may be used.	2 trout
(B) From the U.S. Forest Service footbridge at Spring Gap to New Melones Reservoir.	All year.	2 trout. 4 trout in possession.
(148) Stevens Creek and all tributaries upstream of Stevens Creek Reservoir (Santa Clara Co.).	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(149) Stony Creek, and tributaries (including the North, South, and Middle forks) from the headwaters downstream to the diversion dam west of Stonyford in the center of Section 35, T18N, R7W (Colusa, Glenn and Lake cos.)	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(150) Susan River (Lassen County).	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through the last day in Feb.	5 trout
(151) Sweetwater River and tributaries upstream of the Sweetwater Reservoir (San Diego Co.).	All year. Only artificial lures may be used.	2 trout

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ALPHABETICAL LIST OF TROUT WATERS WITH SPECIAL FISHING REGULATIONS (\$7.50)

Body of Water	Open Season and Special Restrictions	Daily Bag and Possession Limit
(152) Tahoe Lake and tributaries (Placer and El Dorado cos.).		
(A) Tahoe Lake tributaries upstream to the first lake.	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(B) Tahoe Lake within 300 feet of the mouth of its tributaries.	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(153) Trinity River, above Trinity Lake (Trinity Co.) from the confluence with Tangle Blue Creek (Hwy. 3), downstream (south) to the mouth of Trinity Lake, approximately 13.8 miles.	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30.	5 trout
	Oct. 1 through the Fri. preceding Memorial Day. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(154) Truckee River (Nevada, Placer, and Sierra cos.)		
(A) Truckee River for 1,000 feet below the Lake Tahoe outlet dam.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(B) Truckee River from the confluence of Trout Creek downstream to the mouth of Prosser Creek.	All year. Only artificial flies with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(C) Truckee River from the mouth of Prosser Creek downstream to the Nevada State Line.	Last Saturday in Apr. through Nov. 15. Only artificial lures may be used.	2 trout
	Nov. 16 through the Friday preceding the last Saturday in Apr. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(155) Tule River and tributaries (Tulare Co.). Tule River, North Fork (Tulare Co.), only in the North Fork Tule River and all its forks and tributaries above the confluence with Pine Creek (about 50 yards upstream from the Blue Ridge Road bridge, about 12 ¼ miles north of Springville).	All year. Only artificial lures may be used.	2 trout
(156) Tuolumne River (Stanislaus and Tuolumne cos.). from O'Shaughnessy Dam (Hetch Hetchy Reservoir) downstream to Clavey River Falls.	All year. Only artificial lures may be used.	2 trout
(157) Twelvemile Creek (Modoc Co.).	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through the last day in Feb. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(158) Twin Lakes (Mammoth, Mono Co.).	Last Sat. in Apr through Nov.15.	5 trout
(159) Twin Lakes, Upper and Lower (Bridgeport, Mono Co.).	Last Sat. in Apr. through Nov. 15.	5 trout
(160) Upper Otay Lake (San Diego Co.).	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(161) Upper Truckee River and tributaries upstream from confluence with Showers Creek (Alpine and El Dorado cos.).	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(162) Virginia Lakes, Upper and Lower (Mono Co.).	Last Sat. in Apr. through Nov. 15	5 trout

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Body of Water	Open Season and Special Restrictions	Daily Bag and Possession Limit
(163) Walker Creek (Mono Co.) from the private property line (fence) to the confluence with Rush Creek.	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(164) Walker River, East Fork (Mono Co.) from Bridgeport Dam to Nevada State Line.	Last Sat. in Apr. through Nov. 15. Only artificial lures may be used. Minimum size limit: 18 inches total length. NOTE: BOW AND ARROW FISHING FOR CARP ONLY IS PERMITTED	2 trout
(165) Whiskey Creek (Mono Co.) downstream from Crowley Lake Drive (old Highway 395).	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through Sep. 30	5 trout
(166) Willow Creek (Alpine Co.) upstream from the confluence with the West Fork Carson River to the main tributary of Willow Creek.	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(167) Wolf Creek and tributaries (tributary to West Walker River) (Mono Co.).	All year. Only artificial flies with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(168) Wolf Creek Lake (at the headwaters of Wolf Creek, tributary to the West Walker River) (Mono Co.).	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(169) Yellow Creek (Plumas Co.) from Big Springs downstream to the marker at the lower end of Humbug Meadow.	Sat. preceding Memorial Day through the last day in Feb. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(170) Yuba River, Middle Fork (Nevada and Sierra cos.) from Jackson Meadows Dam downstream to Milton Lake.	See Milton Lake 7.50(b)(97).	
(171) Yuba River, North Fork (Sierra and Yuba cos.) from the western boundary of Sierra City to the confluence with Ladies Canyon Creek.	All year. Only artificial lures may be used.	2 trout

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LOW-FLOW RESTRICTIONS

Low-Flow Restrictions (T14 CCR §8.00)

(a) Eel River, Mad River, Mattole River, Redwood Creek, Smith River and Van Duzen River.

Stream closures: Special Low Flow Conditions.

(1) September 1 through April 30:

(A) any of the stream reaches listed in subsections (2) through (8) below shall be closed to all angling on Tuesday and Wednesday when the department determines that the flow on the previous Monday at any of the designated gauging stations is less than the minimum flows set forth in subsections (2) through (8);

(B) Any of the stream reaches listed in subsections (2) through (8) below shall be closed to all angling on Thursday and Friday when the department determines that the flow on the previous Wednesday at any of the designated gauging stations is less than the minimum flows set forth in subsections (2) through (8);

(C) Any of the stream reaches listed in subsections (2) through (8) below shall be closed to all angling from Saturday through Monday when the department determines that the flow on the previous Friday at any of the designated gauging stations is less than the minimum flows set forth in subsections (2) through (8).

(D) Notwithstanding this provision, the department may close or keep a stream reach closed to fishing when the minimum flow is exceeded on the scheduled flow determination day if the department is reasonably assured that the stream flow is likely to decrease below the minimum flow as specified in subsections (2) through (8) before or on the next flow-determination date.

(E) The department may reopen a stream at any time during a closed period if the minimum flow as specified in subsections (2) through (8) is exceeded and the department is reasonably assured that it will remain above the minimum flow until the next scheduled Monday, Wednesday, or Friday flow determination. The department shall make information available to the public by a webpage updated, as necessary, no later than 1:00 p.m. each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday as to whether any stream will be open or closed to fishing. It shall be the responsibility of the angler to use the webpage designated in the sport fishing regulations booklet to obtain information on the status of any stream.

(2) Eel River

(A) From the mouth to Fulmor Road, at its paved junction with the south bank of Eel River, closed to angling. Except:

1. Legal fishing methods other than angling are permitted.

2. From the mouth to Cock Robin Island Bridge, angling from shore for non-salmonids is permitted.

(B) The main stem Eel River from the paved junction of Fulmor Road with the Eel River to the South Fork Eel River.

Minimum Flow: 350 cfs at the gauging station near Scotia.

(3) South Fork of the Eel River

The South Fork of the Eel River downstream from Rattlesnake Creek and the Middle Fork Eel River downstream from the Bar Creek.

Minimum Flow: 340 cfs at the gauging station at Miranda.

(4) Van Duzen River

The main stem Van Duzen River from its junction with the Eel River to the end of Golden Gate Drive near Bridgeville (approximately 4,000 feet upstream from the Little Golden Gate Bridge).

Minimum Flow: 150 cfs at the gauging station near Grizzly Creek Redwood State Park.

(5) Mad River

The main stem Mad River from the Hammond Trail Railroad Trestle to Cowan Creek.

Minimum Flow: 200 cfs at the gauging station at the Highway 299 bridge

(6) Mattole River

The main stem of the Mattole River from the mouth to Honeydew Creek.

Minimum Flow: 320 cfs at the gauging station at Petrolia.

(7) Redwood Creek

The main stem of Redwood Creek from the mouth to its confluence with Bond Creek.

Minimum Flow: 300 cfs at the gauging station near the Highway 101 bridge.

(8) Smith River

The main stem Smith River from the mouth of Rowdy Creek to the mouth of Patrick Creek (tributary of the Middle Fork Smith River); the South Fork Smith River from the mouth upstream approximately 1000 feet to the County Road (George Tyron) bridge and Craigs Creek to its confluence with Jones Creek; and the North Fork Smith River from the mouth to its confluence with Stony Creek.

Minimum Flow: 600 cfs at the Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park gauging station.

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(b) Mendocino, Sonoma, and Marin County coastal streams: Stream Closures: Special Low Flow Conditions.

(1) From September 1 through April 30 as follows:

(A) Any of the stream reaches listed in subsections (2) through (5) below shall be closed to all angling on Tuesday and Wednesday when the department determines that the flow on the previous Monday at the applicable designated gauging stations is less than the minimum flows set forth in subsections (2) through (5).

(B) Any of the stream reaches listed in subsections (2) through (5) below shall be closed to all angling on Thursday and Friday when the department determines that the flow on the previous Wednesday at the applicable designated gauging stations is less than the minimum flows set forth in subsections (2) through (5).

(C) Any of the stream reaches listed in subsections (2) through (5) below shall be closed to all angling from Saturday through Monday when the department determines that the flow on the previous Friday at the applicable designated gauging stations is less than the minimum flows set forth in subsections (2) through (5).

(D) Notwithstanding this provision, the department may close or keep a stream reach closed to fishing when the minimum flow is exceeded on the scheduled flow determination day if the department is reasonably assured that the stream flow is likely to decrease below the minimum flow as specified in the corresponding subsections (b)(2) through (5) before or on the next flow-determination date.

(E) The department may reopen a stream at any time during a closed period if the minimum flow as specified in the corresponding subsections (b)(2) through (5) is exceeded and the department is reasonably assured that it will remain above the minimum flow until the next scheduled Monday, Wednesday, or Friday flow determination.

(F) The department shall make information available to the public by a webpage updated, as necessary, no later than 1:00 p.m. each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday as to whether any stream will be open or closed to fishing. It shall be the responsibility of the angler to use the webpage designated in the sport fishing regulations booklet to obtain information on the status of any stream.

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(2) All rivers, creeks, and streams that flow directly into the Pacific Ocean (and its bays), in Mendocino County, except for the Russian and Gualala rivers. This excludes sections and reaches above fish migration barriers, dams, and natural features that prevent upstream anadromous migration. Minimum Flow: 200 cfs at the USGS gauging station on the main stem Navarro River near Navarro, CA.

(3) All rivers, creeks, and streams that flow directly into the Pacific Ocean (and its bays), in Sonoma and Marin counties, except for the Russian River. This excludes sections and reaches above fish migration barriers. Minimum Flow: 150 cfs at the gauging station on the South Fork Gualala River near Sea Ranch (Sonoma County)

(4) Russian River main stem below the confluence of the East Branch Russian River (Mendocino and Sonoma counties), Laguna de Santa Rosa, and Santa Rosa Creek. Minimum Flow: 300 cfs at the gauging station located on the main stem Russian River near Guerneville (Sonoma County).

(5) The Napa River (Napa County) between Trancas Avenue in Napa and Oakville Cross Bridge near Yountville. Minimum Flow: 15 cfs at the gauging station at the Oak Knoll Bridge on the main stem Napa River.

(c) South Central Coast Streams - Special Low Flow Closures: During December 1 through March 7 the following streams (subsections (1) through (5)) will be closed to fishing when the department determines that stream flows are inadequate to provide fish passage for migrating steelhead trout and salmon. Closed streams will be reopened when the department determines flows are adequate for fish passage.

(1) Pescadero Creek and all anadromous reaches of San Mateo Co. coastal streams normally open for fishing, from Elliot Ck. through Milagro Ck. shall be closed to all fishing when the department determines that the Pescadero Ck. flows are impeding fish passage. (U. S. G. S. gauging station is on Pescadero Ck.)

(2) Aptos and Soquel Creeks (Santa Cruz Co.) shall be closed to all fishing when the department determines that the Soquel Ck. flows are impeding fish passage. (U.S.G.S. gauging station on Soquel Ck.).

(3) The Pajaro River and Uvas, Llagas, and Corralitos Creeks, (Santa Cruz, Monterey, & Santa Clara Co.) shall be closed to all fishing when the department determines that the Pajaro River flows are impeding fish passage. (U.S.G.S. gauging station on the lower Pajaro River).

(4) The main stem of the Salinas River (Monterey Co.), below its confluence with the Arroyo Seco River shall be closed to all fishing when the department

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- determines that the flows are impeding fish passage (U.S.G.S. Spreckels gauging station on the Salinas R.).
- (5) The Arroyo Seco River (Monterey Co.) shall be closed to all fishing when the department determines that the flows are impeding fish passage. (Flows to be evaluated at U. S. G. S. Spreckels gauging station on the Salinas R. and the U. S. G. S. gauging station near Greenfield on the Arroyo Seco R.).
 - (6) The San Lorenzo River and all its tributaries, as well as all anadromous reaches of coastal streams normally open for fishing in Santa Cruz Co. from the San Lorenzo R. on North through Waddell Ck. shall be closed to all fishing when the department determines that the flow at the U.S.G.S. gauging station (#11160500) in the San Lorenzo R. at Big Trees is less than 40 cfs.
 - (7) The Carmel River main stem, and the adjacent waters of San Jose, Gibson, Malpaso, Soberanes creeks that are West of Highway 1 (Monterey Co.) shall be closed to all fishing when the department determines that the flow at the U. S. G. S. gauging station near Carmel is less than 80 cfs.
 - (8) The Big Sur River main stem west of the Highway 1 bridge, all of Limekiln Ck and its tributaries, and the anadromous portions of all other Big Sur Coast streams west of Highway 1 in Monterey Co., from Granite Ck. south to Salmon Ck. shall be closed to all fishing when the department determines that the flow at the U. S. G. S. gauging station on the Big Sur River is less than 40 cfs.
 - (9) The stream flow gauges referred to above in subsections (6) through (8) will be checked on Tuesday and Friday of each week. The decision as to whether these rivers will be open or closed to fishing will take place only on Tuesday and Friday of each week. In the event that river flow differs later in the week, the fishing status for each specific river will not change until the day following the next scheduled reading.
 - (10) It shall be the responsibility of the angler to use the webpage designated in the sport fishing regulations booklet to obtain information on the status of any of the rivers or creeks listed above in subsections (1) through (8).

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ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

Special Measures for Fisheries at Risk (T14 CCR §8.01)

- (a) The commission has established a quick response process to temporarily close fisheries experiencing degraded habitat quality and or quantity or extremely low population size within waters of the state. The criteria set forth in subsections (b) and (c) are intended to ensure that fisheries are protected under critical environmental conditions. These criteria will be monitored in statewide inland fisheries, and they will be evaluated on a water by water basis over time as conditions change.
- (b) The department may close to angling any waters of the state not currently listed in Section 8.00 of these regulations if the director, or his or her designee, finds one or more of the following conditions have been met:
 - (A) Water temperatures in occupied habitat exceed 70 degrees Fahrenheit for over eight hours a day for three consecutive days.
 - (B) Dissolved oxygen levels in occupied habitat drop below 5 mg/L for any period of time over two consecutive days.
 - (C) Fish passage is impeded or blocked for fish species that rely on migration as part of a life history trait.
 - (D) Water levels for ponds, lakes and reservoirs drop below 10 percent of their capacity.
 - (E) Adult breeding population levels are estimated to be below 50 individuals for a sub-population and 500 individuals for a standard population.
- (c) Waters closed pursuant to subsection (b) shall be reopened by the department when the director, or his or her designee, determines the initial closure-based criteria are no longer met and water temperatures do not exceed 70 degrees Fahrenheit for over eight hours a day for 14 consecutive days and dissolved oxygen remains above 5 mg/L for 14 consecutive days.
- (d) It shall be unlawful to take fish in any waters of the state closed to angling pursuant to this Section.
- (e) Notification of department actions.
 - (1) The department shall maintain a list of closed waters of the state and update that list on Wednesday of each week by 1 p.m. In the event that water conditions change later in the week, the fishing status for each specific water will not change until the day following the next Wednesday. It shall be the responsibility of the angler to use the telephone number provided below or go to the department's website at www.wildlife.ca.gov/Regulations to obtain the current status of any water. The number to call for information is (916) 445-7600.

Youth Fishing Derby, Susan River (Lassen County) (T14 CCR §8.10)

The Susan River, from the second railroad tunnel (the westernmost) on the Biz Johnson Trail downstream to the Riverside bridge in the City of Susanville, is open to fishing on the Sat. preceding the trout season opener on the Sat. preceding Memorial Day, only to persons under 16 years of age who are registered for the fishing Derby sponsored by the Lassen County Sportsmen's Club. See subsection 7.50(b)(150), for fishing regulations for the Susan River.

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Fishing *in the* City

CDFW's Fishing in the City (FIC) Program, established in 1993, serves Californians living in urban and suburban areas. Learn to fish clinics are hosted regionally and provide new anglers with basic fishing instruction, loaner equipment and bait. The program also provides education, including online video tutorials to teach beginners how to fish.

For more information and to find a FIC event near you, please visit wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing-in-the-City



CAEP

Classroom Aquarium
Education Program



CDFW's Classroom Aquarium Education Program (CAEP) connects students with their local watersheds by raising native fish from eggs to fry in the classroom. Through hands-on learning, students explore fish biology, habitat needs, and conservation while fostering environmental stewardship and a deeper understanding of California's aquatic ecosystems.

To learn more, please visit wildlife.ca.gov/CAEP

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PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY ON FISH CONSUMPTION

Fish are Nutritious and Good for You to Eat

Fish are an excellent source of protein and beneficial fats, and are recommended as part of a healthy, balanced diet. It is important, however, to choose the fish you eat wisely. The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) provides the guidelines in the links provided below. For more information, visit the OEHHA website at www.epa.gov/choose-fish-and-shellfish-wisely/epa-fda-advice-about-eating-fish-and-shellfish or call (916) 324-7572 or email at Fish@oehha.ca.gov.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a joint Federal Advisory for Mercury in Fish for fish you buy at stores at stores and restaurants. The federal advisory can be found at www.epa.gov/fish-tech/epa-fda-advice-about-eating-fish-and-shellfish.

Fish Preparation and Consumption

Eat only the fillet portions of fish and the meat of crabs. Do not eat the guts or internal organs because chemicals usually concentrate in these parts. Also, avoid frequent consumption of any reproductive parts such as eggs or roe. If you make stews or chowders, use fillet parts.

Many chemicals are stored in the fat. When advisories are based on PCBs or pesticides (DDTs or dieldrin), skin the fish, when possible, do not eat the skin, and trim any visible fat to reduce the levels of these chemicals. Removing fat will not reduce mercury levels.

Safe Eating Guidelines

OEHHA gives special guidelines for women ages 18-49 and children 1-17 years because children and fetuses are more sensitive to chemicals. Women over 49 years and men have less risk and can safely eat more fish.

Advisory Website Links

Fish advisories are searchable by waterbody, county and species. There is also an advisory map (oehha.ca.gov/fish/ca-fishmap) and video on how to follow the consumption advisories (oehha.ca.gov/fish/how-follow-advisories). The tables on the following pages provide links to waterbodies with specific consumption guidelines organized by county.

If you do not see the water body where you fish in the following tables, follow OEHHA's Statewide Advice for Eating Fish without Site-specific Advice by visiting the websites linked below.

For the Statewide Advisory for California Lakes and Reservoirs without Site-Specific Advice visit:

oehha.ca.gov/advisories/statewide-advisory-eating-fish-californias-lakes-and-reservoirs-without-site-specific

For the Statewide Advisory for California Rivers, Streams, and Creeks without Site-Specific Advice visit:

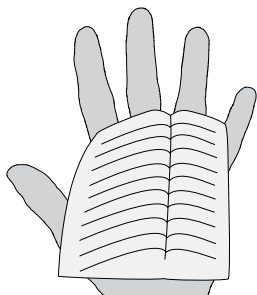
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For the Advisory for Fish That Migrate (California Rivers, Estuaries, and Coastal Waters) visit:

oehha.ca.gov/advisories/advisory-fish-migrate

Marine Waters Advisory

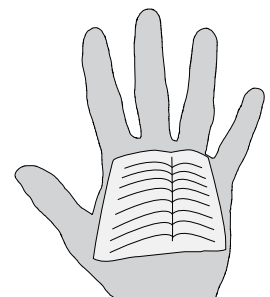
OEHHA's guidelines for marine waters can be found in the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Ocean Sport Fishing Regulations at www.wildlife.ca.gov/Regulations.



For Adults

What is a serving?

The recommended serving of fish is about the size and thickness of your hand. Give children smaller servings.



For Children

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SAFE EATING GUIDELINES FOR SPECIFIC WATER BODIES

Alameda County

Water Body	Website Link
Lake Chabot	oehha.ca.gov/fish/advisories/lake-chabot
Lake Del Valle	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/del-valle-reservoir
Lake Temescal	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/lake-temescal
Shadow Cliffs Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/shadow-cliffs-lake

Amador County

Water Body	Website Link
Camanche Reservoir	oehha.ca.gov/fish/advisories/camanche-reservoir

Butte County

Water Body	Website Link
Feather River, Lower	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/feather-river-lower
Feather River, Upper	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/feather-river-upper
Lake Oroville	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/lake-oroville
Sacramento River and Northern Delta	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/sacramento-river-and-northern-delta
Thermalito Forebay and Afterbay	oehha.ca.gov/fish/advisories/thermalito-forebay-and-afterbay

Calaveras County

Water Body	Website Link
Camanche Reservoir	oehha.ca.gov/fish/advisories/camanche-reservoir
New Hogan Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/new-hogan-lake
New Melones Reservoir	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/new-melones-reservoir

Colusa County

Water Body	Website Link
Bear Creek	oehha.ca.gov/fish/advisories/bear-creek
Cache Creek	oehha.ca.gov/fish/advisories/cache-creek
East Park Reservoir	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/east-park-reservoir
Sacramento River and Northern Delta	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/sacramento-river-and-northern-delta

Contra Costa County

Water Body	Website Link
Delta, Central and South	oehha.ca.gov/fish/advisories/delta-central-and-south-0
Lafayette Reservoir	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/lafayette-reservoir
Los Vaqueros Reservoir	oehha.ca.gov/fish/advisories/los-vaqueros-reservoir
San Pablo Reservoir	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/san-pablo-reservoir

El Dorado County

Water Body	Website Link
Fallen Leaf Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/fallen-leaf-lake
Folsom Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/folsom-lake
Jenkinson Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/jenkinson-lake

Fresno County

Water Body	Website Link
Millerton Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/millerton-lake
San Joaquin River, Friant Dam - Port Stockton	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/san-joaquin-river-friant-dam-port-stockton

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Glenn County

Water Body	Website Link
Black Butte Lake	oehha.ca.gov/fish/advisories/black-butte-lake
Sacramento River and Northern Delta	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/sacramento-river-and-northern-delta
Stony Gorge Reservoir	oehha.ca.gov/fish/advisories/stony-gorge-reservoir

Imperial County

Water Body	Website Link
Alamo River	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/alamo-river
All-American Canal	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/all-american-canal
Ferguson Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/ferguson-lake
New River	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/new-river
Salton Sea	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/salton-sea
Senator Wash Reservoir	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/senator-wash-reservoir
Sunbeam Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/sunbeam-lake
Taylor Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/taylor-lake
Wiest Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/wiest-lake
Xanyō Xamshré	oehha.ca.gov/fish/advisories/xanyo-xamshre

Inyo County

Water Body	Website Link
Bishop Creek	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/bishop-creek
South Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/south-lake

Kern County

Water Body	Website Link
Lake Isabella	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/lake-isabella
Lake Webb	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/lake-webb

Lake County

Water Body	Website Link
Cache Creek	oehha.ca.gov/fish/advisories/cache-creek
Clear Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/clear-lake
Indian Valley Reservoir	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/indian-valley-reservoir
Lake Pillsbury	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/lake-pillsbury

Los Angeles County

Water Body	Website Link
Alondra Park Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/alondra-park-lake
Castaic Lagoon	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/castaic-lagoon
Castaic Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/castaic-lake
Gwen Moore Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/gwen-moore-lake
Lake Palmdale	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/lake-palmdale
Legg Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/legg-lake
Little Rock Reservoir	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/little-rock-reservoir
Magic Johnson Lakes	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/magic-johnson-lakes
Puddingstone Reservoir	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/puddingstone-reservoir
Pyramid Lake	oehha.ca.gov/fish/advisories/pyramid-lake

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Los Angeles County

Water Body	Website Link
Santa Fe Dam Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/santa-fe-dam-lake

Madera County

Water Body	Website Link
Bass Lake	oehha.ca.gov/fish/advisories/bass-lake
Hensley Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/hensley-lake
Millerton Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/millerton-lake
San Joaquin River, Friant Dam - Port Stockton	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/san-joaquin-river-friant-dam-port-stockton

Marin County

Water Body	Website Link
Bon Tempe Reservoir	oehha.ca.gov/fish/advisories/bon-tempe-reservoir
Nicasio Reservoir	oehha.ca.gov/fish/advisories/nicasio-reservoir
Soulajule Reservoir	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/soulajule-reservoir

Mariposa County

Water Body	Website Link
Lake McClure	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/lake-mcclure
Lake McSwain	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/lake-mcswain

Mendocino County

Water Body	Website Link
Lake Mendocino	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/lake-mendocino
Russian River	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/russian-river

Merced County

Water Body	Website Link
Los Banos Reservoir	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/los-banos-reservoir
O'Neill Forebay	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/oneill-forebay
San Joaquin River, Friant Dam - Port Stockton	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/san-joaquin-river-friant-dam-port-stockton
San Luis Reservoir	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/san-luis-reservoir

Mono County

Water Body	Website Link
Bridgeport Reservoir	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/bridgeport-reservoir
Crowley Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/crowley-lake
Mammoth Creek	oehha.ca.gov/fish/advisories/mammoth-creek
Topaz Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/topaz-lake

Monterey County

Water Body	Website Link
Lake San Antonio	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/lake-san-antonio

Napa County

Water Body	Website Link
Lake Berryessa	oehha.ca.gov/fish/advisories/lake-berryessa

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Nevada County

Water Body	Website Link
Bear River	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/bear-river
Camp Far West Reservoir	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/camp-far-west-reservoir
Deer Creek	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/deer-creek
Donner Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/donner-lake
Englebright Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/englebright-lake
Lake Combie	oehha.ca.gov/fish/advisories/lake-combie
Lake Spaulding	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/lake-spaulding
Rollins Reservoir	oehha.ca.gov/fish/advisories/rollins-reservoir
South Yuba River	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/south-yuba-river
Yuba River, North, Middle Yuba River	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/yuba-river-north-yuba-river-and-middle-yuba-river

Placer County

Water Body	Website Link
Bear River	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/bear-river
Camp Far West Reservoir	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/camp-far-west-reservoir
Folsom Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/folsom-lake
French Meadows Reservoir	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/french-meadows-reservoir
Hell Hole Reservoir	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/hell-hole-reservoir
Lake Combie	oehha.ca.gov/fish/advisories/lake-combie
Rollins Reservoir	oehha.ca.gov/fish/advisories/rollins-reservoir
South Yuba River	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/south-yuba-river

Plumas County

Water Body	Website Link
Antelope Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/antelope-lake
Feather River, Upper	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/feather-river-upper
Lake Almanor	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/lake-almanor

Riverside County

Water Body	Website Link
Diamond Valley Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/diamond-valley-lake
Lake Evans	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/lake-evans
Lake Hemet	oehha.ca.gov/fish/advisories/lake-hemet
Lake Perris	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/lake-perris
Salton Sea	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/salton-sea

Sacramento County

Water Body	Website Link
American River, Lower	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/american-river-lower
Cosumnes River, Lower	oehha.ca.gov/fish/advisories/cosumnes-river-lower
Delta, Central and South	oehha.ca.gov/fish/advisories/delta-central-and-south-0
Folsom Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/folsom-lake
Lake Natoma	oehha.ca.gov/fish/advisories/lake-natoma
Mokelumne River, Lower	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/mokelumne-river-lower
Sacramento River and Northern Delta	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/sacramento-river-and-northern-delta

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San Bernardino County

Water Body	Website Link
Big Bear Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/big-bear-lake
Gene Wash Reservoir	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/gene-wash-reservoir
Lake Gregory	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/lake-gregory
Lake Havasu	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/lake-havasui
Prado Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/prado-lake
Silverwood Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/silverwood-lake

San Diego County

Water Body	Website Link
El Capitan Reservoir	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/el-capitan-reservoir
Hodges Reservoir	oehha.ca.gov/fish/advisories/hodges-reservoir
Lake Cuyamaca	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/lake-cuyamaca
Lake Henshaw	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/lake-henshaw
Lake Morena	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/lake-morena

San Francisco County

Water Body	Website Link
Lake Merced	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/lake-merced

San Joaquin County

Water Body	Website Link
Camanche Reservoir	oehha.ca.gov/fish/advisories/camanche-reservoir
Delta, Central and South	oehha.ca.gov/fish/advisories/delta-central-and-south-0
Mokelumne River at Lodi Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/mokelumne-river-lodi-lake
Mokelumne River, Lower	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/mokelumne-river-lower
Port of Stockton (and Smith Canal)	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/port-stockton
San Joaquin River, Friant Dam - Port Stockton	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/san-joaquin-river-friant-dam-port-stockton

San Luis Obispo County

Water Body	Website Link
Lake Nacimiento	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/lake-nacimiento
Lake San Antonio	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/lake-san-antonio
Lopez Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/lopez-lake
Oso Flaco Lake	oehha.ca.gov/fish/advisories/oso-flaco-lake

Santa Barbara County

Water Body	Website Link
Cachuma Lake	oehha.ca.gov/fish/advisories/cachuma-lake

Santa Clara County

Water Body	Website Link
Alamitos Creek	oehha.ca.gov/fish/advisories/alamitos-creek
Almaden Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/almaden-lake
Almaden Reservoir	oehha.ca.gov/fish/advisories/almaden-reservoir
Anderson Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/anderson-reservoir
Calero Creek	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/calero-creek

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Santa Clara County

Water Body	Website Link
Calero Reservoir	oehha.ca.gov/fish/advisories/calero-reservoir
Coyote Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/coyote-lake
Guadalupe Creek	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/guadalupe-creek
Guadalupe Reservoir	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/guadalupe-reservoir
Guadalupe River	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/guadalupe-river
Lexington Reservoir	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/lexington-reservoir
Stevens Creek Reservoir	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/stevens-creek-reservoir
Vasona Lake and Camden Ponds	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/vasona-lake-and-camden-ponds

Santa Cruz County

Water Body	Website Link
Pinto Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/pinto-lake

Shasta County

Water Body	Website Link
Sacramento River and Northern Delta	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/sacramento-river-and-northern-delta
Shasta Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/shasta-lake
Whiskeytown Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/whiskeytown-lake

Sierra County

Water Body	Website Link
Gold Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/gold-lake
Yuba River, North, Middle Yuba River	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/yuba-river-north-yuba-river-and-middle-yuba-river

Solano County

Water Body	Website Link
Lake Chabot	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/lake-chabot-solano-county
Lake Herman	oehha.ca.gov/fish/advisories/lake-herman
Lower Putah Creek and Lake Solano	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/lower-putah-creek-and-lake-solano
Sacramento River and Northern Delta	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/sacramento-river-and-northern-delta

Sonoma County

Water Body	Website Link
Laguna de Santa Rosa	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/laguna-de-santa-rosa
Lake Sonoma	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/lake-sonoma
Russian River	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/russian-river

Stanislaus County

Water Body	Website Link
Modesto Reservoir	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/modesto-reservoir
San Joaquin River, Friant Dam- Port Stockton	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/san-joaquin-river-friant-dam-port-stockton

Sutter County

Water Body	Website Link
Bear River	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/bear-river
Feather River, Lower	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/feather-river-lower

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Sutter County

Water Body	Website Link
Sacramento River and Northern Delta	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/sacramento-river-and-northern-delta

Tehama County

Water Body	Website Link
Black Butte Lake	oehha.ca.gov/fish/advisories/black-butte-lake
Sacramento River and Northern Delta	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/sacramento-river-and-northern-delta

Trinity County

Water Body	Website Link
Carrville Pond	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/carrville-pond
Lewiston Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/lewiston-lake
Trinity Lake and East Fork Trinity River	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/trinity-lake-and-east-fork-trinity-river
Trinity River upstream of Trinity Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/trinity-river-upstream-trinity-lake

Tulare County

Water Body	Website Link
Success Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/success-lake

Tuolumne County

Water Body	Website Link
Don Pedro Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/don-pedro-lake
New Melones Reservoir	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/new-melones-reservoir

Ventura County

Water Body	Website Link
Lake Casitas	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/lake-casitas
Lake Piru	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/lake-piru

Yolo County

Water Body	Website Link
Cache Creek	oehha.ca.gov/fish/advisories/cache-creek
Lower Putah Creek and Lake Solano	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/lower-putah-creek-and-lake-solano
Sacramento River and Northern Delta	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/sacramento-river-and-northern-delta

Yuba County

Water Body	Website Link
Bear River	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/bear-river
Camp Far West Reservoir	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/camp-far-west-reservoir
Collins Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/collins-lake
Englebright Lake	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/englebright-lake
Feather River, Lower	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/feather-river-lower
New Bullards Bar Reservoir	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/new-bullards-bar-reservoir
Yuba River, North, Middle Yuba River	oehha.ca.gov/advisories/yuba-river-north-yuba-river-and-middle-yuba-river

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

License Requirements

Q. Why do I need to show identification when purchasing a license?

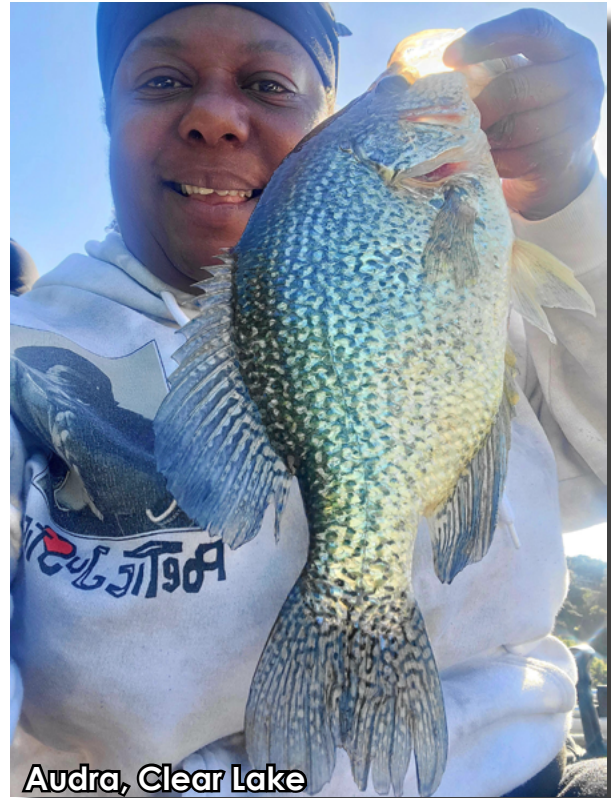
A. When you purchase a license you are required to provide identification or a previously issued ALDS license. This ensures CDFW will have an accurate record of your license history and help CDFW serve you better in:

- Tracking customer preference points for CDFW's annual Big Game Drawing.
- Purchasing duplicate licenses.
- Wildlife management efforts, such as harvest reporting.

CDFW does not share or sell customers' personal information.

Q. Do I still need to have my license in possession when hunting or fishing?

A. Under California law you are required to carry your license, validation, report card, or tag with you when you are hunting or fishing.



Audra, Clear Lake

Catch and Release Zero Limit Waters

In waters where the bag limit for trout is zero, fish must be released unharmed, and should not be removed from the water.

Angling Regulations in National Parks

Angling regulations in national parks may be more restrictive than State regulations. Anglers should check with the National Park Service to determine if seasons or bag limits differ from State regulations.

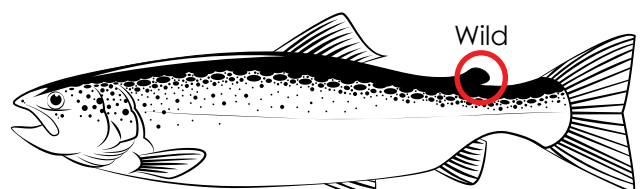
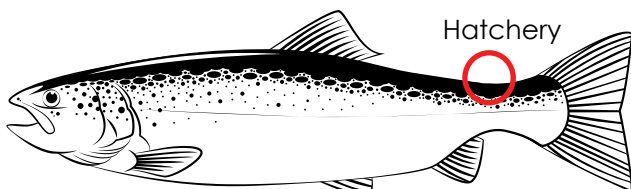
Coho Alert

Coho (Silver) Salmon may not be taken in any waters of the state. Incidentally hooked Coho (Silver) Salmon must be immediately released unharmed to the waters where they are hooked.

Steelhead Anglers

All wild steelhead must be released unharmed. Wild steelhead are identified by having an intact adipose fin.

Hatchery steelhead may be kept in selected waters. Hatchery steelhead are identified by a missing adipose fin and a healed scar in the location of the missing fin.



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QUAGGA MUSSEL



ZEBRA MUSSEL

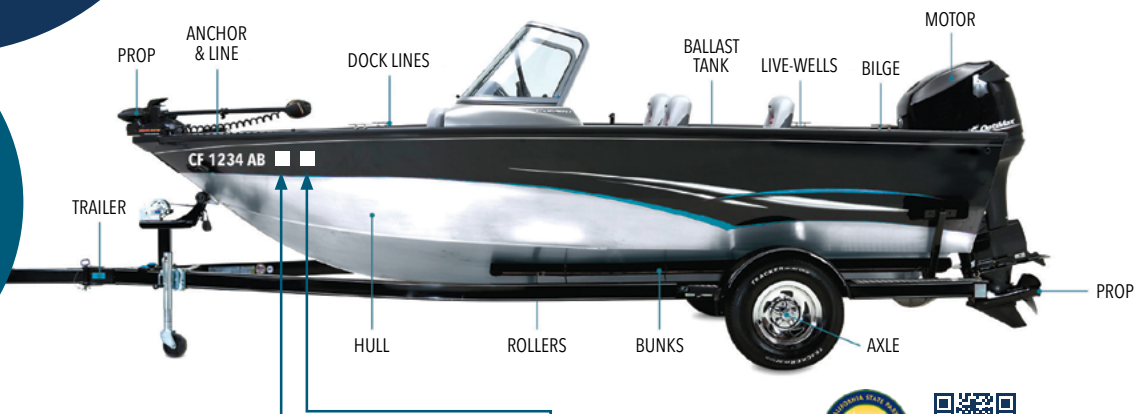
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CLEAN your gear, boat, and trailer before leaving the area. Remove plants, animals, and mud. Dispose of unwanted bait and debris in the trash.

DRAIN bilge, ballast, wells, and buckets before you leave the parking area, and never drain back into the waterway.

DRY equipment before launching into another body of water. Waiting periods can vary – check with your local waterbody.



Display your **DMV Registration** and **Mussel Fee Sticker** on the hull

