

Economic Impact Assessment
Amend Section 1.73, Section 27.75, and Section 27.80 (c), Title 14, CCR

The proposed regulatory action would conform the State regulations to federal rules that will apply for the month of April 2015. This action would also amend Section 1.73 to ensure the recovery of coded-wire tags from recreationally caught salmon, and Section 27.75 to specify latitude and longitude coordinates of existing river mouth closure areas.

Effects of the regulation on the creation or elimination of jobs within the State

The Commission does not anticipate any impacts on the creation or elimination of jobs due to the proposed regulation. The Commission anticipates status quo fishing levels for April 2015 as compared to the April 2014 ocean salmon sport fishing season.

Effects of the regulation on the creation of new businesses or the elimination of existing businesses within the State

The Commission does not anticipate any impacts on the creation of new business or the elimination of existing businesses due to the proposed regulation. The Commission anticipates status quo fishing levels for April 2015 as compared to the April 2014 ocean salmon sport fishing season.

Effects of the regulation on the expansion of businesses currently doing business within the State

The Commission does not anticipate any impacts on the expansion of businesses in California due to the proposed regulation. The Commission anticipates status quo fishing levels for April 2015 as compared to the April 2014 ocean salmon sport fishing season.

Benefits of the regulation to the health and welfare of California residents

The Commission anticipates health and welfare benefits to California residents from recreation in, and enjoyment of, a sustainable and satisfying salmon fishery.

Benefits of the regulation to worker safety

The proposed regulations conform to federal fisheries management allowable harvest levels, and ensure a sustainable fishery. As such, the agency is not aware of any consequences to worker safety that could arise from the proposed regulations.

Benefits of the regulation to the State's environment

The Commission anticipates benefits to the environment. Adoption of scientifically-based ocean salmon seasons, size limits, and bag and possession limits ensures sufficient residual populations of salmon and their continued existence.

Other Benefits of the regulation

The proposed regulations will provide for resource sustainability thus ensuring the continuation and future enjoyment of the salmon fishery. Maintaining healthy populations of salmon will also translate into sustained economic contributions to the State.

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