

STAFF SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 7-8, 2016

28. CENTRAL VALLEY SALMON**Today's Item**Information Action

- (A) Authorize publication of notice of intent to amend Central Valley salmon regulations to conform with federal guidelines.
- (B) Provide direction concerning protection of the winter-run Chinook salmon on the Sacramento River between Keswick Dam and the HWY 44 bridge.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

- WRC vetting Sep 21, 2016; WRC Sacramento
- **Today's Notice hearing Dec 7-8, 2016; San Diego**
- Discussion hearing Feb 8-9, 2017; Santa Rosa
- Adoption hearing Apr 13, 2017; Teleconference

Background

DFW is proposing changes to subsections 7.50(b)(5), (68) and (156.5), and proposing a range of bag and possession limits in the American, Feather, and Sacramento rivers to encompass possible Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) 2017 recommendations for Central Valley salmon stocks in mid-April. The scope of this option is intentionally broad to increase flexibility for development of the final Central Valley salmon seasons. Specific bag and possession limits for Central Valley adult fall-run Chinook Salmon will be presented to FGC at its Apr teleconference meeting after the final PFMC recommendations are adopted by the National Marine Fisheries Service. For consistency, FGC generally adopts regulations to bring State law into conformance with federal law for Central Valley salmon.

- (A) DFW will provide an overview of the range of options for Central Valley salmon (Exhibit 3).
- (B) DFW will also present options for protection of the winter-run Chinook (to be provided at the meeting).

Significant Public Comments (N/A)**Recommendation**

FGC staff: Authorize publication of the notice as recommended by DFW.

Committee: The WRC recommended inclusion of the items identified.

DFW : Authorize publication of the notice as detailed in the Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR) (Exhibit 2).

Exhibits

1. [DFW Memo, received Nov 2, 2016](#)
2. [ISOR](#)
3. [DFW presentation – \(A\) Central Valley salmon](#)

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Motion/Direction

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission authorizes publication of a notice of its intent to amend subsections 7.50(b)(5), (68) and (156.5) regarding Central Valley salmon.

and

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission authorizes the addition of the Sacramento River between Keswick Dam and Highway 44 bridge to protect winter-run Chinook salmon to the publication of notice of intent to amend subsections 7.50(b)(5), (68) and (156.5) regarding Central Valley salmon.

Memorandum

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Date: ^{Nov. 1}
~~October 10,~~ 2016

To: Valerie Termini
Executive Director
Fish and Game Commission

From: Charlton H. Bonham
Director



**Subject: Agenda Item for the December 8-9, 2016 Fish and Game Commission Meeting
Re: Request for Notice Authorization to Amend Subsections (b)(5), (b)(68), and (b)(156.5) of Section 7.50, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Central Valley Chinook Salmon Sport Fishing Regulations**

Please find attached the Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR) to amend subsections (b)(5), (b)(68), and (b)(156.5) of Section 7.50, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, for Central Valley Chinook Salmon sport fishing regulations.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) is proposing a range of bag and possession limits in the American, Feather, and Sacramento rivers to encompass possible Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) 2017 recommendations for Central Valley salmon stocks expected in mid-April. The scope of this proposal is intentionally broad to increase flexibility for development of the final Central Valley Chinook Salmon seasons. Specific bag and possession limits for Central Valley adult fall-run Chinook Salmon will be presented to the Fish and Game Commission after the final PFMC recommendations are adopted by the National Marine Fisheries Service at its April 2017 meeting.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Acting Fisheries Branch Chief, Kevin Shaffer by telephone at (916) 327-8841 or by e-mail at Kevin.Shaffer@wildlife.ca.gov. The public notice should identify Environmental Program Manager, Roger Bloom as the Department's point of contact for this rulemaking. Mr. Bloom can be reached at (916) 445-3777 or by e-mail at Roger.Bloom@wildlife.ca.gov.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FISH AND GAME COMMISSION
INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR REGULATORY ACTION
(Pre-publication of Notice Statement)

Amend Subsections (b)(5), (b)(68), and (b)(156.5) of Section 7.50,
Title 14, California Code of Regulations

Re: Alphabetical List of Waters with Special Fishing Regulations:
Central Valley Chinook Salmon Sport Fishing

I. Date of Initial Statement of Reasons: September 16, 2016

II. Dates and Locations of Scheduled Hearings:

(a) Notice Hearing: Date: December 8, 2016
Location: San Diego

(b) Discussion Hearing: Date: February 8, 2017
Location: Santa Rosa

(c) Adoption Hearing: Date: April 13, 2017
Location: Teleconference

III. Description of Regulatory Action:

(a) Statement of Specific Purpose of Regulation Change and Factual Basis for Determining that Regulation Change is Reasonably Necessary:

The current, 2016, sport fishing regulations, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 7.50, allow for Chinook Salmon fishing in the American, Feather and Sacramento rivers. Each year the Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) recommends new Chinook Salmon bag and possession limits for consideration by the Fish and Game Commission (Commission). The regulation change is necessary to align the 2017 fishing limits with up-to-date management goals as set forth below.

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) is responsible for adopting recommendations for the management of recreational and commercial ocean salmon fisheries in the Exclusive Economic Zone (three to 200 miles offshore) off the coasts of Washington, Oregon, and California. When approved by the Secretary of Commerce, these recommendations are implemented as ocean salmon fishing regulations by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

The PFMC will develop the annual Pacific coast ocean salmon fisheries regulatory options for public review at its March 2017 meeting and develop the final PFMC regulatory recommendations for adoption by NMFS at its April 2017 meeting. Based on the regulations adopted by NMFS, the Department will

recommend specific bag and possession limits to the Commission during a scheduled teleconference meeting on April 13, 2017.

The regulations for the American, Feather, and Sacramento rivers may:

- (1) allow for additional harvest of Chinook Salmon to reduce impacts to spawning habitat if low instream flow conditions persist due to the existing drought; and
- (2) increase or decrease the current Chinook Salmon bag and possession limits based on the PFMC salmon abundance estimates and recommendations for ocean harvest for the coming season.

The Commission will then consider the Department's recommendations and consider and adopt final regulations. This is anticipated to occur at the Commission's April 13, 2017 teleconference meeting.

Proposed Regulations

Because the PFMC/NMFS recommendations are not known at this time, a range (shown in brackets in the text below) of bag and possession limits is indicated where it is desirable to continue Chinook Salmon fishing in the American, Feather and Sacramento rivers. The open seasons and proposed range of bag and possession limits for Central Valley fall-run Chinook Salmon stocks are as follows:

American River, subsection 7.50(b)(5)

- (A) From Nimbus Dam to the Hazel Avenue bridge.

July 16 through December 31 with a bag limit of [0-4] Chinook Salmon and a possession limit of [0-8] Chinook Salmon.

- (B) From Hazel Avenue bridge to the USGS gauging station cable crossing near Nimbus Hatchery.

July 16 through August 15 with a bag limit of [0-4] Chinook Salmon and a possession limit of [0-8] Chinook Salmon.

- (C) From the USGS gauging station cable crossing near Nimbus Hatchery to the SMUD power line crossing the southwest boundary of Ancil Hoffman Park.

July 16 through December 31 with a bag limit of [0-4] Chinook Salmon and a possession limit of [0-8] Chinook Salmon.

- (D) From the SMUD power line crossing at the southwest boundary of Ancil Hoffman Park to the Jibboom Street bridge.

July 16 through October 31 with a bag limit of [0-4] Chinook Salmon and a possession limit of [0-8] Chinook Salmon.

(E) From the Jibboom Street bridge to the mouth.

July 16 through December 16 with a bag limit of [0-4] Chinook Salmon and a possession limit of [0-8] Chinook Salmon.

Feather River, subsection 7.50(b)(68)

(D) From the unimproved boat ramp above the Thermalito Afterbay Outfall to the Live Oak boat ramp.

July 16 through October 15 with a bag limit of [0-4] Chinook Salmon and a possession limit of [0-8] Chinook Salmon.

(E) From the Live Oak boat ramp to the mouth.

July 16 through December 16 with a bag limit of [0-4] Chinook Salmon and a possession limit of [0-8] Chinook Salmon.

Sacramento River below Keswick Dam, subsection 7.50(b)(156.5)

(C) From Deschutes Road bridge to the Red Bluff Diversion Dam.

August 1 through December 16 with a bag limit of [0-4] Chinook Salmon and a possession limit of [0-8] Chinook Salmon.

(E) From the Red Bluff Diversion Dam to the Highway 113 bridge.

July 16 through December 16 with a bag limit of [0-4] Chinook Salmon and a possession limit of [0-8] Chinook Salmon.

(F) From the Highway 113 bridge to the Carquinez Bridge.

July 16 through December 16 with a bag limit of [0-4] Chinook Salmon and a possession limit of [0-8] Chinook Salmon.

Other changes are proposed for clarity and consistency. The capitalization of common species names is being done for consistency with American Fisheries Society standards.

As set forth in Fish and Game Code section 1700, it is "the policy of the state to encourage the conservation, maintenance, and utilization of the living resources of the ocean and other waters under the jurisdiction and influence of the state for the benefit of all the citizens of the state and to promote the development of local fisheries and distant-water fisheries based in California in harmony with international law respecting fishing and the conservation of the living resources of the oceans and other waters under the jurisdiction and influence of the state.

This policy shall include [as applicable to inland fisheries] all of the following objectives:

- (a) The maintenance of sufficient populations of all species of aquatic organisms to insure their continued existence.
- (c) The maintenance of a sufficient resource to support a reasonable sport use, where a species is the object of sport fishing, taking into consideration the necessity of regulating individual sport fishery bag limits to the quantity that is sufficient to provide a satisfying sport.
- (e) The management, on a basis of adequate scientific information promptly promulgated for public scrutiny, of the fisheries under the state's jurisdiction, and the participation in the management of other fisheries in which California fishermen are engaged, with the objective of maximizing the sustained harvest."

Adoption of scientifically-based Central Valley Chinook Salmon bag and possession limits provides for the maintenance of sufficient populations of Chinook Salmon to ensure their continued existence. The benefits of the proposed regulations are in concurrence with federal law, sustainable management of Central Valley Chinook Salmon resources, and promotion of businesses that rely on Central Valley Chinook Salmon sport fishing.

(b) Authority and Reference Sections from Fish and Game Code for Regulation:

Authority: Sections 200, 202, 205, 215, 220, 240, 315 and 316.5, Fish and Game Code.

Reference: Sections 200, 202, 205, 206, 215 and 316.5, Fish and Game Code.

- (c) Specific Technology or Equipment Required by Regulatory Change: None.
- (d) Identification of Reports or Documents Supporting Regulation Change: None.
- (e) Public Discussions of Proposed Regulations Prior to Notice Publication:

No public meetings are being held prior to the notice publication. The 45-day comment period provides adequate time for review of the proposed amendments.

IV. Description of Reasonable Alternatives to Regulatory Action:

(a) Alternatives to Regulation Change:

No alternatives were identified.

(b) No Change Alternative:

The no change alternative would leave existing regulations in place. The no-change alternative would not be consistent with state policy to maintain harmony with federal and international law related to fisheries management, and the

proposed regulations will allow the state to harmonize its bag and possession limits with NMFS' regulations.

(c) Consideration of Alternatives:

In view of information currently possessed, no reasonable alternative considered would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the regulation is proposed, would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulation, or would be more cost effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

V. Mitigation Measures Required by Regulatory Action:

The proposed regulatory action will have no negative impact on the environment; therefore, no mitigation measures are needed.

VI. Impact of Regulatory Action:

The potential for significant statewide adverse economic impacts that might result from the proposed regulatory action has been assessed, and the following initial determinations relative to the required statutory categories have been made:

(a) Significant Statewide Adverse Economic Impact Directly Affecting Businesses, Including the Ability of California Businesses to Compete with Businesses in Other States:

The proposed action will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. The proposed changes are necessary for the continued preservation of the resource and therefore the prevention of adverse economic impacts.

(b) Impact on the Creation or Elimination of Jobs Within the State, the Creation of New Businesses or the Elimination of Existing Businesses, or the Expansion of Businesses in California; Benefits of the Regulation to the Health and Welfare of California Residents, Worker Safety, and the State's Environment:

The Commission does not anticipate any impacts on the creation or elimination of jobs, the creation of new business, the elimination of existing businesses or the expansion of businesses in California. The minor variations in the bag and possession limits as may be established in the regulations are, by themselves, unlikely to impact business.

The Commission anticipates benefits to the health and welfare of California residents. Providing opportunities for a Chinook Salmon sport fishery

encourages consumption of a nutritious food. The Commission anticipates benefits to the environment by the sustainable management of California's Chinook Salmon resources.

Adoption of scientifically-based Central Valley Chinook Salmon bag and possession limits provides for the maintenance of sufficient populations of Chinook Salmon to ensure their continued existence. The benefits of the proposed regulations are in concurrence with federal law, sustainable management of Central Valley Chinook Salmon resources, and promotion of businesses that rely on Central Valley Chinook Salmon sport fishing.

The Commission does not anticipate any non-monetary benefits to worker safety.

(c) Cost Impacts on a Representative Private Person or Business:

The Commission is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

(d) Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State: None.

(e) Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies: None.

(f) Programs Mandated on Local Agencies or School Districts: None.

(g) Costs Imposed on Any Local Agency or School District that is Required to be Reimbursed Under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4, Government Code: None.

(h) Effect on Housing Costs: None.

VII. Economic Impact Assessment

(a) Creation or Elimination of Jobs, the Creation of New Businesses or the Elimination of Existing Businesses, or the Expansion of Businesses in California

The Commission does not anticipate any substantial impacts on the creation or elimination of jobs, the creation of new business, the elimination of existing businesses, or the expansion of businesses in California, that provide services to inland sport fishermen from the proposed regulations. The proposed changes in subsections 7.50(b)(5), (b)(68), and (b)(156.5) affect the bag and possession limits for Chinook Salmon in the American, Feather, and Sacramento rivers. These minor variations in the bag and possession limits as may be established in the regulations are, by themselves, unlikely to stimulate the creation of new businesses or cause the elimination of existing businesses. The number of fishing trips and the economic contributions from them are expected to remain

more or less the same.

(b) Benefits of the Regulation to the Environment

As set forth in Fish and Game Code section 1700, it is “the policy of the state to encourage the conservation, maintenance, and utilization of the living resources of the ocean and other waters under the jurisdiction and influence of the state for the benefit of all the citizens of the state and to promote the development of local fisheries and distant-water fisheries based in California in harmony with international law respecting fishing and the conservation of the living resources of the oceans and other waters under the jurisdiction and influence of the state.”

In accordance with this policy, adoption of scientifically-based inland Chinook Salmon seasons and bag and possession limits provides for the maintenance of sufficient populations of trout and salmon to ensure their continued existence.

(c) Health and Welfare of California Residents

The Commission anticipates benefits to the health and welfare of California residents. Chinook Salmon is a nutritious food source and providing inland sport fishery opportunities encourages consumption of this nutritious food. Sport fishing also contributes to increased mental health of its practitioners as fishing is a hobby and form of relaxation for many. Sport fishing also provides opportunities for multi-generational family activities and promotes respect for California’s environment by younger generations, the future stewards of California’s natural resources.

(d) Benefits to Worker Safety

The Commission does not anticipate any benefits to worker safety from the proposed regulations because inland sport fishing does not impact working conditions.

Informative Digest/Policy Statement Overview

The current, 2016, sport fishing regulations allow for Chinook Salmon fishing in the American, Feather and Sacramento rivers. The Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) is recommending new Chinook Salmon bag and possession limits in the American, Feather, and Sacramento rivers for the 2017 season.

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) is responsible for adopting recommendations for the management of recreational and commercial ocean salmon fisheries in the Exclusive Economic Zone (three to 200 miles offshore) off the coasts of Washington, Oregon, and California. When approved by the Secretary of Commerce, these recommendations are implemented as ocean salmon fishing regulations by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

The PFMC will develop the annual Pacific coast ocean salmon fisheries regulatory options for public review at its March 2017 meeting and develop the final PFMC regulatory recommendations for adoption by NMFS at its April 2017 meeting.

Based on the action taken by NMFS and the recommendation of the Department, the Commission will adopt bag and possession limits for the American, Feather, and Sacramento rivers which may:

- (1) allow for additional harvest of Chinook Salmon if low instream flow conditions persist due to the existing drought to reduce impacts to spawning habitat; and
- (2) increase or decrease the current Chinook Salmon bag and possession limits based on the PFMC salmon abundance estimates and recommendations for ocean harvest for the coming season.

Benefits of the regulations

As set forth in Fish and Game Code section 1700 it is "the policy of the state to encourage the conservation, maintenance, and utilization of the living resources of the ocean and other waters under the jurisdiction and influence of the state for the benefit of all the citizens of the state and to promote the development of local fisheries and distant-water fisheries based in California in harmony with international law respecting fishing and the conservation of the living resources of the oceans and other waters under the jurisdiction and influence of the state.

Adoption of scientifically-based Central Valley Chinook Salmon bag and possession limits provides for the maintenance of sufficient populations of Chinook Salmon to ensure their continued existence. The benefits of the proposed regulations are in concurrence with Federal law, sustainable management of the Central Valley Chinook Salmon resources, and promotion of businesses that rely on Central Valley Chinook Salmon sport fishing.

Consistency with State and Federal Regulations

Article IV, section 20 of the State Constitution specifies that the Legislature may delegate to the Fish and Game Commission such powers relating to the protection and propagation of fish and game as the Legislature sees fit. The Legislature has delegated to the Commission the power to regulate recreational fishing in waters of the state (Fish & Game Code, §§ 200, 202, 205). The Commission has reviewed its own regulations and finds that the proposed regulations are neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing state regulations. The Commission has searched the California Code of Regulations and finds no other state agency regulations pertaining to recreational fishing seasons, bag and possession limits. Further, the Commission has determined that the proposed regulations are neither incompatible nor inconsistent with existing federal regulations.

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Regulatory Language

Section 7.50, Title 14, CCR is amended to read as follows:

§ 7.50. Alphabetical List of Waters with Special Fishing Regulations.

... [No changes to subsections (a) through (b)(4)]

<i>Body of Water</i>	<i>Open Season and Special Regulations</i>	<i>Daily Bag and Possession Limit</i>
(5) American River (Sacramento Co.)		
(A) From Nimbus Dam to the Hazel Avenue bridge piers.	Jan. 1 through July 15.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession
	July 16 through Dec. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession 2[0-4] Chinook Salmon 4[0-8] Chinook salmon Salmon in possession
(B) From Hazel Avenue bridge piers to the U.S. Geological Survey gauging station cable crossing about 300 yards	Jan. 1 through July 15. Only barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**

<p>downstream from the Nimbus Hatchery fish rack site.</p>		<p>4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession</p>
	<p>July 16 through Aug. 15. Only barbless hooks may be used.</p>	<p>2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession 2[0-4] Chinook salmon 4[0-8] Chinook salmon in possession</p>
<p>(C) 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.</p>	<p>Jan. 1 through July 15. Only barbless hooks may be used.</p>	<p>2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession</p>
	<p>July 16 through Oct. 31. Only barbless hooks may be used.</p>	<p>2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession 2[0-4] Chinook salmon 4[0-8] Chinook salmon</p>

		salmon <u>Salmon</u> in possession
(D) From the SMUD power line crossing at the southwest boundary of Ancil Hoffman Park downstream to the Jibboom Street bridge.	Jan. 1 through July 15.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession
	July 16 through Dec. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession 2[0-4] Chinook salmon <u>Salmon</u> 4[0-8] Chinook salmon <u>Salmon</u> in possession
(E) From the Jibboom Street bridge to the mouth.	Jan. 1 through July 15.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession
	July 16 through Dec. 16.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or

		hatchery steelhead** in possession 2[0-4] Chinook salmonSalmon 4[0-8] Chinook salmonSalmon in possession
	Dec. 17 through Dec. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession

... [No changes to subsections (b)(6) through (b)(67)]

<i>Body of Water</i>	<i>Open Season and Special Regulations</i>	<i>Daily Bag and Possession Limit</i>
(68) 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.	

<p>(B) From Table Mountain bicycle bridge to Highway 70 bridge.</p>	<p>Jan. 1 through July 15. Only barbless hooks may be used.</p>	<p>2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession</p>
<p>(C) From Highway 70 bridge to the unimproved boat ramp above the Thermalito Afterbay Outfall.</p>	<p>All year.</p>	<p>2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession</p>
<p>(D) From the unimproved boat ramp above the Thermalito Afterbay Outfall to 200 yards above the Live Oak boat ramp.</p>	<p>Jan. 1 through July 15.</p>	<p>2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession</p>
	<p>July 16 through Oct. 15.</p>	<p>2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession 2[0-4] Chinook salmon 4[0-8] Chinook salmon in possession</p>

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	Oct. 16 through Dec. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession
(E) From 200 yards above Live Oak boat ramp to the mouth. For purposes of this regulation, the lower boundary is defined as a straight line drawn from the peninsula point on the west bank to the Verona Marine boat ramp.	Jan. 1 through July 15.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession
	July 16 through Dec. 16.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession 2[0-4] Chinook salmon 4[0-8] Chinook salmon in possession
	Dec. 17 to Dec. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession

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... [No changes to subsections (b)(68.1) through (b)(156)]

<i>Body of Water</i>	<i>Open Season and Special Regulations</i>	<i>Daily Bag and Possession Limit</i>
(156.5) Sacramento River and tributaries below Keswick Dam (Butte, Colusa, Contra Costa, Glenn, Sacramento, <u>Shasta</u> , Solano, Sutter, Tehama and Yolo cos.).	Also see Sierra District General Regulations (See Section 7.00(b)).	
(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.	All year. Only barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession
(C) Sacramento River from the Deschutes Road bridge to the Red Bluff Diversion Dam.	Jan. 1 through July 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession
	Aug. 1 through Dec. 16.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession 2[0-4] Chinook salmon <u>Salmon</u> 4[0-8] Chinook salmon <u>Salmon</u> in possession
	Dec. 17 through Dec. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession
(D) Sacramento River from Red Bluff Diversion Dam to	Jan. 1 through July 15.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4

<p>the Hwy 113 bridge near Knights Landing. Note: It is unlawful to take fish 0-250 feet downstream from the overflow side of the Moulton, Colusa and Tisdale Weirs.</p>		<p>hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession</p>
	<p>July 16 through Dec. 16.</p>	<p>2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession 2[0-4] Chinook salmon <u>Salmon</u> 4[0-8] Chinook salmon <u>Salmon</u> in possession</p>
	<p>Dec. 17 through Dec. 31.</p>	<p>2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession</p>
<p>(E) Sacramento River from the Hwy 113 bridge near Knights Landing to the Carquinez Bridge (includes Suisun Bay, Grizzly Bay and all tributary sloughs west of Highway 160). Note: It is unlawful to take fish 0-250 feet downstream from the overflow side of the Fremont and Sacramento Weirs.</p>	<p>Jan. 1 through July 15.</p>	<p>2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession</p>
	<p>July 16 through Dec. 16.</p>	<p>2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession 2[0-4] Chinook salmon <u>Salmon</u> 4[0-8] Chinook salmon <u>Salmon</u> in possession</p>

	Dec. 17 through Dec. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession
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... [No changes subsections 7.50(b)(157) through (b)(212)]

* Wild Chinook ~~salmon~~ Salmon are those not showing a healed adipose fin clip and not showing a healed left ventral fin clip.

**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).

Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 205, 215, 220, 240, 315 and 316.5, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 202, 205, 215 and 316.5, Fish and Game Code.

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2017 Central Valley Salmon Sport Fishing Regulatory Options



**Fish and Game Commission Meeting
December 8, 2016
Kevin Shaffer, Chief
Fisheries Branch**





■ Shasta Dam

● Redding

SACRAMENTO RIVER

● Chico

■ Oroville Dam

● Fort Bragg

● Colusa

● Yuba City

FEATHER RIVER

AMERICAN R.

■ Folsom Dam

● Sacramento



Pacific Fisheries Management Council

- The PFMC establishes escapement goals for Sacramento River fall-run Chinook salmon
 - 122,000 minimum hatchery and natural area adult escapement
- The PFMC will release 2017 spawning escapement estimate in April 2017
- DFW determines bag and possession limits based on escapement estimate

2016 Central Valley Salmon Angling Regulations

- Lower American River
 - 2/4 fish daily bag and possession limit
- Feather River
 - 2/4 fish daily bag and possession limit
- Sacramento River
 - 2/4 fish daily bag and possession limit

2017 Central Valley Salmon Regulatory Options

- Lower American River
 - Daily bag limit: 0-4 fish; Possession limit: 0-8 fish
- Feather River
 - Daily bag limit: 0-4 fish; Possession limit: 0-8 fish
- Sacramento River
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