Regulatory Language

Section 5.80, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

§5.80. White Sturgeon.
(a) Open season: All year, except for closures listed under special regulations.
(b) Daily and annual bag limit: One fish per day. Three fish per year statewide.
(c) Size limit: No fish less than 46 inches total fork length or greater than 66 inches total fork length may be taken or possessed.
(d) Methods of take: Only one single point, single shank, barbless hook may be used on a line when taking sturgeon. The sturgeon must voluntarily take the bait or lure in 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 assist in landing or killing 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) Removal from water. Any sturgeon greater than 68 inches fork length may not be removed from the water and shall be released immediately.
(f) Report card required: Any person fishing for or taking sturgeon shall have in their possession a nontransferable Sturgeon Fishing Report Card issued by the department and shall adhere to all reporting and tagging requirements for sturgeon defined in Sections 1.74 and 5.79, Title 14, CCR.
(g) 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.
(h) For regulations on take and possession of sturgeon in ocean waters as defined in Section 27.00, see Sections 27.90, 27.91, and 27.95.
(i) Special Sierra and Valley District Sturgeon Closure from January 1 to December 31 (Shasta, Tehama and Glenn cos.).
1. It is unlawful to fish for any sturgeon on the 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.
Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 205 and 220, Fish and Game Code.
Reference: Sections 200, 205 and 206, Fish and Game Code.

Section 5.81, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

§5.81. Green Sturgeon.
(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 5.79, Title 14, CCR.
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(1) It is unlawful to fish for any sturgeon on the Sacramento River from Keswick Dam to the Highway 162 Bridge.
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Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 205 and 220, Fish and Game Code.
Reference: Sections 200, 205 and 206, Fish and Game Code.

Section 27.90, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

§27.90. White Sturgeon.
(a) Open season: All year.
(b) Daily and annual bag limit: One fish per day. Three fish per year statewide.
(c) Size limit: No fish less than 46 40 inches total fork length or greater than 66 60 inches total fork length may be taken or possessed.
(d) Methods of take: Only one single point, single shank, barbless hook may be used on a line when taking sturgeon. The sturgeon must voluntarily take the bait or lure in 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 assist in landing or killing 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) Removal from water. Any sturgeon greater than 68 inches fork length may not be removed from the water and shall be released immediately.
(f) Report card required: Any person fishing for or taking sturgeon shall have in their possession a nontransferable Sturgeon Fishing Report Card issued by the department and shall adhere to all reporting and tagging requirements for sturgeon defined in Sections 1.74 and 27.92, Title 14, CCR.
(g) For regulations on take and possession of sturgeon in inland waters as defined in Section 1.53, see Section 5.80 and Section 5.81.
(h) Boat limits, as defined in Subsection 27.60(c) and Section 195, are not authorized for sturgeon fishing and shall not apply to the take, possession or retention of white sturgeon.
Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 205 and 220, Fish and Game Code.
Reference: Sections 200, 205 and 206, Fish and Game Code.

§27.91. Green Sturgeon.
(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 27.92, Title 14, CCR.
Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 205 and 220, Fish and Game Code.
Reference: Sections 200, 205 and 206, Fish and Game Code.
Section 701, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

§701. Sport Fishing Forms and Fees.

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<td>(g) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 699, Title 14, the department shall annually adjust the fees of all licenses, stamps, permits, tags, or other entitlements required by regulations set forth in this section.</td>
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Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 205, 220, 713, 1050, 1053, 1053.1, and 7149.8, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 202, 205, 206, 220, 713, 1050, 1053, 1053.1, 1055, and 7149.8, Fish and Game Code.