

Economic Impact Analysis

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

The proposed regulations will set the 2012 Central Valley salmon sport fishing regulations to conform to the federal rules. Currently, the Central Valley will open for sport salmon fishing in mid-July, but the possibility of ocean water closures off California still exists. These ocean closures may result in Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) recommendations for Central Valley sport salmon fishery closures. Adverse impacts to jobs and/or businesses that provide services to Central Valley salmon sport fishermen may be realized if the Central Valley season is closed for 2012. Adverse to positive impacts to jobs and businesses that provide services to Central Valley salmon sport fishermen may be realized depending on the exact regulations ultimately adopted by the Commission. Under a normal season, Central Valley sport salmon anglers contribute about \$14,500,000 in direct revenues to the State's business sector. This is based on a 2006 US Fish and Wildlife national survey of fishing, hunting, and wildlife associated recreation for California. Adding the indirect and induced effects of this initial revenue contribution and the total benefit to California's economy is normally about \$20,300,000. This is equivalent to about \$7,800,000 in total wage earnings to Californians, or about 166 jobs in the state. Depending on the final season structure that the Commission adopts, the following statewide impacts to businesses may occur. The proposed regulations range from no salmon fishing in 2012 to a normal Central Valley salmon season; therefore, the potential impacts range from 0 to 166 jobs. The impacted businesses are generally small businesses employing few individuals and, like all small businesses, are subject to failure for a variety of causes. Additionally, the long-term intent of the proposed action is to increase sustainability in fishable salmon stocks and, subsequently, the long-term viability of these same small businesses.

Benefits of the Regulation:

Concurrence with Federal Law:

The PFMC annually reviews the status of west coast salmon populations. As part of that process, it recommends west coast salmon fisheries regulations aimed at meeting biological and fishery allocation goals specified in law or established in the Salmon Fishery Management Plan. These recommendations coordinate west coast management of sport and commercial ocean salmon fisheries off the coasts of Washington, Oregon, and California and California inland sport salmon fisheries. These recommendations are subsequently implemented as ocean fishing regulations by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and as sport salmon regulations for state marine and inland waters by the Commission.

California's sport fishing regulations need to conform to the new Federal regulations to achieve optimum yield in California.

Benefits to the Environment: Sustainable Management of Central Valley Salmon Resources

It is the policy of this state to encourage the conservation, maintenance, and utilization of the living resources of the ocean and inland 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 California fisheries in harmony with federal law respecting fishing and the conservation of the living resources of the ocean and inland waters under the jurisdiction and influence of the state. The

objectives of this policy include, but are not limited to, the maintenance of sufficient populations of all species of aquatic organisms to ensure their continued existence and the maintenance of a sufficient resource to support a reasonable sport use, taking into consideration the necessity of regulating individual sport fishery bag limits to the quantity that is sufficient to provide a satisfying sport. Adoption of scientifically-based Central Valley salmon seasons, size limits, and bag and possession limits provides for the maintenance of sufficient populations of salmon to ensure their continued existence.

Promotion of Businesses That Rely on Central Valley Sport Salmon Fishing.

Adoption of scientifically-based inland and ocean salmon seasons, size limits, and bag and possession limits provides for the maintenance of sufficient populations of salmon to ensure their continued existence and future salmon sport fishing opportunities. Under a normal season Central Valley salmon anglers contribute about \$14,500,000 in direct revenues to the State's business sector. This is based on a 2006 US Fish and Wildlife national survey of fishing, hunting, and wildlife associated recreation for California. Adding the indirect and induced effects of this initial revenue contribution and the total benefit to California's economy is normally about \$20,300,000. This is equivalent to about \$7,800,000 in total wage earnings to Californians, or about 166 jobs in the state.

Health and Welfare of California Residents

Salmon is a nutritious food. Providing opportunities for a Central Valley sport salmon fishery encourages consumption of a nutritious food. Salmon sport fishing also contributes to increased mental health of its practitioners as fishing is a hobby and form of relaxation for many. Salmon sport fishing also provides opportunities for multi-generational family activities and promotes respect for California's environment by the future stewards of California's natural resources.