

Regulatory Language

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

Subsection (b)(118) of 7.50, Title 14, CCR is amended to read:

<i>Body of Water</i>	<i>Open Season and Special Regulations</i>	<i>Daily Bag and Possession Limit</i>
(118) Merced River (Merced Co.).		
(A) From Crocker-Huffman Dam downstream to the Schaffer bridge on Oakdale Road. Snelling Road bridge, a distance of approximately 5.5 miles.	Jan. 1 through Oct. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used. Closed to all fishing [OAL to insert effective date] through October 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession
(B) From the Snelling Road bridge downstream to the Schaffer bridge on Oakdale Road.	<u>Jan. 1 through Oct. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.</u>	<u>2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession</u>
(B C) 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 April 1 through the Friday preceding the fourth Saturday 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

* Wild Chinook 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.

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