

**State of California  
Office of Administrative Law**

**In re:  
Fish and Game Commission**

**Regulatory Action:**

**Title 14, California Code of Regulations**

**Adopt sections:**

**Amend sections: 7.50**

**Repeal sections:**

**NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF REGULATORY  
ACTION**

**Government Code Section 11349.3**

**OAL Matter Number: 2017-0808-02**

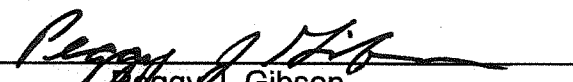
**OAL Matter Type: Regular Resubmittal (SR)**

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This regulatory action by the Fish and Game Commission (Commission) sets the 2017 bag and possession limits, adult fish quotas, and season dates for Klamath River Basin sport fishing. In April, the Pacific Fishery Management Council stock projection for Klamath River fall-run Chinook salmon was the lowest on record. This year's projected return is only 12,383 natural area adult spawners. As a result, the Commission is amending section 7.50(b)(91.1) of title 14 of the California Code of Regulations reducing the quota for fall-run Chinook salmon to zero. The Commission is also eliminating all catch and release fishing of fall-run Chinook salmon during the quota management period. The Klamath River spring Chinook salmon and steelhead fisheries were maintained at normal seasons and bag and possession limits.

OAL approves this regulatory action pursuant to section 11349.3 of the Government Code. This regulatory action becomes effective on 8/10/2017.

Date: August 10, 2017

  
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## NOTICE-PUBLICATION REGULATIONS SUBMISSION

See instructions on reverse)

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NOTICE

REGULATIONS

AGENCY WITH RULEMAKING AUTHORITY  
Fish and Game Commission

AGENCY FILE NUMBER (if any)

**A. PUBLICATION OF NOTICE (Complete for publication in Notice Register)**

1. SUBJECT OF NOTICE Klamath River Basin Sport Fishing Regulations		TITLE(S) 14	FIRST SECTION AFFECTED 7.50(b)(91.1)	2. REQUESTED PUBLICATION DATE December 30, 2016	
3. NOTICE TYPE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice re Proposed Regulatory Action <input type="checkbox"/> Other		4. AGENCY CONTACT PERSON Caren Woodson		TELEPHONE NUMBER (916) 653-4899	FAX NUMBER (Optional)
OAL USE ONLY	ACTION ON PROPOSED NOTICE <input type="checkbox"/> Approved as Submitted <input type="checkbox"/> Approved as Modified <input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved/Withdrawn			NOTICE REGISTER NUMBER	PUBLICATION DATE

**B. SUBMISSION OF REGULATIONS (Complete when submitting regulations)**

1a. SUBJECT OF REGULATION(S) Klamath River Basin Sport Fishing Regulations		1b. ALL PREVIOUS RELATED OAL REGULATORY ACTION NUMBER(S) 2017-0623-02s	
2. SPECIFY CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE(S) AND SECTION(S) (Including title 26, if toxics related)			
<b>SECTION(S) AFFECTED</b> (List all section number(s) individually. Attach additional sheet if needed.)		ADOPT	
		AMEND 7.50	
TITLE(S) 14		REPEAL	
3. TYPE OF FILING			
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Rulemaking (Gov. Code §11346)	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Compliance: The agency officer named below certifies that this agency complied with the provisions of Gov. Code §§11346.2-11347.3 either before the emergency regulation was adopted or within the time period required by statute.	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Readopt (Gov. Code, §11346.1(h))	<input type="checkbox"/> Changes Without Regulatory Effect (Cal. Code Regs., title 1, §100)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resubmittal of disapproved or withdrawn nonemergency filing (Gov. Code §§11349.3, 11349.4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Resubmittal of disapproved or withdrawn emergency filing (Gov. Code, §11346.1)	<input type="checkbox"/> File & Print	<input type="checkbox"/> Print Only
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency (Gov. Code, §11346.1(b))		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	
4. ALL BEGINNING AND ENDING DATES OF AVAILABILITY OF MODIFIED REGULATIONS AND/OR MATERIAL ADDED TO THE RULEMAKING FILE (Cal. Code Regs. title 1, §44 and Gov. Code §11347.1) April 24, 2017 - May 9, 2017			
5. EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHANGES (Gov. Code, §§ 11343.4, 11346.1(d); Cal. Code Regs., title 1, §100)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Effective January 1, April 1, July 1, or October 1 (Gov. Code §11343.4(a))	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Effective on filing with Secretary of State	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Changes Without Regulatory Effect	<input type="checkbox"/> Effective other (Specify) per §11343.4(b)(4) GC; \$265 FGC
6. CHECK IF THESE REGULATIONS REQUIRE NOTICE TO, OR REVIEW, CONSULTATION, APPROVAL OR CONCURRENCE BY, ANOTHER AGENCY OR ENTITY			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department of Finance (Form STD. 399) (SAM §6660)	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair Political Practices Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> State Fire Marshal	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____			
7. CONTACT PERSON Sherrie Fonbuena		TELEPHONE NUMBER (916) 654-8966	FAX NUMBER (Optional) (916) 653-5040
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8. I certify that the attached copy of the regulation(s) is a true and correct copy of the regulation(s) identified on this form, that the information specified on this form is true and correct, and that I am the head of the agency taking this action, or a designee of the head of the agency, and am authorized to make this certification.

SIGNATURE OF AGENCY HEAD OR DESIGNEE

DATE

TYPED NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNATORY  
Valerie Termini, Executive Director

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## Regulatory Language

### Subsection (b)(91.1) of Section 7.50. Alphabetical List of Waters with Special Fishing Regulations.

(91.1) Anadromous Waters of the Klamath River ~~Basin~~ Downstream of Iron Gate Dam and Lewiston dams (Lower Klamath River Basin). The regulations in this subsection apply only to waters of the Klamath River system ~~Basin~~ which are accessible to anadromous salmonids. They do not apply to waters of the Klamath River ~~Basin~~ which are inaccessible to anadromous salmon and trout, for example, portions of the Klamath River system upstream of Iron Gate Dam, portions of the Trinity River system upstream of Lewiston Dam, and the Shasta River and tributaries upstream of Dwinell Dam. Fishing in these waters is governed by the General Regulations for non-anadromous waters of the North Coast District (see Section 7.00(a)(4)).

#### (A) Hook and Weight Restrictions.

1. Only barbless hooks may be used. (For definitions regarding legal hook types, hook gaps and rigging see Chapter 2, Article 1, Section 2.10.)
2. During closures to the take of adult salmon, it shall be unlawful to remove any adult Chinook salmon ~~Salmon~~ from the water by any means.

#### (B) General Area Closures.

1. No fishing is allowed within 750 feet of any Department of Fish and Wildlife fish-counting weir.
2. No fishing is allowed from the Ishi Pishi Road bridge upstream to and including Ishi Pishi Falls from August 15 through December 31. EXCEPTION: members of the Karuk Indian Tribe listed on the current Karuk Tribal Roll may fish at Ishi Pishi Falls using hand-held dip nets.
3. No fishing is allowed from September 15 through December 31 in the Klamath River within 500 feet of the mouths of the Salmon, the Shasta and the Scott rivers and Blue Creek.
4. No fishing is allowed from June 15 through September 14 in the Klamath River from 500 feet above the mouth of Blue Creek to 500 feet downstream of the mouth of Blue Creek.

#### (C) Klamath River Basin Possession Limits.

##### 1. Trout Possession Limits.

- a. The ~~brown trout~~ Brown Trout possession limit is 10 ~~brown trout~~.
- b. The hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead possession limits are as follows:
  - (i) Klamath River - 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead.
  - (ii) Trinity River - 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead.

##### 2. Chinook Salmon Possession Limits.

- a. Klamath River downstream of the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec from January 1 to August 14 and the Trinity River downstream of the Old Lewiston Bridge to the confluence of the South Fork Trinity River from January 1 to August 31: 2 Chinook salmon ~~Salmon~~.
- b. Klamath River from August 15 to December 31 and Trinity River from September 1 to December 31: 6 Chinook salmon. ~~No more than 3 Chinook salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained when the take of salmon over 22 inches total length is allowed.~~ Closed to salmon fishing. No take or possession of Chinook Salmon.

#### (D) Klamath River Basin Chinook Salmon Quotas.

The Klamath River fall run Chinook salmon ~~Salmon~~ take is regulated using quotas. Accounting of the tribal and non-tribal harvest is closely monitored from August 15 through December 31 each year. These quota areas are noted in subsection (b)(91.1)(E)

with "Fall Run Quota" in the *Open Season and Special Regulations* column.

1. Quota for Entire Basin.

The ~~2016~~2017 Klamath River Basin quota is 4,140 Klamath River fall-run Chinook salmon/Salmon over 22 inches total length. ~~The department shall inform the commission, and the public via the news media, prior to any implementation of restrictions triggered by the quotas. All fishing for Klamath River fall-run Chinook Salmon is prohibited.~~ (NOTE: A department status report on progress toward the quotas for the various river sections is updated weekly, and available at 1-800-564-6479.)

2. Subquota Percentages.

a. The subquota for the Klamath River upstream of the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec and the Trinity River is 50% of the total Klamath River Basin quota.

(i) The subquota for the Klamath River from 3,500 feet downstream of the Iron Gate Dam to the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec is 17% of the total Klamath River Basin quota.

(ii) The subquota for the Trinity River main stem downstream of the Old Lewiston Bridge to the Highway 299 West bridge at Cedar Flat is 16.5% of the total Klamath River Basin quota.

(iii) The subquota for the Trinity River main stem downstream of the Denny Road bridge at Hawkins Bar to the confluence with the Klamath River is 16.5% of the total Klamath River Basin quota.

b. The subquota for the ~~Lower~~lower Klamath River downstream of the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec is 50% of the total Klamath River Basin quota.

(i) The Spit Area (within 100 yards of the channel through the sand spit formed at the Klamath River mouth) ~~will close when 15% of the total Klamath River Basin quota is taken downstream of the Highway 101 bridge~~ is closed to all fishing from August 15, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

(E) Klamath River Basin Open Seasons and Bag Limits.

All anadromous waters of the Klamath River Basin are closed to all fishing for all year except those areas listed in the following table. Bag limits are for trout and Chinook salmon/Salmon in combination unless otherwise specified.

<b>Body of Water</b>	<b>Open Season and Special Regulations</b>	<b>Daily Bag Limit</b>
1. Bogus Creek and tributaries.	Fourth Saturday in May through August 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
2. Klamath River main stem from 3,500 feet downstream of Iron Gate Dam to the mouth.		
a. Klamath River from 3,500 feet downstream of the Iron Gate Dam to the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec.	January 1 to August 14	0 Chinook salmon/Salmon 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	Fall Run Quota <u>1890</u> Chinook Salmon August 15	2 Chinook salmon – no more than 1 fish over 22

<b>Body of Water</b>	<b>Open Season and Special Regulations</b>	<b>Daily Bag Limit</b>
	to December 31, 2016 <u>2017</u> .	inches total length until subquota is met, then 0 fish over 22 inches total length. <u>Closed to salmon fishing. No take of Chinook Salmon.</u> 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	Fall Run Quota Exception: Chinook salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained from 3,500 feet downstream of Iron Gate Dam to the Interstate 5 bridge when the department determines that the adult fall run Chinook salmon spawning escapement at Iron Gate Hatchery exceeds 8,000 fish. Daily bag and possession limits specified for fall run Chinook salmon apply during this exception.	
b. Klamath River downstream of the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec.	January 1 to August 14.	2 Chinook salmon <u>Salmon</u> 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	Fall Run Quota <del>5550</del> Chinook Salmon August 15 to December 31, 2016 <u>2017</u> .	2 Chinook salmon no more than 1 fish over 22 inches total length until subquota is met, then 0 fish over 22 inches total length. <u>Closed to salmon fishing. No take of Chinook Salmon.</u> 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	Fall Run Quota Exception: Spit Area (within 100 yards of the channel through the sand spit formed at the Klamath River mouth). This area will be closed to all fishing after 15% of the Total Klamath River Basin Quota has been taken. All legally caught Chinook salmon must be retained. Once the adult (greater than 22 inches) component of the total daily bag limit has been retained anglers must cease fishing in the spit area.	
3. Salmon River main	November 1 through	2 hatchery trout or

<b>Body of Water</b>	<b>Open Season and Special Regulations</b>	<b>Daily Bag Limit</b>
stem, main stem of North Fork downstream of Sawyer's Bar bridge, and main stem of South Fork downstream of the confluence of the East Fork of the South Fork.	February 28.	hatchery steelhead**
4. Scott River main stem downstream of the Fort Jones-Greenview bridge to the confluence with the Klamath River.	Fourth Saturday in May through February 28.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
5. Shasta River main stem downstream of the Interstate 5 bridge north of Yreka to the confluence with the Klamath River.	Fourth Saturday in May through August 31 and November 16 through February 28.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
6. Trinity River and tributaries.		
a. Trinity River main stem from 250 feet downstream of Lewiston Dam to the Old Lewiston Bridge.	April 1 through September 15. Only artificial flies with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
b. Trinity River main stem downstream of the Old Lewiston Bridge to the Highway 299 West bridge at Cedar Flat.	January 1 to August 31.	2 Chinook salmon <del>Salmon</del> 5 brown trout <del>Brown Trout</del> 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	Fall Run Quota 4830 Chinook Salmon September 1 through December 31, 2016 <u>2017</u> .	2 Chinook salmon no more than 1 fish over 22 inches total length until subquota is met, then 0 fish over 22 inches total length. <u>Closed to salmon</u>

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		<p>fishing. <u>No take of Chinook Salmon.</u>  <del>5 brown trout</del> <u>Brown Trout</u>  2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**</p> <p><del>Fall Run Quota Exception: Chinook salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained downstream of the Old Lewiston Bridge to the mouth of Indian Creek when the department determines that the adult fall-run Chinook salmon spawning escapement at Trinity River Hatchery exceeds 4,800 fish. Daily bag and possession limits specified for fall-run Chinook salmon apply during this exception.</del></p>
c. Trinity River main stem downstream of the Highway 299 West bridge at Cedar Flat to the Denny Road bridge at Hawkins Bar.	January 1 through August 31.	<del>2 Chinook salmon</del> <u>Salmon</u> <del>5 brown trout</del> <u>Brown Trout</u> 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	September 1 through December 31.	Closed to all fishing.
d. New River main stem downstream of the confluence of the East Fork to the confluence with the Trinity River.	September 15 through November 15. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
e. Trinity River main stem downstream of the Denny Road bridge at Hawkins Bar to the mouth of the South Fork Trinity River.	January 1 to August 31.	<del>2 Chinook salmon</del> <u>Salmon</u> <del>5 brown trout</del> <u>Brown Trout</u> 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	Fall Run Quota <del>4830</del> <u>Chinook Salmon</u> September 1 through December 31, <del>2016</del> <u>2017</u> . This is the cumulative quota for subsections 6.e. and 6.f. of this table.	<del>2 Chinook salmon — no more than 1 fish over 22 inches total length until subquota is met, then 0 fish over 22 inches total length.</del> <u>Closed to salmon fishing. No take of Chinook Salmon.</u>

<b>Body of Water</b>	<b>Open Season and Special Regulations</b>	<b>Daily Bag Limit</b>
		5 <del>brown trout</del> <u>Brown Trout</u> 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
f. Trinity River main stem downstream of the mouth of the South Fork Trinity River to the confluence with the Klamath River.	January 1 to August 31.	0 Chinook salmon <u>Salmon</u> 5 <del>brown trout</del> <u>Brown Trout</u> 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	Fall Run Quota 4830 Chinook Salmon September 1 through December 31, <del>2016</del> <u>2017</u> . This is the cumulative quota for subsections 6.e. and 6.f. of this table.	<del>2 Chinook salmon—no more than 1 fish over 22 inches total length until subquota is met, then 0 fish over 22 inches total length.</del> <u>Closed to salmon fishing. No take of Chinook Salmon.</u> 5 <del>brown trout</del> <u>Brown Trout</u> 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
g. Hayfork Creek main stem downstream of the Highway 3 bridge in Hayfork to the confluence with the South Fork Trinity River.	November 1 through March 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
h. South Fork Trinity River downstream of the confluence with the East Fork of the South Fork Trinity River to the South Fork Trinity River bridge at Hyampom.	November 1 through March 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
i. South Fork Trinity River downstream of the South Fork Trinity River bridge at Hyampom to the	November 1 through <del>March</del> <u>December</u> 31.	<del>0 Chinook salmon</del> <u>Closed to salmon fishing. No take of Chinook Salmon.</u> 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**



<b>Body of Water</b>	<b>Open Season and Special Regulations</b>	<b>Daily Bag Limit</b>
confluence with the Trinity River.	<u>January 1 through March 31.</u>	<u>0 Chinook Salmon.</u> <u>2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead.**</u>

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\* 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, 205, 265, 270, 315, 316.5 and 399, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 205, 265, 270 and 316.5, Fish and Game Code.