

Sport Fishing Regulations Revision and Simplification Project



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Problem

- Too many special fishing regulations
- Some regulations are too complex
- District boundaries are confusing
- Many regulations are not monitored for effectiveness

Approach

- Menu was developed by DFW fisheries managers and fisheries biologists statewide
- Menu was vetted through WRC /TC
- Menu was applied to waters statewide by Regional/HQ staff
- Proposed changes were vetted through public input

Public Outreach

- Townhalls/online surveys (2018)
- Press release
- Social Media
- Released draft regulatory changes
- Created Interactive Webpage
- Held 6 townhalls throughout CA between March 20th and April 23rd
- Closing date for input was May 3rd

Summary

- Townhall summary of attendance (336)
 - Bishop (132 members of the public)
 - Redding (33 members of the public)
 - Fresno (21 members of the public)
 - Rancho Cucamonga (78 members of the public)
 - Sacramento (21 members of the public)
 - Truckee (51 members of the public)

Summary

- Online submissions = approximately 3500
- Emails (RKB) = approximately 150
- Phone calls (RKB) = approximately 150
- Hard copies = approximately 27
- CDFW staff working with Human Dimensions Unit to analyze input
- CDFW staff working to assess input and revise proposed regulations

Thank You

