

Comprehensive Summary of Changes to Sportfishing Regulations to Implement Season Delays and Suspensions in Response to Requests to Protect Public Health and Safety

May 27, 2020

UPDATE: All openings for streams in Inyo County previously delayed to June 1, 2020, will now open to fishing on May 28, 2020. Both the delay and the previously adopted bag and possession limit changes will now expire on May 27, 2020. This includes all streams regulated under the Sierra District general regulations (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, section 7.00(b)(7)).

May 22, 2020: All openings for streams in Mono County previously delayed to June 1, 2020, will now open to fishing on May 23, 2020. Both the delay and the previously adopted bag and possession limit changes will now expire on May 22, 2020. This includes all streams regulated under the Sierra District general regulations (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, section 7.00(b)(7)).

May 13, 2020: All openings for streams in Alpine County previously delayed to June 1, 2020, will now open to fishing on May 15, 2020. This includes all streams regulated under the Sierra District general regulations (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, section 7.00(b)(7)).

In an effort to help inform anglers of the delays to the trout fishing openers in Inyo, Mono, Sierra, and Alpine counties, the Department of Fish and Wildlife has provided an overview below to help guide anglers through these changes. The delay of the traditional trout opener affected a number of waters in Mono, Inyo, Sierra, and Alpine counties. Except for the North Fork Yuba River, all open waters as of April 21, 2020, are open, but a few streams in Inyo county have adjusted bag and possession limits that expire May 27, 2020. This very limited alteration of a few bag or possession limits is designed to protect wild trout fisheries and stocked fisheries that remain open in Inyo and Sierra counties and is based on coordination with local government in each of the counties.

Many of the waters listed below have split seasons so it is important to note the listed changes are interim until May 31, 2020, when the changes expire, if not terminated sooner.

This overview serves to provide overarching guidance on affected sections of the regulations but does not reflect a comprehensive reference of the all associated angling regulations pertinent to, or associated compliance with, general angling activities. Anglers are responsible for knowing information and laws governing such activities along with having appropriate permits/licenses.

It is imperative that anglers practice physical distancing when fishing in the open waters.

Waterways Currently Open in Sierra, Alpine, Inyo, and Mono County with Associated Changes

Inyo County:

All waters currently open to trout fishing will remain open and the previously reduced bag limits shall expire on May 27, 2020.

Mono County:

All waters currently open to trout fishing remain open.

Alpine County:

All waters currently open to trout fishing remain open.

Sierra County:

The North Fork Yuba River is currently open from the western boundary of Sierra City downstream to Bullards Bar Reservoir but is suspended from Yuba Pass downstream to the confluence with Goodyears Creek through May 31, 2020.

Waterways Scheduled to Open on The Last Saturday in April (April 25, 2020)

Inyo County

All openings scheduled for April 25, 2020, for streams regulated under the Sierra District general and special regulations (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, sections 7.00(b) and 7.50(b)) in Inyo county have been delayed and will open on May 28, 2020. Bag and possession limits are unchanged.

Mono County:

All streams in Mono County regulated under the Sierra District general and special regulations (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, section 7.00(b)(7)) and 7.50(b)) opened on May 23, 2020. Bag and possession limits are unchanged.

Alpine County:

All streams in Alpine County regulated under the Sierra District general regulations (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, section 7.00(b)(7)) opened on May 15, 2020.

Sierra County:

All openings scheduled for April 25, 2020, for streams regulated under the Sierra District general and special regulations (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, sections 7.00(b) and 7.50(b)) in Sierra County will continue except for the Downie River, which will be delayed to June 1, 2020. Bag and possession limits are unchanged.

Waterways Scheduled to Open on Memorial Day Weekend (May 23, 2020)

Inyo County:

All openings scheduled for May 23, 2020, for streams regulated under the Sierra District special regulations (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, section 7.50(b)) in Inyo County will open on May 28, 2020. Bag and possession limits are unchanged.

Mono County:

All streams regulated under the Sierra District special regulations (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, section 7.50(b)) in Mono County opened on May 23, 2020.