

Memorandum

Date: May 13, 2020

To: Melissa Miller-Henson
Executive Director
Fish and Game Commission

From: Charlton H. Bonham
Director



Subject: **Emergency Fishing Delay Expiring May 14, 2020 in Alpine County**

On April 15, 2020 the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) adopted emergency regulations, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 8.02, providing the Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) the ability to delay, suspend, or restrict sport or recreational fishing for particular species or areas to ensure that anglers, local communities, and government employees are protected from increased risk of transmission of COVID-19. This ability is conditioned on coordination with local government and Tribes, and consultation with the President of the Commission.

After direct conversations with county leadership, the Department acted to delay the trout fishing opener scheduled to start on April 25, 2020, in Alpine County. These changes went into effect April 22, 2020, and are set to expire May 31, 2020.

On May 6, 2020, the Department received a joint letter from the Alpine County Sheriff's Office and County Board of Supervisors requesting that the opening day of fishing season be moved from June 1, 2020 to May 15, 2020 as the county will begin to open businesses to the public starting May 8, 2020. In response to this request, I am revising the May 31, 2020, end date for the current fishing restrictions in Alpine County. The delay will now expire on May 14, 2020.

Attached to this memorandum is a comprehensive summary of the changes to sportfishing regulations that remain in effect through May 31, 2020, (Attachment 1) and the formal regulation changes (Attachment 2).

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact Roger Bloom, Acting Chief, Fisheries Branch at Roger.Bloom@wildlife.ca.gov.

Attachments:

1. Comprehensive Summary of Changes to Sportfishing Regulations
2. Current Modifications to Fishing Regulations in California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Pertaining to Temporary Delays in Trout Fishing Openers in Inyo, Mono, Alpine and Sierra Counties

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