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Invitation to Participate in Townhall Meeting to Discuss Inland Fishing Contest Permitting Regulations

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is requesting your engagement in developing regulations to improve the inland fishing contest (e.g., black bass tournament) permitting process. CDFW is proposing to revise the current fishing contest permitting regulations ([Title 14, California Code of Regulations \(14 CCR\) § 230](#)) to distribute fishing contest permits more efficiently and equitably.

CDFW conducted stakeholder surveys and solicited open written feedback in 2020 and 2021, the results from which will be considered in this process. As CDFW continues to navigate the regulatory process, you are invited to provide additional input that will help guide the trajectory of the process, and ultimately the regulations. There are two upcoming opportunities for public participation which are detailed below. Both meetings will have the same agenda and you may participate in either meeting, or both. The first meeting will be held on December 1st and will allow for in-person or virtual participation. In addition to the regulatory agenda items, this meeting will provide a forum for any questions specific to Northern California. The second meeting will be held on December 2nd and will be available for virtual participation only (MS Teams). In addition to regulatory agenda items the meeting on December 2nd will provide a forum for any questions specific to Southern California.

During these meetings we will provide an overview of the Fish and Game Commission regulatory process. We will also discuss specific sections of the regulations that are being considered for amendment, and what potential options or alternatives may exist. This is your opportunity to ensure your input is heard as these alternatives and options are evaluated moving forward.

1. NorCal Townhall Meeting

- **When:** December 1st, 2021, at 11:00AM
- **Where:** Bass Pro Shops (1356 Bass Pro Dr, Manteca, CA 95337)
- **How:**
 - In-person participation or
 - [Virtually via MS Teams meeting link](#)

2. SoCal Townhall Meeting

- **When:** December 2nd, 2021, at 11:00AM
- **Where:** Online only
- **How:**
 - [Virtually via MS Teams meeting link](#)

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For questions, please send all inquiries to tournaments@wildlife.ca.gov. Thank you in advance for your engagement, and we look forward to receiving your input.

/s/ Valerie Cook
November 22, 2021
Chief (Acting)-Fisheries Branch