



Tracking Number: (2020-005 AM 1)

To request a change to regulations under the authority of the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission), you are required to submit this completed form to: California Fish and Game Commission, (physical address) 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1320, Sacramento, CA 95814, (mailing address) P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090 or via email to FGC@fgc.ca.gov. Note: This form is not intended for listing petitions for threatened or endangered species (see Section 670.1 of Title 14).

Incomplete forms will not be accepted. A petition is incomplete if it is not submitted on this form or fails to contain necessary information in each of the required categories listed on this form (Section I). A petition will be rejected if it does not pertain to issues under the Commission's authority. A petition may be denied if any petition requesting a functionally equivalent regulation change was considered within the previous 12 months and no information or data is being submitted beyond what was previously submitted. If you need help with this form, please contact Commission staff at (916) 653-4899 or FGC@fgc.ca.gov.

## **SECTION I: Required Information.**

*Please be succinct. Responses for Section I should not exceed five pages*

### **1. Person or organization requesting the change (Required)**

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### **2. Rulemaking Authority (Required) - Reference to the statutory or constitutional authority of the Commission to take the action requested: Title 14, Section 5.75, 202, 205, 265 and 270, Fish and Game Code**

### **3. Overview (Required) - Summarize the proposed changes to regulations: NCGASA is proposing a slot limit on striped bass from 20-30 inches. This would increase, from 18 inches to 20 inches, the size of a fish that may be harvested, and further restrict the harvest of any mature fish in the system above 30 inches.**

### **4. Rationale (Required) - Describe the problem and the reason for the proposed change: Generally, the purpose behind the implementation of slot limits is to improve opportunities for targeted species in a particular body or bodies of water. In addition to improving natural reproduction success the slot limit can also serve to improve the average catchable size of a targeted species.**

Currently, anglers are allowed to harvest 2 striped bass, per person, per day, above 18 inches in total length (tip to tail). This practice has resulted in removal of fish as early as the 2<sup>nd</sup> year class, and severely impacts the largest and most sexually mature fisheries above 30 inches. As a result, natural reproduction in the system is artificially constrained by the regulatory framework currently in place.



Striped bass are declining in the system on a similar track to other anadromous fisheries, including salmon. Recent changes by the Commission to the 1996 Striped Bass Policy have removed programs that were initially conceived to improve abundance and angler opportunity. Limitations on CDFW funding have also prevented the Department from focusing on bass species as other higher priority actions must be directed to listed and endangered fisheries.

NCGASA, our members, and our partners believe that it is in the best long-term interest of this important recreational fishery to adopt a slot limit for the long term success of the fishery. ]

## SECTION II: Optional Information

5. **Date of Petition:** [April 3, 2020]
6. **Category of Proposed Change**  
X Sport Fishing  
 Commercial Fishing  
 Hunting  
 Other, please specify: [Click here to enter text.]
7. **The proposal is to:** (*To determine section number(s), see current year regulation booklet or <https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs>*)  
 Amend Title 14 Section(s): [Click here to enter text. ]  
 Add New Title 14 Section(s): [Click here to enter text. ]  
 Repeal Title 14 Section(s): [Click here to enter text. ]
8. **If the proposal is related to a previously submitted petition that was rejected, specify the tracking number of the previously submitted petition** [Click here to enter text.]  
Or X Not applicable.
9. **Effective date:** If applicable, identify the desired effective date of the regulation.  
If the proposed change requires immediate implementation, explain the nature of the emergency: [Proposed beginning in the 2021.]
10. **Supporting documentation:** Identify and attach to the petition any information supporting the proposal including data, reports and other documents: [Click here to enter text.]
11. **Economic or Fiscal Impacts:** Identify any known impacts of the proposed regulation change on revenues to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, individuals, businesses, jobs, other state agencies, local agencies, schools, or housing: [Unknown, presumed none.]
12. **Forms:** If applicable, list any forms to be created, amended or repealed:  
[Click here to enter text. ]

## SECTION 3: FGC Staff Only

Date received: [4/9/2020 ]



FGC staff action:

- Accept - complete
- Reject - incomplete
- Reject - outside scope of FGC authority

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Date petitioner was notified of receipt of petition and pending action: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting date for FGC consideration: \_\_\_\_\_

FGC action:

- Denied by FGC
- Denied - same as petition \_\_\_\_\_
- Granted for consideration of regulation change

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