



Tracking Number: (2021-008)

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)

Name of primary contact person: Carmine DeCicco

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone number: [REDACTED]

Email address: [REDACTED]

2. Rulemaking Authority (Required) - Reference to the statutory or constitutional authority of the Commission to take the action requested: **Title 14 Section 200.**

3. Overview (Required) - Summarize the proposed changes to regulations: I propose that the regulations put in place on March 1, 2021, for the East Walker River in Bridgeport, CA., be halted and returned to the prior regulations established in 2007. Expressly, use of artificial barbless hooks, a bag limit of one fish and allow fishing from November 16 through the last Friday of April, zero take and use of barbless hooks and artificial lures only.

4. Rationale (Required) - Describe the problem and the reason for the proposed change: There are several problems: Allowing a 2 fish 18” minimum take will deplete the fish population rapidly. The East Walker River will become just another fishing hole and will attract a much larger number of less than expert fly-fishers. Barbless hooks will insure that more fish are caught and not released because they have been harmed—some probably under the 18” limit—and they will be taken illegally—this river has seen few wardens over the years so who will be watching? And the attraction to the River by experienced fly-fishers will diminish and that will have an economic impact to the Bridgeport community, businesses and guide services, after all this is only one of very few Rivers one can hope to catch AND release a very large trophy fish.



SECTION II: Optional Information

5. **Date of Petition:** June 1, 2021.
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>)*
X Amend Title 14 Section(s): Section 7.50 (b) body of water 163
 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: The changes needed are immediate. The longer the delay, the more damage will be done to the East Walker River fishery and the Bridgeport economy.
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: The impact on the DFW is unknown to me. The Bridgeport community and surrounding businesses related to fishing will suffer the impact of drawing many fewer serious fly-fishers to the area from California and beyond. This will have a definite impact on jobs in this area (Guide services, hospitality, food services, sports and boating facilities, retailers and ultimately the survival of a vibrant community and County. Job growth and sustenance and fishing enhancement under a watchful eye of DFW should be the goal.
12. **Forms:** If applicable, list any forms to be created, amended or repealed:
Section 7.50 (b) 163.

SECTION 3: FGC Staff Only

Date received: [Click here to enter text.](#)

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 _____

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- Granted for consideration of regulation change