



Tracking Number: (2021-028_)

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: Ben Wehrle Jr.

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: 14 CCR Section 2.30 Spearfishing

3. Overview (Required) - Summarize the proposed changes to regulations: Add spearfishing as a method of take for American Shad in the Valley District

4. Rationale (Required) - Describe the problem and the reason for the proposed change: Currently several species of fish can be spearfished for in the Valley District between May and September but not American Shad. Spearfishing is an allowable method of take for Striped Bass which must be a minimum size of 18” and have a limit of 2 per day. It seems unreasonable not to allow spearfishing for American Shad when there is no minimum size and a daily bag limit of 25.

SECTION II: Optional Information

5. Date of Petition: 12/10/2021

6. Category of Proposed Change

Sport Fishing

Commercial Fishing



- Hunting
- Other, please specify:

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): 2.3 Spearfishing
- Add New Title 14 Section(s):
- Repeal Title 14 Section(s):

8. If the proposal is related to a previously submitted petition that was rejected, specify the tracking number of the previously submitted petition
Or 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:

10. Supporting documentation: Identify and attach to the petition any information supporting the proposal including data, reports and other documents:

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:

12. Forms: If applicable, list any forms to be created, amended or repealed:

SECTION 3: FGC Staff Only

Date received:

FGC staff action:

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

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