

Dear Tournament Director,

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) will temporarily allow permittees to adjust the location and dates of approved 2025 Type A contest permits state-wide, including to waterbodies in regions outside the originally issued region, due to the recent detection of golden mussels in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Our goal is to minimize the spread of this aquatic invasive species and potential negative impacts on fishing contest organizers and participants.

What this means for you:

Adjustment requests to move waterbodies and dates will be accepted February 3, 2025 through December 1, 2025, and will apply to Type A contests to be held in the 2025 calendar year. Requested dates must remain within the 2025 calendar year. **Request submissions received prior to February 3, 2025 will not be accepted.**

Instructions for Type A permit adjustment requests:

- Requests must be submitted by email to:
  1. **The issuing regional office contact(s) and Fisheries Branch at [Tournaments@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Tournaments@wildlife.ca.gov).**
  2. Include the following information in the email:
    - Permittee name
    - Sponsor name
    - Permit number
    - Currently permitted waterbody and dates
    - Requested waterbody and dates
- Before requesting a Type A permit adjustment, first verify waterbody and dates requested are available by viewing the [list of currently approved contests](#). No more than one Type A contest permit may be issued per waterbody on the same day.

Section 230 permit adjustment parameters:

- Requests shall be received by the issuing regional office **at least 30 days** prior to the contest date, Title 14, Section 230(g)(1).
- Permittees may submit up to three change requests for each permit, whether approved or denied, Title 14, Section 230(g)(2).
- Permits are not transferable to another permittee, Title 14, Section 230(h).
- Permit adjustments will be granted on a first-come first-served basis.

As an ambassador for California fisheries, you provide and improve fishing opportunities throughout the state, and we are looking for your help to maintain their safety. Your role as a tournament organizer is critically important, now more than ever, to promote and uphold actions to prevent the spread of invasive mussels overland to other California waters, and to other states, such as [Clean-Drain-Dry protocols](#). Adhering to Title 14 Section 230 [DFW 777 Aquatic invasive species self-inspection certification for gamefish contests](#) and providing your participants with Clean-Drain-Dry protocols and information about this invasive species is not only a regulatory requirement, but a top priority.

For more information and the latest updates, visit the [CDFW Aquatic Invasive Species webpage](#) where you can find an actively updated [map of the current detection locations](#) and invasive species [fact sheet](#) on golden mussels. Visit the [Fishing Contests, Tournaments and Derbies](#) webpage for additional tournament information. Please let us know if you have any questions and thank you for your action to protect our fisheries, recreation, and economy.