



Tracking Number: (2025-18)

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: Michael Rescino

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone number: [REDACTED]

Email address: [REDACTED]

2. Rulemaking Authority (Required) - Sections 200, 205, 270, 275, 7050, 7055 and 7056 Fish and Game code. Reference: sections 200, 205, 270, 275, 7050, 7055 and 7056 Fish and Game code.

3. Overview (Required) - Revise California

Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 14, Section 29.80 to restrict the use of vessel-based Recreational Hoop nets North of Pt. Arguello to daylight hours only.

4. Rationale (Required) - Restrict the use of vessel based recreational

Hoop nets to daylight hours only, to reduce lost fishing gear (“ghost gear”), reduce vertical lines in the water, discourage poaching activity, and enhance enforcement effectiveness while maintaining sustainable access to resources.

-Reduction in Lost Gear (Ghost Gear)

Nighttime hoop net visibility is difficult and leads to an increase in lost gear. A daylight-only policy would significantly reduce abandoned and/or lost hoop nets.



-Increase risk of line entanglement with vessel and sensitive marine life

A daylight-only policy would significantly reduce abandoned and lost hoop nets. Recreational hoop nets have an impeccable record with zero documented whale entanglements in the recreational fishery

Deterrence of Illegal Harvest (Poaching)

- Fewer witnesses
- Reduced enforcement visibility
- Easier concealment of undersized or over-limit catch Restricting nighttime use:
- Removes cover for illegal activity Allows enforcement to focus on daylight hours
- Simplifies compliance checks Improved Enforcement Day-only fishing:
- Makes illegal activity easier to detect allowing officers to verify compliance visually reducing ambiguity over legitimate vs. illegal us.

Nighttime fishing presents higher risk of:

Drowning/Vessel accidents

Equipment entanglements

Exposure to unpredictable ocean conditions

Daylight hours reduce hazard and liability.

SECTION II: Optional Information

5. Date of Petition: 12/10/2025

6. Category of Proposed Change

- 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):29.80
- 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 .

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: 11/01/2026
- 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:

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SECTION 3: FGC Staff Only

Date received: 12/12/2025

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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