

Klamath Basin Salmon and Steelhead Fishing Reminders

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In response to improved returns of Chinook Salmon to California rivers, and increased ocean abundance estimates, the California Fish and Game Commission (FGC) at their May 6th teleconference meeting adopted fishing regulations allowing for the Klamath River Spring Chinook (KRSC) and Klamath River Fall Chinook (KRFC) fisheries to re-open pursuant to subsections 7.40(b)(50)(E)(2) and (6).

KRSC Fishery – Lower Klamath Mainstem (Hwy 96 bridge to mouth) - July 1 through August 14. Upper Trinity (250 ft below Trinity River Hatchery to South Fork Trinity confluence) – July 1 through August 31.

Harvest Limits: 1 fish (any size) daily bag /2 fish in possession.

KRFC Fishery – Klamath River (Interstate 5 bridge to mouth) – August 15 through December 31. Trinity River (250 ft below Trinity River Hatchery to Klamath River confluence) – September 1 through December 31.

Harvest Limits: 2 fish (no more than one fish greater than 23”) daily bag/6 fish in possession (no more than 3 fish greater than 23”).

Trout Fisheries - Fishing for steelhead in the basin also remains open pursuant to subsections 7.40(b)(50). Additionally, fishing for brown trout on the Trinity River is unaffected and remains open pursuant to subsection 7.40(b)(50)(E)(6).

Coho Salmon - Coho salmon regulations (no retention) also remain unchanged, as they are protected under state and federal listings.

KRSC and KRFC salmon regulations for the Klamath Basin are adopted each year by the FGC at their May meeting. As a result, digital publication of all supplemental regulations content is not completed until early Summer and may not be available at the time of this update.

Up-to-date Klamath Basin regulations will be found in the 2026 Fishing Regulations Supplement, expected to be published by July 1, 2026.

We remind anglers to call the Klamath and Trinity River Information Hotline: 1 (800) 564-6479, where up-to-date information is available. This hotline includes Klamath/Trinity salmon and steelhead regulations, Fall Chinook quota updates (when salmon fishing is open) and other information.