Regulatory Language

Section 7.40, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

§ 7.40. Alphabetical List of Hatchery Trout, Hatchery Steelhead, and Salmon Waters with Special Fishing Regulations.

. . . [No changes to subsections (a) through (b)(49)] . . .

(50) Klamath River Basin Regulations.

All anadromous Waters of the Klamath River Basin and Trinity River downstream of Lewiston Dam. This subsection applies only to waters of the Klamath River Basin that are accessible to anadromous salmonids. This subsection does not apply to waters of the Klamath River Basin that are inaccessible to anadromous salmon and trout, portions of the Trinity River system upstream of Lewiston Dam, and the Shasta River and tributaries upstream of Dwinnel Dam.

(A) Restrictions and Requirements.

1. Only barbless hooks may be used. (For definitions regarding legal hook types, hook gaps and rigging see Chapter 2, Article 1, Section 2.10.)
2. During closures to the take of adult salmon, it shall be unlawful to remove any adult Chinook Salmon from the water by any means.
3. See Section 1.74 for sport fish report card requirements.

(B) General Area Closures.

1. No fishing is allowed within 750 feet of any department fish-counting weir.
2. No fishing is allowed from the Ishi Pishi Road bridge upstream to and including Ishi Pishi Falls from Aug. 15 through Dec. 31. Exception: members of the Karuk Tribe listed on the current Karuk Tribal Roll may fish at Ishi Pishi Falls using hand-held dip nets.
3. No fishing is allowed from Sep. 15 through Dec. 31 in the Klamath River within 500 feet of the mouths of the Salmon, Shasta and Scott rivers and Blue, Bogus, Fall and Shovel creeks.
4. No fishing is allowed from Jun. 15 through Sep. 14 in the Klamath River from 500 feet above the mouth of Blue Creek to 500 feet downstream of the mouth of Blue Creek.

(C) Klamath River Basin Possession Limits.

1. Trout Possession Limits.
   a. The Brown Trout possession limit is 20.
   b. The hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead possession limits are as follows:
      (i) Klamath River: 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead.
      (ii) Trinity River: 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead.
2. Chinook Salmon Possession Limits.
   a. Klamath River downstream of the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec to the mouth from Jul. 1 through Aug. 14 and the Trinity River downstream of the Old Lewiston Bridge to the confluence of the South Fork Trinity River from Jul. 1 through Aug. 31: ~~Closed to the take and possession of Chinook Salmon.~~2 Chinook Salmon.

b. Klamath River from Aug. 15 to Dec. 31 and Trinity River from Sep. 1 to Dec. 31: ~~Closed to the take and possession of Chinook Salmon.~~ 6 Chinook Salmon. No more than 3 Chinook Salmon over 23 inches total length may be retained when the take of salmon over 23 inches total length is allowed.

(D) Klamath River Basin Chinook Salmon Quotas.

Klamath River fall-run Chinook Salmon take is regulated using quotas. Accounting of the tribal and non-tribal harvest is closely monitored from Aug. 15 through Dec. 31 each year. Quota areas are noted in subsection 7.40(b)(50)(E) with "Fall-run Quota" in the *Open Season and Special Restrictions* column.

1. Quota for Entire Basin.

The ~~2025~~2026 Klamath River Basin quota is ~~0~~3,248 Klamath River fall-run Chinook Salmon. The department shall inform the commission, and the public via the news media, prior to any implementation of restrictions triggered by the quotas. (Note: A department status report on progress toward the quotas for the various river sections is updated weekly, and available by calling 1-800-564-6479.)

2. Subquota Percentages.

a. The subquota for the Klamath River upstream of the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec and the Trinity River is 50% of the total Klamath River Basin quota.

(i) The subquota for the Klamath River from the California-Oregon border to the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec is 17% of the total Klamath River Basin quota.
(ii) The subquota for the Trinity River main stem downstream of the Old Lewiston Bridge to the Highway 299 West bridge at Cedar Flat is 16.5% of the total Klamath River Basin quota.
(iii) The subquota for the Trinity River main stem downstream of the Denny Road bridge at Hawkins Bar to the confluence with the Klamath River is 16.5% of the total Klamath River Basin quota.

b. The subquota for the lower Klamath River downstream of the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec to the mouth is 50% of the total Klamath River Basin quota.

(i) The spit area (within 100 yards of the channel through the sand spit formed at the Klamath River mouth) will close when 15% of the total Klamath River Basin quota is taken downstream of the Highway 101 bridge.

(E) Klamath River Basin Open Seasons and Bag Limits.

All anadromous waters of the Klamath River Basin are closed to all fishing all year except those areas listed in the following table. Bag limits are for trout and Chinook Salmon in combination unless otherwise specified.

Body of Water	*Open Season and Special Restrictions*	*Daily Bag Limit*
1. Bogus Creek and tributaries.	All anadromous portions of Bogus Creek. Closed to all fishing all year.	

Body of Water	*Open Season and Special Restrictions*	*Daily Bag Limit*
2. Klamath River main stem from the California-Oregon state line to the mouth.		
a. Klamath River from California-Oregon state line to Copco Road bridge at Copco.	Nov. 1 through Feb. 28 and fourth Sat. in May through Aug. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	Closed to the take and possession of Chinook Salmon. 0 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**.
(i) Shovel Creek main stem downstream of barrier located approximately 2.75 miles upstream from Ager Beswick Road	All anadromous portions of tributaries. Closed to all fishing all year.	
b. Klamath River from Copco Road bridge at Copco to Lakeview Road bridge near Iron Gate.	Closed to all fishing all year.	
(i) Fall Creek downstream of barrier located approximately 1 mile upstream from Copco Road	All anadromous portions of tributaries. Closed to all fishing all year.	
(ii) Jenny Creek downstream of barrier located approximately 2 miles upstream from Copco Road	All anadromous portions of tributaries. Closed to all fishing all year.	

Body of Water	*Open Season and Special Restrictions*	*Daily Bag Limit*
(iii) Scotch Creek main stem downstream of barrier located approximately 3/4 mile upstream from Copco Road	All anadromous portions of tributaries. Closed to all fishing all year.	
c. Klamath River from Lakeview Road Bridge near Iron Gate to Interstate 5 bridge.	Jan. 1 to Aug. 14.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**.
	Fall-run Quota: 0 Chinook Salmon Aug. 15 to Dec. 31, ~~2025~~2026. This is the cumulative quota for subsections 2.c. and 2.d.	Closed to the take and possession of Chinook Salmon. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**.
d. Klamath River from Interstate 5 bridge to the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec.	Jan. 1 through Aug. 14.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**.
	Fall-run Quota: ~~0~~552 Chinook Salmon Aug. 15 through Dec. 31, ~~2025~~2026. This is the cumulative quota for subsections 2.c. and 2.d. Once the adult salmon quota for this area has been met, salmon fishing may continue but only salmon less than or equal to 23 inches total length may be kept.	~~Closed to the take and possession of Chinook Salmon.~~ 2 Chinook Salmon – no more than 1 fish over 23 inches total length until subquota is met, then 0 fish over 23 inches total length. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**.

Body of Water	*Open Season and Special Restrictions*	*Daily Bag Limit*
e. Klamath River downstream of the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec to the mouth.	Jan. 1 through Jun. 30.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**.
	Jul. 1 through Aug. 14.	~~Closed to the take and possession of Chinook Salmon.~~ 1 Chinook Salmon. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**.
	Fall-run Quota: ~~0~~1,624 Chinook Salmon Aug. 15 through Dec. 31, ~~2025~~2026. Once the adult salmon quota for this area has been met, salmon fishing may continue but only salmon less than or equal to 23 inches total length may be kept. Fall-run Quota Exception: Spit Area (within 100 yards of the channel through the sand spit formed at the Klamath River mouth). This area will be closed to all fishing after 15% of the total Klamath River Basin quota has been taken downstream of the Hwy 101 bridge. All legally caught Chinook Salmon must be retained. Once the adult ~~(greater than 23 inches)~~ component of the total daily bag limit has been retained, anglers must cease fishing in the spit area.	~~Closed to the take and possession of Chinook Salmon.~~ 2 Chinook Salmon – no more than 1 fish over 23 inches total length until subquota is met, then 0 fish over 23 inches total length. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**.
3. Salmon River main stem, main stem of North Fork downstream of Sawyer's Bar bridge, and main stem of South Fork downstream of the confluence of the East Fork of the South Fork.	Nov. 1 through Feb. 28.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**.

Body of Water	*Open Season and Special Restrictions*	*Daily Bag Limit*
4. Scott River main stem downstream of the Fort Jones-Greenview bridge to the confluence with the Klamath River.	Fourth Sat. in May through Feb. 28.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**.
5. Shasta River main stem downstream of the Interstate Highway 5 bridge north of Yreka to the confluence with the Klamath River.	Fourth Sat. in May through Aug. 31 and Nov. 16 through Feb. 28.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**.
6. Trinity River and tributaries.		
a. Trinity River main stem from 250 feet downstream of Lewiston Dam to the Old Lewiston Bridge.	Apr. 1 through Sep. 15. Only artificial flies with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**.
b. Trinity River main stem downstream of the Old Lewiston Bridge to the Highway 299 West bridge at Cedar Flat.	Jan. 1 through Jun. 30.	10 Brown Trout. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**.
	Jul. 1 through Aug. 31.	~~Closed to the take and possession of Chinook Salmon.~~ 1 Chinook Salmon. 10 Brown Trout. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**.

Body of Water	*Open Season and Special Restrictions*	*Daily Bag Limit*
	Fall-run Quota: ~~0~~536 Chinook Salmon Sep. 1 through Dec. 31, ~~2025~~2026. Once the adult salmon quota for this area has been met, salmon fishing may continue but only salmon less than or equal to 23 inches total length may be kept.	~~Closed to the take and possession of Chinook Salmon.~~ 2 Chinook Salmon – no more than 1 fish over 23 inches total length until subquota is met, then 0 fish over 23 inches total length. 10 Brown Trout. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**.
c. Trinity River main stem downstream of the Highway 299 West bridge at Cedar Flat to the Denny Road bridge at Hawkins Bar.	Jan. 1 through Jun. 30.	10 Brown Trout. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**.
	Jul. 1 through Aug. 31.	~~Closed to the take and possession of Chinook Salmon.~~ 1 Chinook Salmon. 10 Brown Trout. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**.
	Sep. 1 through Dec. 31.	Closed to all fishing.
d. New River main stem downstream of the confluence of the East Fork to the confluence with the Trinity River.	Sep. 15 through Nov. 15. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**.
e. Trinity River main stem downstream of the Denny Road bridge at Hawkins Bar to the mouth of the South Fork Trinity River.	Jan. 1 through Jun. 30.	10 Brown Trout. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**.
	Jul. 1 through Aug. 31.	~~Closed to the take and possession of Chinook Salmon.~~ 1 Chinook Salmon. 10 Brown Trout. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**.

Body of Water	*Open Season and Special Restrictions*	*Daily Bag Limit*
	Fall-run Quota: ~~0~~ 536 Chinook Salmon Sep. 1 through Dec. 31, ~~2025~~2026. This is the cumulative quota for subsections 6.e. and 6.f. of this table. Once the adult salmon quota for this area has been met, salmon fishing may continue but only salmon less than or equal to 23 inches total length may be kept.	~~Closed to the take and possession of Chinook Salmon.~~ 2 Chinook Salmon – no more than 1 fish over 23 inches total length until subquota is met, then 0 fish over 23 inches total length. 10 Brown Trout. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**.
f. Trinity River main stem downstream of the mouth of the South Fork Trinity River to the confluence with the Klamath River.	Jan. 1 through Aug. 31.	10 Brown Trout. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**.
	Fall-run Quota: ~~0~~536 Chinook Salmon Sep. 1 through Dec. 31, ~~2025~~2026. This is the cumulative quota for subsections 6.e. and 6.f. of this table. Once the adult salmon quota for this area has been met, salmon fishing may continue but only salmon less than or equal to 23 inches total length may be kept.	~~Closed to the take and possession of Chinook Salmon.~~ 2 Chinook Salmon – no more than 1 fish over 23 inches total length until subquota is met, then 0 fish over 23 inches total length. 10 Brown Trout. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**.
g. Hayfork Creek main stem downstream of the Highway 3 bridge in Hayfork to the confluence with the South Fork Trinity River.	Nov. 1 through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**.
h. South Fork Trinity River downstream of the confluence with the East Fork of the South Fork Trinity River to the South Fork Trinity River bridge by Hyampom.	Nov. 1 through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**.

Body of Water	*Open Season and Special Restrictions*	*Daily Bag Limit*
i. South Fork Trinity River downstream of the South Fork Trinity River bridge at Hyampom to the confluence with the Trinity River.	Nov. 1 through Dec. 31.	Closed to the take and possession of Chinook Salmon. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**.
	Jan. 1 through Mar. 31.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**.

. . . [No changes to subsections (b)(51) through (b)(123)] . . .

* Wild Chinook Salmon are those not showing a healed adipose fin clip and not showing a healed left ventral fin clip.

**Hatchery trout or steelhead in anadromous waters are those showing a healed adipose fin clip (adipose fin is absent). Unless otherwise provided, all other trout and steelhead must be immediately released. Wild trout or steelhead are those not showing a healed adipose fin clip (adipose fin is present).

Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, 205, 265, 270, 315, 316.5, 399 and 2084, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 205, 265, 270, 316.5 and 2084, Fish and Game Code.