

# *Inland Warmwater Fishes*



**W**armwater fishing in California covers a broad range of fish and fishing techniques. At one extreme is the simplicity of a youngster fishing for bluegill in a farm pond with a willow pole and a worm on a hook. At the other end of the scale may be the finesse and sophistication of a tournament bass angler in search of a 'kicker' fish, tearing across the lake in a fiberglass boat full of a variety of rods and reels, fish finders, and the latest custom-colored, handmade, artificial lures.

The common link among warmwater fishing experiences is that the anglers target fish that prefer water temperatures generally too warm for trout. This is not to say that trout and warmwater fish cannot occur in the same body of water. Many of California's lakes and reservoirs support excellent "two-story" fisheries where warmwater species such as bass and sunfish can be caught in warmer surface waters and trout in deeper, cooler areas.

Warmwater fish can be found throughout California in urban and rural streams, rivers, ponds, lakes, and reservoirs, and can provide excellent sport and good table fare. They have not only introduced millions to the sport of fishing, they continue to provide a lifetime of angling challenges for many.



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### Largemouth Bass

\_\_\_\_\_

*Date of catch*

Catch-and-release?  
Yes  No



\_\_\_\_\_

*Location of catch*

\_\_\_\_\_

*Witness signature*

place  
stamp  
here

### Redeye Bass

\_\_\_\_\_

*Date of catch*

Catch-and-release?  
Yes  No



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*Location of catch*

\_\_\_\_\_

*Witness signature*

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### Smallmouth Bass

\_\_\_\_\_

*Date of catch*

Catch-and-release?  
Yes  No



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*Location of catch*

\_\_\_\_\_

*Witness signature*

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### Spotted Bass

\_\_\_\_\_

*Date of catch*

Catch-and-release?  
Yes  No



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*Location of catch*

\_\_\_\_\_

*Witness signature*

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here

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### Striped Bass (landlocked)

\_\_\_\_\_ *Date of catch*

*Catch-and-release?*  
Yes  No

*place  
stamp  
here*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Location of catch*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Witness signature*



### White Bass

\_\_\_\_\_ *Date of catch*

*Catch-and-release?*  
Yes  No

*place  
stamp  
here*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Location of catch*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Witness signature*



### Black Bullhead

\_\_\_\_\_ *Date of catch*

*Catch-and-release?*  
Yes  No

*place  
stamp  
here*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Location of catch*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Witness signature*



### Brown Bullhead

\_\_\_\_\_ *Date of catch*

*Catch-and-release?*  
Yes  No

*place  
stamp  
here*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Location of catch*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Witness signature*

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### Yellow Bullhead

\_\_\_\_\_ *Date of catch*

Catch-and-release?  
Yes  No



\_\_\_\_\_ *Location of catch*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Witness signature*

*place  
stamp  
here*

### Blue Catfish

\_\_\_\_\_ *Date of catch*

Catch-and-release?  
Yes  No



\_\_\_\_\_ *Location of catch*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Witness signature*

*place  
stamp  
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### Channel Catfish

\_\_\_\_\_ *Date of catch*

Catch-and-release?  
Yes  No



\_\_\_\_\_ *Location of catch*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Witness signature*

*place  
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### Flathead Catfish

\_\_\_\_\_ *Date of catch*

Catch-and-release?  
Yes  No



\_\_\_\_\_ *Location of catch*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Witness signature*

*place  
stamp  
here*

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### White Catfish

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch \_\_\_\_\_

Yes

No

place  
stamp  
here

Location of catch \_\_\_\_\_

Witness signature \_\_\_\_\_



### Common Carp

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch \_\_\_\_\_

Yes

No

place  
stamp  
here

Location of catch \_\_\_\_\_

Witness signature \_\_\_\_\_



### Black Crappie

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch \_\_\_\_\_

Yes

No

place  
stamp  
here

Location of catch \_\_\_\_\_

Witness signature \_\_\_\_\_



### White Crappie

Catch-and-release?

Date of catch \_\_\_\_\_

Yes

No

place  
stamp  
here

Location of catch \_\_\_\_\_

Witness signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Sacramento Perch

\_\_\_\_\_ *Date of catch*

Catch-and-release?  
Yes  No



\_\_\_\_\_ *Location of catch*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Witness signature*

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stamp  
here*

## Tule Perch

\_\_\_\_\_ *Date of catch*

Catch-and-release?  
Yes  No



\_\_\_\_\_ *Location of catch*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Witness signature*

*place  
stamp  
here*

## Yellow Perch

\_\_\_\_\_ *Date of catch*

Catch-and-release?  
Yes  No



\_\_\_\_\_ *Location of catch*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Witness signature*

*place  
stamp  
here*

## Bluegill

\_\_\_\_\_ *Date of catch*

Catch-and-release?  
Yes  No



\_\_\_\_\_ *Location of catch*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Witness signature*

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stamp  
here*

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### Pumpkinseed

\_\_\_\_\_ *Date of catch*

*Catch-and-release?*  
Yes  No

*place stamp here*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Location of catch*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Witness signature*



### Green Sunfish

\_\_\_\_\_ *Date of catch*

*Catch-and-release?*  
Yes  No

*place stamp here*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Location of catch*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Witness signature*



### Redear Sunfish

\_\_\_\_\_ *Date of catch*

*Catch-and-release?*  
Yes  No

*place stamp here*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Location of catch*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Witness signature*



### Warmouth

\_\_\_\_\_ *Date of catch*

*Catch-and-release?*  
Yes  No

*place stamp here*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Location of catch*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Witness signature*

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# Tilapia

\_\_\_\_\_   
Date of catch

Catch-and-release?

Yes

No



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Location of catch

\_\_\_\_\_   
Witness signature

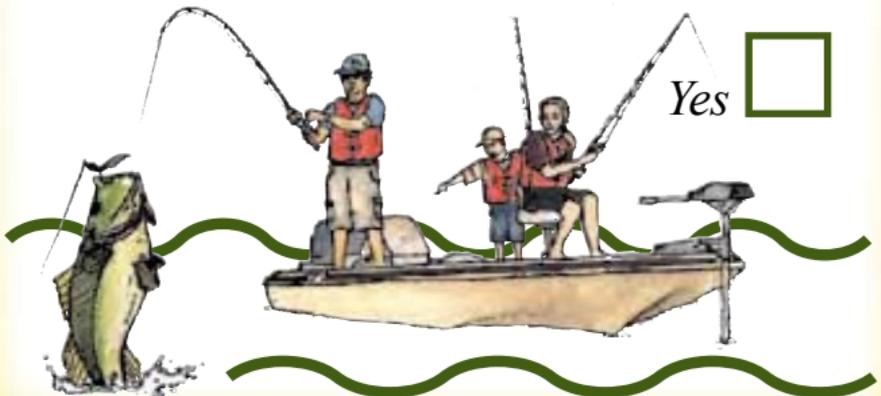
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## *Practice Safe and Responsible Fishing*

*I do not transport  
fish, live bait, or  
water plants between  
waterways – it can be  
harmful and it is illegal.*



Yes



## Trophy Black Bass Recognition Program



Hankering to catch a trophy-sized bass? You're in the right state! Twenty-two of the 25 heftiest largemouth caught in the U.S. were taken from California waters.

To recognize anglers who land California's monster black bass, the Department created the Trophy Black Bass recognition program as part of the Black Bass Conservation and Management Act of 1980. This program:

-  Recognizes the extraordinary accomplishment of landing a trophy bass
-  Helps the Department maintain records of trophy bass landings
-  Assists Department managers in producing more trophy bass in designated waters

*To qualify, bass must meet or exceed the following weight criteria:*

**largemouth bass: 10 lb.    smallmouth bass: 6 lb.  
spotted bass: 6 lb.**

Two witnesses are required to the weighing and measuring of the fish. The Department will award a certificate of recognition, suitable for framing, to anglers who catch verified trophy black bass; anglers who catch and release their trophy bass also receive a California Trophy Bass catch-and-release hat or lapel pin.

If you've successfully caught a trophy-sized black bass, complete and mail a Trophy Black Bass application form along with supporting documentation to the Department. Application forms are available on the Trophy Black Bass Angler Recognition Web site and at all Department offices. For more information about the Trophy Black Bass Angler Recognition Program, call (916) 358-2847 or visit

[www.dfg.ca.gov/fishing](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/fishing)