
COLUSA COUNTY FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION
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March 30, 1998

State of California
Fish and Game Commission
P.O. BOX 944209
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

Dear Sirs:

On behalf of the Colusa County Fish & Game Advisory Commission, I have been asked to direct an inquiry regarding Article 2, No. 3.00 Fishing hours, (6) Sacramento River between Grimes Landing and Princeton Ferry (Colusa and Sutter Counties) closure to all fishing between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. from May 1 through June 14.

Could you please clarify the position taken on behalf of the State Fish & Game Commission extending the night closure for two more years.

Please contact Greg Goodin, Chairman at (530) 458-2555, Cromer Ave., Colusa, CA 95932 if more specific information is needed for the purpose of responding. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter and a timely response would be appreciated.

Sincerely,



Jeanie Allen
Secretary

Section 3.00. Fishing Hours.

1. Akin, Dick, 4/16/97; Davidson, Frank, 6/9/97; Gilpatric, Kim, Chairman, Sutter County Fish and Game Commission, 5/28/97; Hall, Gary and Cheryl, 6/23/97; Beauchamp, Chuck, President, Colusa County Anglers' Assn, and Gilpatrick, Kim, Chairman, Sutter County Fish and game Advisory Committee, 3/27/97; Beauchamp, Chuck, President, Colusa County Anglers' Assn, 6/1/97 and oral testimony, 8/29/97; Draudson, Ralph, California Striped Bass Assn., no date. Mr. Jerry Quintana, Chairman, Sutter County Fish and Game Commission (SCFGC), authorizes Mr. Chuck Beauchamp to speak in behalf of the SCFGC regarding this issue.

These individuals recommend eliminating the fishing hours restrictions for the Sacramento River between Grimes Landing and Princeton Ferry (Colusa and Sutter cos).

2. Stahl, John, and Sorenson, George, Modoc County Fish, Game and Recreation Commission, 4/3/97.

Allow night fishing for trout in Modoc County and surrounding area.

Department Recommendation

1. See analysis.
2. Accept.

Analysis.

1. This section of the Sacramento River is closed to fishing 10:00 p.m.-6:00 a.m. from May 1 through June 14 (Section 3.00)(b)(6)). The restriction is unique to this reach of the Sacramento River. The closure was originally justified to protect spawning striped bass. This justification cannot be supported by biological information. However, the restriction does assist game wardens enforce restrictions on fishing methods and/or daily bag limits, especially relative to the illegal snagging of sturgeon.

2. Current regulations prohibit night fishing for salmon and trout in Modoc County and many other areas of the State. Most of the areas where night fishing is prohibited contain salmon and/or steelhead spawning streams, and the restriction was enacted to help game wardens enforce restrictions on fishing methods and/or daily bag limits. These regulations are still justified in areas of the State where spawning salmon and steelhead are threatened by such activity. However, Modoc County does not fit this description, and there is no apparent justification for the restriction there. The Department is proposing to allow night fishing in Modoc County.

Section 4.00. Bait-General.

1. Oxsen, Tony, Secretary, Plumas County Fish and Game Commission, 8/15/97.
Prohibit the use of trout for bait statewide.
2. Renzi, Vincent, 7/23/97; Azevedo, Robert, Director, Success Bass Club, 8/25/97.

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April 13, 1998

Mr. Greg Goodin, Chairman
Colusa County Fish & Game Advisory Commission
546 Jay Street
Colusa, CA 95932

Dear Mr. Goodin:

This is to acknowledge receipt of Colusa County Fish & Game Advisory Commission's March 30, 1998, letter regarding the current night fishing closure between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. in the Sacramento River between Grimes Landing and Princeton Ferry. The closure was originally justified to protect spawning striped bass. During the recent biennial review of the sport fishing regulations, the Commission continued the closure because of its importance to assist wardens to prevent illegal snagging of sturgeon.

If you have any further questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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