

STAFF SUMMARY FOR MAY 14, 2020 WEBINAR/TELECONFERENCE

5. RECEIVE DEPARTMENT REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN PURSUANT TO THE EMERGENCY SPORT AND RECREATIONAL FISHING REGULATION**Today's Item**Information Action

Receive a report from DFW on actions taken to temporarily suspend, delay, or restrict sport and recreational fishing in specific areas of the state to protect public health from the threat posed by COVID-19.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

- Adopted emergency delegation Apr 15-16, 2020; Teleconference
- **Today's DFW update** **May 14, 2020; Webinar/Teleconference**

Background

On Apr 15, 2020, FGC adopted an emergency regulation authorizing the director of DFW to suspend, delay, or restrict sport/recreational fishing in specific areas within the state when necessary to protect public health from the threat posed by COVID-19 (Exhibit 1). DFW authority under this regulation only extends through May 31, 2020 and the regulation is repealed effective June 1, 2020. The decisions under this emergency regulation are to be based on the most current information available, considering public health and safety guidance from federal, state, tribal, and local officials, and in consultation with the president of FGC. At the Apr 2020 meeting, FGC scheduled today's agenda item to allow for additional discussion on this topic.

At today's meeting, DFW will provide a report on actions taken under the emergency delegation pursuant to subsection 8.02(f). DFW has not requested any additional authority to suspend, delay, or restrict sport/recreational fishing. To date, Director Bonham, in consultation with President Sklar, has acted on requests from Alpine, Inyo, Mono, and Sierra counties through two actions:

1. On Apr 21, 2020, DFW delayed the start of the trout opener in Alpine, Inyo and Mono counties as requested by county officials. The trout season was scheduled to open in the three counties on Apr 25, 2020; the season delay expires May 31, 2020. (Exhibit 2)
2. On Apr 22, 2020, DFW suspended fishing on the mainstem of the North Fork Yuba River and delayed the trout opener on the entire Downie River mainstem in the county, as requested by Sierra County officials; the closure and delay will expire May 31, 2020. (Exhibit 3)

A comprehensive summary of regulation changes to delay or suspend sport fishing seasons and the text of the modified regulations are provided by DFW in exhibits 4 and 5.

Significant Public Comments

1. One commenter requests that FGC take similar measures to delay, suspend or restrict all hunting (Exhibit 6).
2. One commenter expresses appreciation for FGC's Apr 2020 action (Exhibit 7).

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Recommendation (N/A)

Exhibits

1. [Section 8.02, Title 14, adopted by FGC Apr 15, 2020](#)
2. [DFW memo \(without the referenced attachments\) concerning actions taken in Alpine, Inyo and Mono counties, dated Apr 21, 2020](#)
3. [DFW memo concerning actions taken in Sierra County, dated Apr 22, 2020](#)
4. [Attachment to Apr 22, 2020 DFW memo: Comprehensive summary of the changes to sportfishing regulations to implement season delays and suspensions](#)
5. [Attachment to Apr 22, 2020 DFW memo: Text of the modified regulations](#)
6. [Email from Phoebe Lenhart, Apr 13, 2020](#)
7. [Email from Gabriel Hydrick, Plumas County Administrator, Apr 22, 2020](#)

Motion/Direction (N/A)

Regulatory Language

Section 8.02, Title 14, CCR is added to read:

§ 8.02. Special Measures for Sport Fishing to Protect Public Health from the Immediate Threat Posed by COVID-19.

(a) The commission has established a quick response process to temporarily suspend, delay, or restrict sport (also known as recreational) fishing to protect public health from the immediate threat posed by COVID-19, including deviation from the automatic conformance process for salmon and Pacific halibut provided in Section 1.95.

(b) The department shall temporarily close any waters of the state to sport fishing or restrict the sport take of any species of fish if the director, or his designee, after consulting with the president of the commission, or the president's designee, finds that such action is necessary to protect public health from the immediate threat posed by COVID-19 after considering:

(1) Current public health guidance from the director of the California Department of Public Health,

(2) Current public health guidance from the primary public health official of any county or Native American tribal government that would be affected by the closure or restriction on take,

(3) Current public health guidance from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and

(4) The need to preserve public safety based on input from state, federal, tribal, or local law enforcement or other government agencies.

(c) The department shall reopen any waters or lift any restrictions on the taking of a fish species imposed pursuant to subsection (b) when the director, or his designee, after consulting with the president of the commission, or the president's designee, and after considering current public health guidance and the need to preserve public safety, finds that the closures of those waters or restrictions on the taking of a fish species is no longer necessary to protect public health from the immediate threat posed by COVID-19.

(d) It shall be unlawful to take fish in any waters of the state closed to sport fishing or in violation of any restrictions imposed on the sport take of a fish species pursuant to this section.

(e) The department shall maintain a list of affected waters and restrictions on the taking of a fish species imposed pursuant to subsection (b) and update that list daily by 7:00 pm. The fishing status for each specific water or fish species shall take effect at 12:01 am on the day immediately following the update. It shall be the responsibility of the fisher to use the telephone number provided below or to check the department's website at <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Regulations> to obtain the current status of any water and restrictions on the taking of a fish species. The number to call for information is (916) 445-7600.

(f) At each regularly-scheduled commission meeting, the department shall report on any action taken pursuant to this section since the previous report. While this regulation is in effect, the commission shall maintain a standing agenda item for this report to allow for public comment and commission discussion. The department shall consider any discussion or vote by the commission and public comment during those agenda items to determine whether further action is warranted under subsection (b).

(g) This section shall remain in effect through May 31, 2020, and shall be repealed effective June 1, 2020.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, 205 and 399, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 205 and 399, Fish and Game Code.

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Memorandum

Date: April 21, 2020

To: Melissa Miller-Henson
Executive Director
Fish and Game Commission

From: Charlton H. Bonham
Director

Subject: Emergency Fishing Delays in Inyo, Mono, and Alpine Counties

On April 15, 2020 the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) adopted emergency regulations (*i.e.*, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 8.02) providing the Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) the ability to delay, suspend, or restrict sport or recreational fishing for particular species or areas to ensure that fishers, local communities, and government employees are protected from increased risk of transmission of COVID-19. This ability is conditioned on coordination with local government and Tribes, and consultation with the President of the Commission.

After direct conversations with county leadership in the relevant counties early this week, the Department is acting to delay the trout fishing opener scheduled to start on April 25, 2020, in Inyo, Mono, and Alpine counties. Also after county coordination, in an effort to protect wild trout fisheries and stocked fisheries that remain open in these counties, the Department is reducing bag and possession limits in a few, limited streams. As described below, these changes will expire by May 31, 2020.

The Department has received letters from Inyo, Mono, and Alpine county officials requesting that the Department delay the opening of the trout fishing season scheduled for April 25, 2020 in their counties. As requested, the Department has also had discussions with county leadership. The trout fishing opening date typically draws a high tourism influx to these counties and county officials are concerned that people traveling from throughout the state and beyond to fish in these areas will exacerbate the transmission of COVID-19 and put a strain on their already taxed healthcare systems. Further, non-essential businesses in these counties including lodging, dining, and camping options are closed in compliance with the state and local public health officers' orders. Therefore, county officials are requesting that the Department delay the fishing opener until such time as the Department in coordination with county leadership agrees the actions posed by angling no longer pose a significant risk to public health and safety.

In response to these requests, I have consulted with Commission President Eric Sklar and per the authority granted in Section 8.02, the Department is acting to temporarily delay the trout fishing opener in Inyo, Mono, and Alpine counties effective tomorrow, Wednesday, April 22, 2020. This delay will remain in effect until May 31, 2020, unless the Department ends this delay earlier as authorized in Section 8.02. Attached to this

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memorandum is a summary of the changes to the regulations to implement the delay (Attachment 1) and the formal regulation changes (Attachment 2). Both the delay and the few bag and possession limit changes will expire on May 31, 2020, if not sooner.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact Roger Bloom, Acting Chief, Fisheries Branch at Roger.Bloom@wildlife.ca.gov.

Attachments:

1. Summary of Changes to Sportfishing Regulations to Implement Season Delay
2. Modifications to Fishing Regulations in California Code of Regulations, Title 14, In Order to Effectuate Temporary Delay to Trout Fishing Opener in Inyo, Mono, and Alpine Counties

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Memorandum

Date: April 22, 2020

To: Melissa Miller-Henson
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From: Charlton H. Bonham
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Subject: Emergency Fishing Delays in Sierra County

On April 15, 2020 the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) adopted emergency regulations (*i.e.*, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 8.02) providing the Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) the ability to delay, suspend, or restrict sport or recreational fishing for particular species or areas to ensure that fishers, local communities, and government employees are protected from increased risk of transmission of COVID-19. This ability is conditioned on coordination with local government and Tribes, and consultation with the President of the Commission.

The Department has received letters from Sierra County officials requesting that the Department delay and suspend trout fishing for certain waters in their county for the protection of public health and safety. As requested, the Department has also had discussions with county leadership. As a result of those conversations and in response to Sierra County's letter dated April 21, 2020, the Department is acting to delay and suspend trout fishing on the Downie River and select sections of the North Fork Yuba River in Sierra County. As described below, these changes will expire by May 31, 2020, if not sooner.

In response to Sierra County's request, I have consulted with Commission President Eric Sklar and per the authority granted in Section 8.02, the Department is acting to temporarily delay the trout fishing opener on the Downie River and suspend fishing on the North Fork Yuba River from Yuba Pass downstream to the confluence with Goodyears Creek in Sierra County effective tomorrow, Thursday, April 23, 2020. These restrictions will remain in effect until May 31, 2020, unless the Department ends these restrictions earlier as authorized in Section 8.02. Attached to this memorandum is a comprehensive summary of the changes to the regulations (Attachment 1) and the comprehensive formal regulation changes (Attachment 1) resulting from these restrictions and others requested by Inyo, Mono, and Alpine counties.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact Roger Bloom, Acting Chief, Fisheries Branch at Roger.Bloom@wildlife.ca.gov.

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Attachments:

1. Comprehensive Summary of Changes to Sportfishing Regulations to Implement Season Delays and Suspensions in Response to Requests to Protect Public Health and Safety
2. Comprehensive List of Modifications to Fishing Regulations in California Code of Regulations, Title 14, In Response to Requests to Protect Public Health and Safety

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Comprehensive Summary of Changes to Sportfishing Regulations to Implement Season Delays and Suspensions in Response to Requests to Protect Public Health and Safety

April 22, 2020

In an effort to help inform anglers of the delays to the trout fishing openers in Inyo, Mono, Sierra, and Alpine counties, the Department of Fish and Wildlife has provided an overview below to help guide anglers through these changes. The delay of the traditional trout opener will affect a number of waters in Mono, Inyo, Sierra, and Alpine counties. Except for the North Fork Yuba River, all open waters as of April 21, 2020, will remain open, but a few may have adjusted bag and possession limits. This very limited alteration of a few bag or possession limits through the end of May is designed to protect wild trout fisheries and stocked fisheries that remain open in these counties and is based on coordination with local government in each of the three counties.

Many of the waters listed below have split seasons so it's important to note the listed changes are interim until May 31, 2020, when the changes expire, if not terminated sooner.

Special considerations have been made regarding changes to bag and possession limits to help manage and protect the fisheries open to angling during this interim period. These changes are temporary and will revert back to the existing bag and possession limits after they expire on May 31, 2020. This overview serves to provide overarching guidance on affected sections of the regulations but does not reflect a comprehensive reference of the all associated angling regulations pertinent to, or associated compliance with, general angling activities. Anglers are responsible for knowing information and laws governing such activities along with having appropriate permits/licenses.

It is imperative that anglers practice physical distancing when fishing in the open waters.

Waterways Currently Open In Sierra, Alpine, Inyo, and Mono County With Associated Changes

Inyo County:

All waters currently open to trout fishing will remain open. All of these waters have a reduced bag limit of 2 trout and a possession limit of 4 trout, except the Owens River from Pleasant Valley Dam downstream to the footbridge at the lower end of Pleasant Valley Campground (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, section 7.50(b)(134)(D)) has a 0 bag limit and only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used. The Owens River, Section 7.50(b)(134)(E) From footbridge at lower end of Pleasant Valley Campground east (downstream) 3.3 miles along Chalk Bluffs Road to the redwood sport fishing regulations sign, is currently open to fishing with a 0 bag limit. There is no change to this regulation.

Mono County:

All waters currently open to trout fishing will remain open, but with a reduced bag limit of 0 trout and only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used. Exception: Topaz Lake. Topaz Lake is currently open to fishing with a 5 fish daily bag limit. There is no change to this regulation.

Alpine County:

All waters currently open to trout fishing will remain open, but with a reduced bag limit of 0 trout and only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.

Sierra County:

The North Fork Yuba River is currently open from the western boundary of Sierra City downstream to Bullards Bar Reservoir, but will be suspended from Yuba Pass downstream to the confluence with Goodyears Creek.

Waterways Scheduled To Open On The Last Saturday in April (April 25, 2020) For Inyo, Mono, and Alpine County**Inyo, Mono, and Alpine Counties:**

All openings scheduled for April 25, 2020, for streams regulated under the Sierra District general and special regulations (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, sections 7.00(b) and 7.50(b)) in Inyo, Mono, and Alpine Counties have been delayed to June 1, 2020. Bag and possession limits are unchanged.

Sierra County:

All openings scheduled for April 25, 2020, for streams regulated under the Sierra District general and special regulations (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, sections 7.00(b) and 7.50(b)) in Sierra County will continue except for the Downie River, which will be delayed to June 1, 2020. Bag and possession limits are unchanged.

Waterways Scheduled to Open On Memorial Day Weekend (May 23, 2020)**Inyo, Mono, and Alpine Counties:**

All openings scheduled for May 23, 2020, for streams regulated under the Sierra District special regulations (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, sections 7.00(b) and 7.50(b)) in Inyo, Mono, and Alpine Counties have been delayed to June 1, 2020. Bag and possession limits are unchanged.

MODIFICATIONS TO FISHING REGULATIONS IN CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 14, IN ORDER TO EFFECTUATE TEMPORARY DELAY TO TROUT FISHING OPENER IN INYO, MONO, ALPINE AND SIERRA COUNTIES

The following sections of California Code of Regulations, title 14, are modified to add language with underline or to remove language with ~~strikethrough~~ below. These regulation changes shall be effective through May 31, 2020. As of June 1, 2020, these changes shall have no further force or effect.

Section 7.00 District General Regulations

<i>District/Water</i>	<i>Open Season</i>	<i>Daily Bag and Possession Limit</i>
(b) Sierra District		
(4) All streams, lakes and reservoirs in Inyo and Mono Counties, except those listed by name in the Special Regulations	Last Saturday in Apr. June 1 through Nov. 15	5 trout per day. 10 trout in possession
(7) All other streams except those listed by name in the Special Regulations	<u>June 1 through Nov. 15 for streams in Alpine County and for the Downie River (Sierra Co.) from its confluence with the North Fork Yuba River upstream;</u> Last Saturday in Apr. through Nov. 15 for all other streams	5 trout per day. 10 trout in possession.

Section 7.50 Special Regulations

<i>District/Water</i>	<i>Open Season</i>	<i>Daily Bag and Possession Limit</i>
(26.5) Bridgeport Reservoir tributaries (Mono Co.). All Bridgeport Reservoir tributaries except Swauger Creek, from Bridgeport Reservoir upstream to Highway 395, and Swauger Creek, from Bridgeport Reservoir upstream to the private property fence line above the Forest Service campground.	Last Saturday in Apr. through the Friday preceding Memorial Day and Oct. 1 through Nov. 15. Minimum size limit: 18 inches total length. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	1 trout.
	Saturday preceding Memorial Day <u>June 1</u> through Sep. 30.	5 trout per day. 10 trout in possession.

District/Water	Open Season	Daily Bag and Possession Limit
(43)(B) Convict Creek [Mono Co.] downstream of the U.C. study area.	Last Saturday in Apr. through the Friday preceding Memorial Day and Oct. 1 through Nov. 15. Minimum size limit: 18 inches total length. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 trout.
	Saturday preceding Memorial Day <u>June 1</u> through Sept. 30.	5 per day. 10 in possession.
(43)(C) Convict Creek [Mono Co.] upstream of the U.C. study area.	Last Saturday in Apr. <u>June 1</u> through Nov. 15.	5 trout per day. 10 trout in possession.
(52)(B) Crooked Creek and tributaries [Mono Co.] above the City of Los Angeles gauging station.	Last Saturday in Apr. <u>June 1</u> through Nov. 15. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout.
(53)(B) Crowley Lake [Mono Co.], except for the closed area near the outlet dam (see above).	Last Saturday in Apr. <u>June 1</u> through July 31.	5 trout per day. 10 trout in possession.
	Aug. 1 through Nov. 15. Minimum size limit: 18 inches total length. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 trout.
(54.5)(A) Deadman Creek [Mono Co.] downstream from Hwy. 395. See Owens River 7.50(b)(134).	Last Saturday in Apr. <u>June 1</u> through Nov. 15. Maximum size limit: 16 inches total length. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 trout.
	Nov. 16 through the Friday preceding the last Saturday in Apr. <u>May 31</u> . Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout.
(54.5)(B) Deadman Creek [Mono Co.] upstream from Hwy. 395.	Last Saturday in Apr. <u>June 1</u> through Nov. 15.	5 trout per day. 10 trout in possession.

District/Water	Open Season	Daily Bag and Possession Limit
(58) Diaz Lake (Inyo Co.).	First Saturday in Mar. through Nov. 15 <u>May 31</u> .	5 <u>2</u> trout per day. 10 <u>4</u> trout in possession.
	Nov. 16 through the Friday preceding the first Saturday in Mar.	5 trout.
(68.3)(B) All other portions of Fish Slough [Mono Co.]. Also, see Section 5.00(b)(16) for black bass regulations.	Last Saturday in Apr. <u>June 1</u> through Nov. 15.	5 trout.
	Nov. 16 through the Friday preceding the last Saturday in Apr. <u>May 31</u> .	0 trout.
(77.3)(A) Hilton Creek [Mono Co.] downstream from Crowley Lake Drive.	Last Saturday in Apr. through the Friday preceding Memorial Day and Oct. 1 through Nov. 15. Minimum size limit: 18 inches total length. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 trout.
	Saturday preceding Memorial Day <u>June 1</u> through Sept. 30.	5 trout per day. 10 trout in possession.
(82) Inyo County, Southwestern Portion, in all waters bounded by the Inyo County line on the south and west, Independence Creek on the north (open to fishing), and Highway 395 on the east (also see Cottonwood Creek and Diaz Lake Restrictions.)	First Sat. in March through Nov. 15 <u>May 31</u> .	5 <u>2</u> trout per day. 10 <u>4</u> trout in possession.
(89) Kirman (Carmen) Lake (Mono Co.).	Last Saturday in Apr. <u>June 1</u> through Nov. 15. Minimum size limit: 16 inches total length. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 trout.
(96.5) Lane Lake (Mono Co.).	Last Saturday in Apr. <u>June 1</u> through Nov. 15.	2 trout.

District/Water	Open Season	Daily Bag and Possession Limit
(98.5) Laurel Lakes and tributaries (Mono Co.).	Last Saturday in Apr. <u>June 1</u> through Nov. 15. Minimum size limit: 14 inches total length. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 trout.
(98.6) Lee Vining Creek from the Lee Vining conduit downstream to Mono Lake (Mono Co.).	Last Saturday in Apr. <u>June 1</u> through Nov. 15.	2 trout.
(104.3) Los Angeles Aqueduct from Owens River to Alabama Gates (Inyo County).	First Saturday in Mar. through Nov. 15 <u>May 31</u> .	5 <u>2</u> trout per day. 10 <u>4</u> trout in possession.
	Nov. 16 through the Friday preceding the first Saturday in Mar.	5 trout.
(115.3)(A) McGee Creek [Mono Co.] downstream from Highway 395.	Last Saturday in Apr. through Friday preceding Memorial Day and Oct. 1 through Nov. 15. Minimum size limit: 18 inches total length. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 trout.
	Saturday preceding Memorial Day <u>June 1</u> through Sept. 30.	5 trout per day. 10 trout in possession.
(115.3)(B) McGee Creek [Mono Co.] upstream from Highway 395.	Last Saturday in Apr. <u>June 1</u> through Nov. 15.	5 trout per day. 10 trout in possession.
(115.6) McLeod Lake (Mono Co.).	Last Saturday in Apr. <u>June 1</u> through Nov. 15. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout.
(134) Owens River (Inyo and Mono Cos.), including Pleasant Valley and Tinemaja lakes, except (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E) below.	<u>Apr. 25 through May 31.</u> First Saturday in Mar. through Oct. 31.	<u>2 trout per day.</u> <u>4 trout in possession.</u> 5 trout per day. 10 trout in possession.
	Nov. 1 through the Friday preceding the first Saturday in Mar.	5 trout.

District/Water	Open Season	Daily Bag and Possession Limit
(134)(A) Upper Owens River from Benton Bridge road crossing upstream to Big Springs. Above Big Springs, see Deadman Creek 7.50(b)(54.5).	Last Saturday in April <u>June 1</u> through Nov. 15. <u>Maximum size limit: 16 inches total length. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.</u>	2 trout.
	Nov. 16 through the Friday preceding the last Saturday in Apr <u>May 31</u> . Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout.
(134)(B) Upper Owens River from Benton Bridge road crossing downstream to upper Owens River fishing monument.	Saturday preceding Memorial Day <u>June 1</u> through Sept. 30.	5 trout per day. 10 trout in possession.
(134)(C) Upper Owens River from fishing monument (located about ¼ mile upstream from maximum lake level) to Crowley Lake.	Last Saturday in Apr. <u>June 1</u> through July 31.	5 trout per day. 10 trout in possession.
	Aug. 1 through Nov. 15. Minimum size limit: 18 inches total length. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 trout.
(134)(D) From Pleasant Valley Dam downstream to footbridge at lower end of Pleasant Valley Campground.	Jan. 1 through Sept. 30 <u>May 31</u> . <u>Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.</u>	2 <u>0</u> trout.
	Oct. 1 through Dec. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout.
(135.5) Parker Creek (Mono Co.) from the Lee Vining Conduit to Rush Creek.	Last Saturday in Apr. <u>June 1</u> through Nov. 15. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout.
(150.5)(A) [Robinson Creek (Mono Co.)] From the U.S. Forest Service	Last Saturday in Apr. <u>June 1</u> through Sept. 14.	5 trout.

District/Water	Open Season	Daily Bag and Possession Limit
boundary downstream to Upper Twin Lake.	Sept. 15 through Nov. 15. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout.
(150.5)(B) [Robinson Creek (Mono Co.)] Between Upper and Lower Twin Lakes.	Last Saturday in Apr. <u>June 1</u> through Sept. 14.	5 trout.
(152.5) Roosevelt Lake (Mono Co.).	Last Saturday in Apr. <u>June 1</u> through Nov. 15.	2 trout.
(153) Rush Creek (Mono Co.) only from Grant Lake Dam downstream to Mono Lake.	Last Saturday in Apr. <u>June 1</u> through Nov. 15. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout.
(204.5) Walker Creek (Mono. Co.) from Lee Vining Conduit to Rush Creek.	Last Saturday in Apr. <u>June 1</u> through Nov. 15. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(205) Walker River, East Fork (Mono Co.) from Bridgeport Dam to Nevada State Line.	Last Saturday in Apr. <u>June 1</u> through Nov. 15. Minimum size limit: 18 inches total length. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used. NOTE: BOW AND ARROW FISHING FOR CARP ONLY IS PERMITTED.	1 trout.
	Nov. 16 through the Friday preceding the last Saturday in Apr <u>May 31</u> . Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used. NOTE: BOW AND ARROW FISHING FOR CARP ONLY IS PERMITTED.	0 trout.
(205.5) West Walker River (Mono County) from the confluence with the Little Walker River (Hwy. 395 bridge at mile marker 96) downstream (north) to the inlet of Topaz Lake.	Nov. 16 through the Friday preceding the last Saturday in April <u>May 31</u> . Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout.

District/Water	Open Season	Daily Bag and Possession Limit
(206.5)(A) Whiskey Creek [Mono Co.] downstream from Crowley Lake Drive (old Highway 395).	Last Saturday in Apr. through the Friday preceding Memorial Day and Oct. 1 through Nov. 15. Minimum size limit: 18 inches total length. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 trout.
	Saturday preceding Memorial Day <u>June 1</u> through Sept. 30.	5 trout per day. 10 trout in possession.
(206.5)(B) Whiskey Creek [Mono Co.] upstream from Crowley Lake Drive.	Last Saturday in Apr. <u>June 1</u> through Nov. 15.	5 trout per day. 10 trout in possession.
(211)(A) [Yuba River, North Fork (Sierra Co.)] From the western boundary of Sierra City to the confluence with Ladies Canyon Creek. <u>Yuba Pass downstream to the confluence with Goodyears Creek.</u>	Last Saturday in Apr. <u>June 1</u> through Nov. 15. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 trout.
	<u>Closed to all fishing from November 16 through May 31.</u> Nov. 16 through the Friday preceding the last Saturday in Apr. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout.
(211)(B) [Yuba River, North Fork (Sierra and Yuba cos.)] From Ladies Canyon Creek <u>the confluence with Goodyears Creek</u> downstream to New Bullards Bar Reservoir.	Last Saturday in Apr. through Nov. 15.	5 trout.
	Nov. 16 through the last Saturday in Apr. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout.

FGC

From: Phoebe Lenhart [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 5:00 PM
To: FGC
Subject: CA FGC Emergency Meeting to consider regulations to prohibit the spread of COVID 19

Warning: This email originated from outside of CDFW and should be treated with extra caution.

Dear FGC,

This E-mail is sent in response to the emergency meeting (originally planned for April 9) addressing limitations to be placed on fishing in order to protect the public from further spread of COVID 19. It is a known fact that people travel intra-state and inter-state to fish in CA.

Using the same logic and concern that the FGC has regarding the spread of COVID 19 by people who travel to fish, I am requesting that the CA FGC prohibit all hunting of wildlife. It, too, is a well-known fact that hunters will travel intra-state and inter-state to kill wildlife. I think that the public needs to be protected from travelers who may carry the COVID 19 (and not know it, a huge concern by the health profession).

I believe that hunting is not an "essential need" and should be banned until the COVID 19 is not transferable. Your consideration will be appreciated.

Sincerely,
Phoebe Lenhart
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Mr. Bonham and Mr. Sklar,

It isn't often that local government feels heard by state (and federal agencies). You are the exception. My, and Plumas County's, sincere appreciation for not only listening to and working with all the counties, but for sticking with it and holding two meetings (as a citizen, I am embarrassed at the response of the public on the first meeting attempt). We are impressed by your ability and decision to bifurcate the issue in order to respond to the counties desires. This is seldom experienced, or even considered by state (and federal agencies), and what a difference it makes. On behalf of Plumas County, I thank you and your teams for your measured decision-making process and decision.

Kind regards,

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Hi all,

If you haven't see this, CDFW Director left the Fishing Season opening days intact except for the counties that wanted a delay until the end of May. Interesting Sierra County, our neighbor, asked for a delay but it was not granted.

Lori

<https://cdfgnews.wordpress.com/2020/04/21/after-coordination-with-local-government-california-department-of-fish-and-wildlife-delays-trout-season-openers-in-three-counties/?fbclid=IwAR25oyG-KBNlIF9othfRE9GoSm0Et3pPjNJmvrriPEYq8xaZ5cfSy4UaA3A>

After Coordination with Local Government, California Department of Fish and Wildlife Delays Trout Season Openers in Three Counties

April 21, 2020 by [kmacinty](#), posted in [covid-19](#), [Events](#), [Fishing \(Sport\)](#), [Public Participation](#), [Public Safety](#), [Regulations](#)

As requested by county officials, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Director Charlton H. Bonham [delayed the start of the trout opener](#) in Alpine, Inyo and Mono counties. The director made this decision in consultation with California Fish and Game Commission President Eric Sklar.

The trout season was scheduled to open in these three counties this Saturday, April 25. The delay to the opener in these counties expires May 31, 2020.

“After talking with the county representatives, we agreed this was a necessary step toward being responsive to local needs in this public health emergency,” said CDFW Director Bonham. “These counties asked for our help, and we responded.”

Specifically this means all waters in these three counties not currently open to fishing will remain closed to fishing until May 31. After local government coordination in Alpine, Inyo and Mono counties, CDFW is also making minor adjustments to bag and possession limits in waters that are currently open for fishing to protect and conserve the existing fisheries that may be affected by increased angling pressure or harvest. These modifications will also expire May 31. Pursuant to the emergency regulation approved by the Commission, CDFW will provide [accurate information for the angling public online](#) or by phone at (916) 445-7600.

Today’s decision does not affect the trout season in any other county.

Early this week, CDFW had discussions with county leadership regarding trout fishing, which typically draws a high tourism influx to these counties. Local officials are concerned that people traveling to these areas to fish would exacerbate the transmission of COVID-19 and put a strain on their healthcare systems. Further, all non-essential businesses in these counties including lodging, dining and camping options are closed in compliance with state and local public health officers’ orders.

On April 15, the California Fish and Game Commission authorized CDFW to temporarily delay, suspend or restrict recreational fishing if the director of CDFW, in consultation with the president of the Commission, finds that such action is necessary to protect against the threat from COVID-19 based on state, federal, local, and tribal public health guidance and public safety needs.

At the request of counties or tribes, CDFW will consider action to address needs regarding fishing seasons amongst the COVID-19 pandemic. If you are a county or tribal representative with questions or would like to provide input on potential angling related delays or restrictions, please contact Roger Bloom, Acting Branch Chief, Fisheries Branch, by email at Roger.Bloom@wildlife.ca.gov.

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