

2014 Proposed Fresh Water Sport Fishing Regulation Changes



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Overview

- Filleting of Salmonids
- Dip Nets
- Black Bass
- Calleguas Creek
- Pit River
- Silver King Creek
- Low Flow Restrictions
- General Clean-up

Filleting of Salmonids

- Add exceptions for Sacramento River and tributaries
- Define “commercial preservation facility”
- Include licensed fishing guides in definition of “commercial preservation facility”

Dip Nets

- Current allowable size - 36 inches in greatest dimension
- Current size hinders landing of larger species such as sturgeon
- Proposed new size - 36 inches across net opening and 60 inches deep
- Keep 36-inch size restriction for dip nets used to capture bait fish

Black Bass

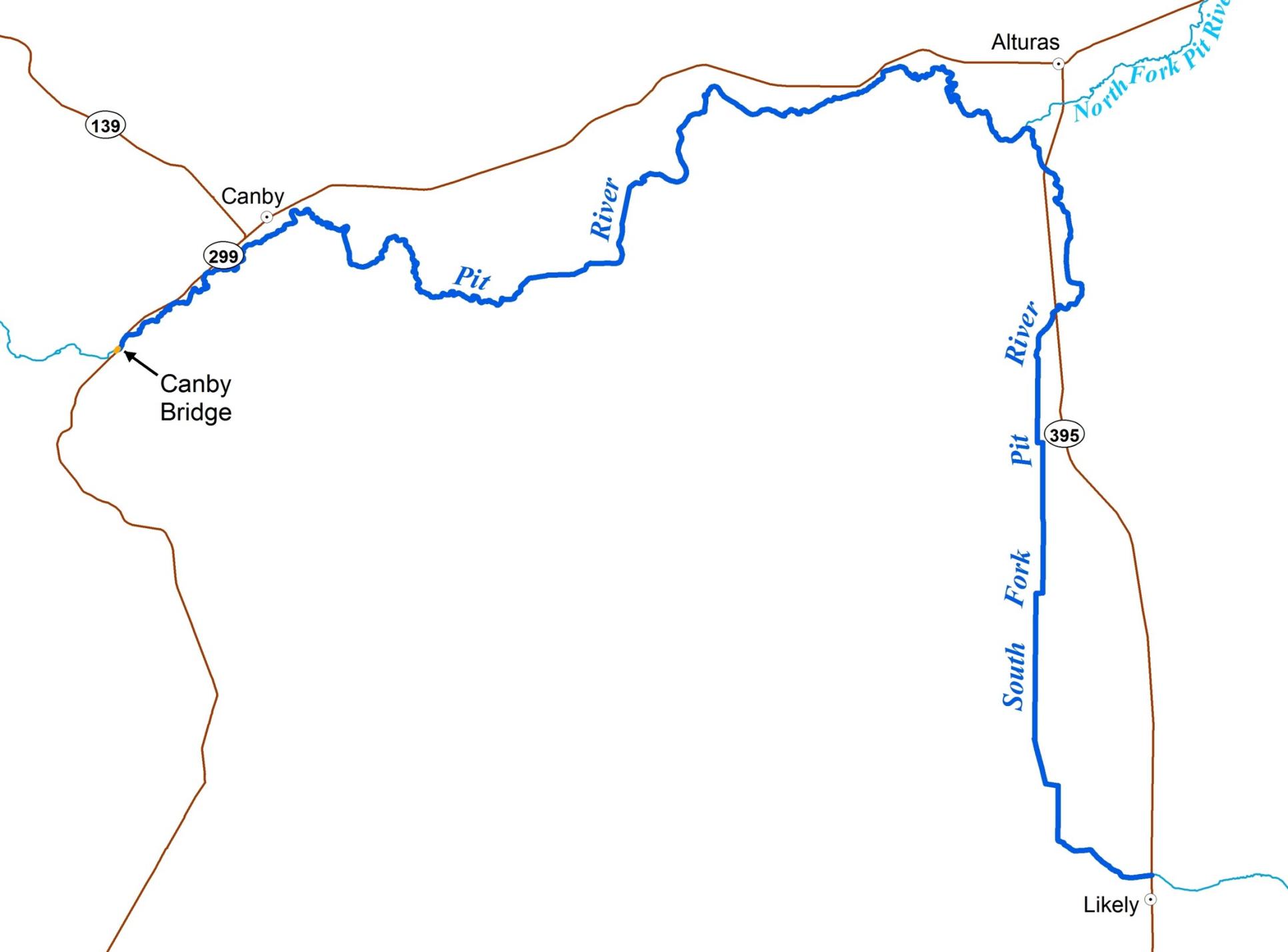
- Increase fishing opportunity at El Capitan Reservoir and Lake Castaic
- El Capitan Reservoir - change min. size limit from 15" to 12"
- Lake Castaic - change bag and size limit from 2 fish at 18" to 5 fish at 15"

Calleguas Creek

- Implement seasonal angling closure on Calleguas Creek and tributaries
 - December 1 through the Friday preceding Memorial Day
 - To minimize take of federally endangered southern California steelhead
 - Is consistent with similar drainages in the area

Pit River

- Open the Pit River to fishing year-round
 - From the Hwy 395 bridge/South Fork Pit River crossing [near the town of Likely](#) downstream to the Highway 299 (Canby) bridge/Pit River crossing
 - To increase angling opportunities for warm water species
 - Currently open to fishing from last Saturday in April through November 15



Alturas

North Fork Pit River

139

Canby

299

Pit

River

Canby
Bridge

395

River

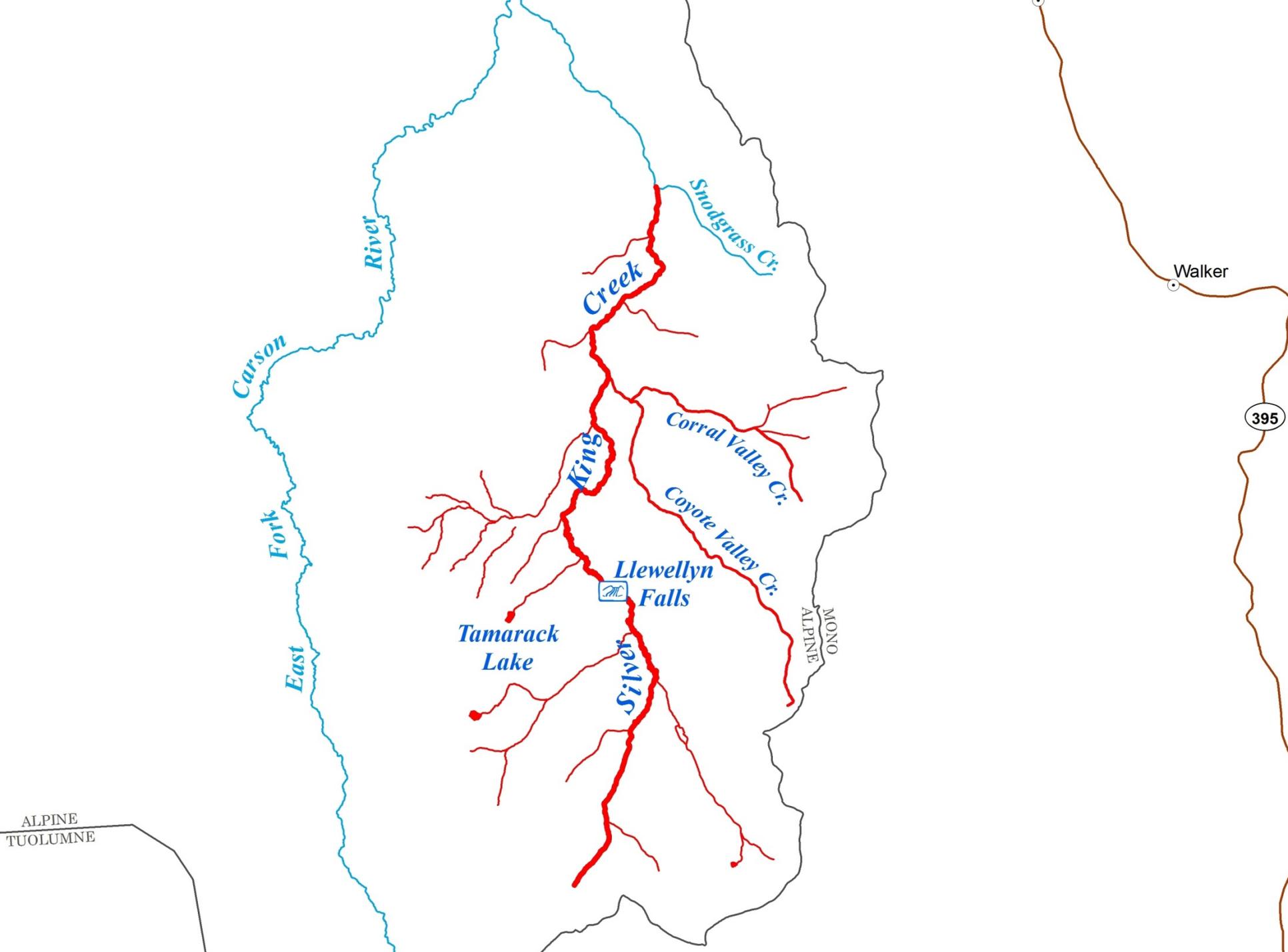
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South Fork

Likely

Silver King Creek

- Close SKC and tributaries to angling from Tamarack Lake Creek downstream to the confluence with Snodgrass Creek
 - Part of on-going Paiute Cutthroat Trout Restoration Project
 - All non-native trout have been removed
 - Necessary to protect Paiute cutthroat trout that will be restocked below Llewellyn Falls



Carson

River

Snodgrass Cr.

Creek

Folsom

East

Kings

Corral Valley Cr.

Coyote Valley Cr.

Llewellyn Falls

Tamarack Lake

Silver

MONO ALPINE

Walker

395

ALPINE TUOLUMNE

Low-Flow Restrictions

- Amend Section 8.00(a), Low-Flow Restrictions for North Coast streams
- Extend low-flow fishing restriction (currently January 31) to April 30
- Provides protection of Chinook salmon and steelhead populations during prolonged low-flow conditions

General Clean-Up

- Add reference to Section 8.00, Low-Flow Restrictions, throughout the Special Fishing Regulations
- Amend Section 5.80(i) to include Butte Co.
- Amend Section 5.80(d) to replace “landing” with “take”
- Amend Section 2.00(b) to make it illegal to keep a fish hooked on the outside of the mouth

General Clean-up (continued)

- Remove “and tributaries” from Noyo, Navarro, and Ten Mile rivers
- Big Sur River - remove regulation allowing harvest of hatchery trout and steelhead
- Correct spelling of Garzas Creek
- Trinity River – add the Last Saturday in April through Nov. 15 open fishing season to the Special Fishing Regulations

Questions / Thank You

