

**TITLE 14. Fish and Game Commission  
Notice of Proposed Changes in Regulations**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Fish and Game Commission (Commission), pursuant to the authority vested by sections 200, 202, 205, 215, 220, 240, 315 and 316.5 of the Fish and Game Code and to implement, interpret or make specific sections 200, 202, 205, 215 and 316.5 of said Code, proposes to amend subsection (b)(178) of Section 7.50, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, relating to Silver King Creek sport fishing.

**Informative Digest/Policy Statement Overview**

Current regulations for Silver King Creek (Alpine Co.) downstream of the confluence with Tamarack Lake Creek provide for trout fishing from the last Saturday in April through November 15, with a five-fish daily bag limit and ten-fish possession limit. Angling is permitted in this portion of the drainage, originally occupied by the endemic Paiute cutthroat trout. The portion of Silver King Creek and tributaries (including lakes) upstream of Tamarack Lake Creek is currently closed to fishing year-round to protect Paiute cutthroat trout populations above Llewellyn Falls. Currently non-native rainbow trout dominate Silver King Creek below Llewellyn Falls, a natural barrier to upstream fish movement, posing a threat to the native Paiute cutthroat trout residing above the barrier.

The Department is proposing to increase the bag limit for trout in Silver King Creek downstream of the confluence with Tamarack Lake Creek to the confluence with Snodgrass Creek (approximately 8 miles of Silver King Creek) to a ten (10) fish daily bag limit and ten (10) fish possession limit. The proposed regulation change will reduce the number of non-native trout available for illegal human-induced translocation upstream into protected Paiute cutthroat trout habitats above Llewellyn Falls; and 2) reduce the population of non-native trout, thus improving the odds of additional restoration efforts to eliminate non-native trout from the Silver King Creek drainage.

Other existing portions of the watershed currently closed to angling would remain closed.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that any person interested may present statements, orally or in writing, relevant to this action at a hearing to be held at the Yolo Fliers Club, 17980 County Road 94B, Woodland, California, on Thursday, March 5, 2009, at 8:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

**NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN** that any person interested may present statements, orally or in writing, relevant to this action at a hearing to be held in the Wine and Roses Country Inn, Garden Ballroom, 2505 West Turner Road, Lodi, California, on Thursday, April 9, 2009, at 8:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. It is requested, but not required, that written comments be submitted on or before April 2, 2009 at the address given below, or by fax at (916) 653-5040, or by e-mail to [FGC@fgc.ca.gov](mailto:FGC@fgc.ca.gov). Written comments mailed, faxed or e-mailed to the Commission office, must be received before 5:00 p.m. on April 7, 2009. All comments must be received no later than April 9, 2009. If you would like copies of any modifications to this proposal, please include your name and mailing address.

The regulations as proposed in strikeout-underline format, as well as an initial statement of reasons, including environmental considerations and all information upon which the proposal is based (rulemaking file), are on file and available for public review from the agency representative, John Carlson, Jr., Executive Director, Fish and Game Commission, 1416 Ninth Street, Box 944209, Sacramento, California 94244-2090, phone (916) 653-4899. Please direct requests for the above mentioned documents and inquiries concerning the regulatory process to John Carlson, Jr., or Sherrie Fonbuena at the preceding address or phone number. **Mr. Neil Manji,**

**Chief, Fisheries Branch, Department of Fish and Game, phone (916) 327-8840, has been designated to respond to questions on the substance of the proposed regulations.** Copies of the Initial Statement of Reasons, including the regulatory language, may be obtained from the address above. Notice of the proposed action shall be posted on the Fish and Game Commission website at <http://www.fgc.ca.gov>.

#### Availability of Modified Text

If the regulations adopted by the Commission differ from but are sufficiently related to the action proposed, they will be available to the public for at least 15 days prior to the date of adoption. Circumstances beyond the control of the Commission (e.g., timing of Federal regulation adoption, timing of resource data collection, timelines do not allow, etc.) or changes made to be responsive to public recommendation and comments during the regulatory process may preclude full compliance with the 15-day comment period, and the Commission will exercise its powers under Section 202 of the Fish and Game Code. Regulations adopted pursuant to this section are not subject to the time periods for adoption, amendment or repeal of regulations prescribed in Sections 11343.4, 11346.4 and 11346.8 of the Government Code. Any person interested may obtain a copy of said regulations prior to the date of adoption by contacting the agency representative named herein.

If the regulatory proposal is adopted, the final statement of reasons may be obtained from the address above when it has been received from the agency program staff.

#### Impact of Regulatory Action

The potential for significant statewide adverse economic impacts that might result from the proposed regulatory action has been assessed, and the following initial determinations relative to the required statutory categories have been made:

- (a) Significant Statewide Adverse Economic Impact Directly Affecting Business, Including the Ability of California Businesses to Compete with Businesses in Other States:

The proposed action will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. The proposed regulation affects a short stream reach in a remote wilderness area of northern California and is necessary for the continued preservation of the resource and therefore the prevention of adverse economic impacts.

- (b) Impact on the Creation or Elimination of Jobs within the State, the Creation of New Businesses or the Elimination of Existing Businesses, or the Expansion of Businesses in California: None.

- (c) Cost Impacts on a Representative Private Person or Business:

The Commission is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

- (d) Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State: None.

- (e) Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies: None.

- (f) Programs Mandated on Local Agencies or School Districts: None.

- (g) Costs Imposed on any Local Agency or School District that is Required to be Reimbursed Under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4, Government Code: None.
- (h) Effect on Housing Costs: None.

Effect on Small Business

It has been determined that the adoption of these regulations may affect small business. The Commission has drafted the regulations in Plain English pursuant to Government Code sections 11342.580 and 11346.2(a)(1).

Consideration of Alternatives

The Commission must determine that no reasonable alternative considered by the Commission, or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the Commission, would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action.

FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

Dated: February 10, 2009

John Carlson, Jr.  
Executive Director