

## **California Fish and Game Commission**

Summary

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Proposed Amendments to Title 14, CCR: White Sturgeon Catch-and-Release Fishing

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### **Document Description**

The California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) proposes to amend sections 1.74, 5.80, 5.81, 27.60, and 27.90, and repeal sections 5.78, 5.79, 27.92, 27.93, and 27.95, Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR) related to white sturgeon catch and release fishing.

The proposed amendments to the white sturgeon sport fishing regulations will continue the emergency regulation that authorizes recreational catch-and-release fishing. The existing emergency regulations would expire in September 2025 following the extension of the emergency regulations in December 2024 (extension 1) and June 2025 (extension 2). The proposed amendment is necessary to continue the recreational catch-and-release fishery through candidacy and after the Commission decision on the CESA listing status of white sturgeon.

The goal of this project is to amend the white sturgeon sport fishing regulations in furtherance of the state's conservation policy as set forth in Section 1700 of the Fish and Game Code. The conservation policy includes the following objectives:

- (a) The maintenance of sufficient populations of all species;
- (b) The recognition of the importance of recreational uses;
- (c) The maintenance of a sufficient resource to support a reasonable sport use;

(d) The growth of local commercial fisheries; and

(e) The management of the fisheries under the state's jurisdiction.

The Commission will consider this action at its scheduled August 13-14, 2025 meeting.

Background information and information on public participation may be found at

<https://fgc.ca.gov/Meetings/2025>.

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