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The California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) proposes to amend subsections (b)(4), (b)(43), (b)(66), and (b)(80) of Section 7.40 in Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR) related to Central Valley sport fishing regulations.

The proposed sport fishing regulations for Central Valley rivers (American, Feather, Mokelumne, and Sacramento) may increase or decrease the current salmon bag and possession limits, or close take and possession of Chinook salmon. The proposed regulations also establish a daily bag and possession limit for brown trout in the Sacramento river.

The following regulatory options are provided for the Commission's consideration to tailor 2026 Central Valley fishery management to target 2026 in-river fisheries harvest projections. The options presented for consideration may be adopted independently or in combination for the different rivers:

1. Option 1 allows take of any size Chinook salmon up to the daily bag limit [0-4] and possession limit [0-12].
2. Option 2 allows take of a limited number of adult Chinook salmon, with grilse Chinook salmon making up the remainder of the daily bag limit [0-4] and possession limit [0-12].
3. Option 3 allows take of only grilse Chinook salmon up to the daily bag limit [0-4] and possession limit [0-12]. Take of adult Chinook salmon would not be allowed.
4. Option 4 provides closure to take and possession of Chinook salmon in all anadromous areas of and tributaries to the American, Feather, Mokelumne, and/or Sacramento rivers. Prohibits all methods of targeting salmon including catch-and-release fishing. Unless otherwise noted, this option will allow take of other species.

The Commission will consider this action at a meeting scheduled for May 6, 2026. Background information and information on public participation may be found at www.fgc.ca.gov.

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