

Trout season about to open in California

The general trout opener in many counties throughout California begins April 25 one hour before sunrise.

Because of the popularity of this annual event with the angling public, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife is making every effort to stock trout in all accessible waters approved for planting prior to the season opener. Lingering winter conditions and this year's unprecedented drought could play a major role in determining how many rivers, creeks, lakes and reservoirs can be stocked before April 25.

Most lakes, rivers and streams have a limit of five trout per day and 10 in possession. However, regulations differ on season opening and closing dates, bag limits, minimum and maximum size limits, and gear restrictions.

Anglers are advised to check specific area regulations and opening dates in the 2015-16 California Freshwater Sport Fishing Regulation booklet online.

Anyone 16 and older must possess a valid California fishing license to fish within state lines. Freshwater fishing licenses may be purchased online.