

EASTERN SIERRA FOCUS

By CJ Webb - May 2022

Mule Deer Summer Migration started mid March due to the lack of winter so please stay alert. Look for white butts and/or eyes in your headlights when driving. Early morning and dusk are the worst times so please be vigilant and stay alive. Glance left and right along the road edges as they browse the brush along the roadside and cross the road to get to water. **ALERT:** The roadside area of US Hwy. 395 is seeing record number of deer crossing and also more deer/vehicle collisions.

CalTrans Crestview Rest stop opened May 15th.

2021 Inland Water Fishing Regulations have changed, so download the app to see if there are any changes to the waters you enjoy fishing.

<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/regulations>. It tracks your current GPS location and will tell you the regulations of the water where you are standing and regulations for waters within a designated area or approximately a five-mile radius. Take a look, it's pretty thorough. This will probably make the new regulations easier to understand.

FISHY NEWS - Fly Fishing--Still Ascending

A few years back, Ben Scuderi, Senior Research Analyst of Southwick Associates wrote an article that focused on the rising popularity of fly fishing. That piece reported that fly fishing participation had grown substantially between 2006 and 2016 according to research conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wild Service. Then 2020 brought a global pandemic, economic uncertainty, and a major increase in sportfishing participation in the U.S. Did this boom in fishing translate to similar increases in fly fishing participation as well? To answer that question, I'll dig into a special report published by the Outdoor Foundation (OF) and the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF).

The 2021 Special Report on Fishing was published by OF and RBFF in June 2021. The report focuses on fishing participation in the U.S. in 2020, presenting information on the people who went fishing and the types of fishing that they engaged in. Fly Fishing was a major focus of the report, and the results indicate that fly fishing participation continued to grow in 2020. In fact, it's estimated that 7.8 million people went fly fishing in the U.S. in 2020--up a whopping 42% from the 5.5 million who fished in 2010. Fly fishing participation is also up 20% from 2016 levels, indicating that the strong growth in the sport has only continued since that column.

Not only did the number of fly fisherman increase in 2020, but the number of fly-fishing trips surged as well. OF and RBFF estimate that Americans went on 97 million fly fishing outings in 2020, 70 27% from 2019 levels. Did the increases in both participation and

frequency of fly fishing lead to increased sales of fly fishing tackle in 2020? The answer is a resounding yes, with more than a 70% increase in fly fishing tackle and accessories sales estimated in Southwick Associates 2020 retail Fishing Equipment Market Size Report. Fishing tackle retailers across the U. S. should take note of this trend and consider the benefits of carrying fly fishing equipment in their stores, even if the store's overall focus is on conventional fishing techniques.

Who were all these Americans who went fly fishing in 2020? Read the results in the June issue.

Fishing TIP:

The Well-Seasoned Fly Tyer by John Gierach Part II

Better Flies - In my mid 20's, I was browsing the bins at the local fly shop, marveling at rows and rows of perfectly tied flies. I asked Gordon, a local fly angler working behind the counter, how one tier could get good at tying so many different flies? Gordon said, "Each tier usually only ties one fly pattern, so they get very good at it and consistently tie a perfect fly." This is good, straightforward advice, but it creates some challenges when you want to fill up a fly box.

It takes a good amount of time to tie the same pattern over and over until it's perfect. Thus, you might run out of time or patience with the process, ending up either frustrated with your tying or not having much variety in your fly box. However, it is important to master at least one fly pattern in your favorite category (nymphs, streamer, dry), because if you do this, all your flies will be better. On the other hand, if you never master at least one pattern, the chances are high that you won't master other patterns either.

The concept of mastery is the reason behind the very careful fly pattern selection process above and it allows one to focus on the most important flies. Professional tiers will tell you the best thing to do is focus on just a few patterns. These same professionals will also tell you it can take half a dozen times or more of tying the same pattern just to get into the groove of tying a quality fly. But once you are in that groove, the next two-dozen or so are easy. However, there is a big difference between tying professionally and tying for enjoyment. Since I only tie for enjoyment and personal use, it's enough to tie six to twelve flies at a sitting, before I take a break. Tying a half-dozen or dozen flies at a time develops my skills enough without getting so repetitive, that a fun hobby turns into a fly tying death march.

If you are a practical tier and new to the sport, don't be swayed by the challenge of tying complicated flies requiring ten to fifteen different materials. If a fly takes me two hours to tie, it's not practical for filling fly boxes. Instead, focus on those simple, yet effective flies with just a few materials. You will develop good material handling skills that can be expanded to tying more complicated flies if you choose. A good example of this is the Sawyer nymph which contains just two materials,

copper wire, and pheasant tail, and will catch fish anywhere. Mastery of the Sawyer nymph is a win, win and will set you up to tie more complicated, yet still simple, patterns like the Copper John or Flash pheasant tail.

The most effective flies are often very simple to tie with minimal practice. Some of my favorite simple flies are the fur nymphs (hare's ear and fox squirrel), pheasant tails, soft hackles, glo bugs, marabou damsels, woolly buggers, Clouser minnows, jig flies, and somewhat new on the scene, epoxy coated euro nymphs. For tiny flies, thread-based nymphs like the WD40 and the Yong Blood are easy to tie and always put a lot of fish in the net. Simple dry flies include fur ants, beetles, foam chubby Chernobyl's, elk hair caddis, and Griffith gnats. One advantage to tying these simple flies, and this may go against what I have been saying, they do not have to be tied perfectly to catch fish. 'Tied perfectly' and 'tied well' are two different things. A well-tied fly will not fall apart after the first fish, regardless of how they look. Durability, and this includes a well-formed head, is one of the main attributes of a well-tied fly.

Every experienced fly tier knows the difference between a 'shop fly' and a fly tied by someone with knowledge of what the fish want. The telling factor is sparseness. Sparse use of materials, including the amount of thread used to form the head, are the hallmarks of a well-tied fly. Shop flies, unless they are commissioned from private tiers, are often overloaded with too much material. Learn to tie your flies with half the materials you think you need - and then half that. The exception here may be some streamers and large dry flies, but these are often imitating larger food items, so it doesn't matter. Instead, concentrate on achieving the slenderness, body taper, and proportions of a simple fly like the Sawyer nymph. Don't ignore the hook choice. Hook shape can make all the difference in appearance and fishing. It may not look impressive to you, but if you compare a sparsely tied nymph to the actual nymph in the water, the need for sparseness will begin to show its value.

Legislative News: UPDATE of AB-817 - No change yet.
AB-817: Sport fishing licenses: electronic display: 12-consecutive-month licenses was **Approved by the Governor October 7, 2021. Implementation will be announced some time this year.**

Side-note: Much was made of Assembly Bill 817 authored by Assembly member Jim Wood (D-Santa Rosa) this past legislative session and signed into law by Governor Newsom. AB 817 made it possible for CDFW to provide an electronic display option for sport fishing license items and sell a sport fishing license that will be valid for 365 days from the purchase date rather than the calendar year. In true California fashion, a new law was created that has no way to be enacted. The state announced that implementation of this new law requires

"technological infrastructure revisions", so neither provision will be available during the 2022 license year. Given the fact that California's EDD (Employment Development Department) and just about every other department system are also in need of "technological infrastructure revisions" has many wondering if the aspects of this new law will ever be realized.

CDFW 'Buy a Stamp' to help a Game Warden

Officials at the CDFW are urging anglers to contribute to a Warden Stamp Program that helps game wardens and the enforcement of fish-and-wildlife laws. According to the CDFW, purchase of the \$5 stamp will "procure vital equipment, protective gear, and training for wildlife officers and enhance the department's K-9 Program." Information on how to make a donation is available at: <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/wardenstamp>

Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Stocking

updated trout releases will be on their web-site (<http://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FishPlants/>) or call their specific region (Inland Desert at 855.887.1275)

AT THE BENCH:

Steve Farrar SF Flash blend - Three from the Steve Farrar range by H2O, combine silky fibers and Angel Hair. But the name Steve Farrar is normally associated with saltwater flies, specifically large, relatively simple, streamer style flies for large predatory fish. Materials that combine bulk, color and flash are the order of the day. Trim or shape the material when it's on the hook for easy application. Try mixing fibers from two hanks of different materials and the attraction of these is obvious. Aimed at saltwater and larger flies, fairly generous hank with good length. Saltwaterflies.com

Colorful Fritz Type Chenille's.

Translucent Fritz has taken a turn into colored fibers that are glossy but no metallic sheen. The original was 15mm length/width. Similar to normal chenille, but has a fairly fine core, two twisted strands. Find the end and you can quickly scrape the core clean of fibers and it ties in slim and very secure, then fold and wrap. It's very dense and nicely dyed. Peach and pink fluorescent are far brighter when lit by a UV torch. Neon Fluorescent Pink is intensely colored and about as bright under a UV light as is possible. Olive is an accurate medium olive, for big simple Olive Damsel flies.

The 10mm version is for very, very large flies and they come colored and metallic per pack.
www.upavonflyfishing.co.uk/

Tip - Flashback Nymphs Rule!

Adding a piece of Flashabou to the wing case of a nymph adds sparkle that helps attract fish. The theory is that the bright spot imitates the gases building in the bulging wing case of an emerging nymph. Whether the theory is accurate or not, I do know that this sort of fly

catches fish. Try it on a white rubber leg prince nymph size 16, its explosive.

LOWER OWENS – Flows are at 175cfs as of 5/27. Water conditions are fair to good. Fishing conditions and Hatches are good to very good. The water gauges just came back online and the agreement that flows are up has been confirmed. We do not know how long ago the flows came up but the water is still a little off color from up by the campground and a little murkier than that below gate 9.

The weather warmed up nicely and hatches went bonkers. The BWO hatch starting times are inconsistent; some areas around 11:00-11:30 while other areas around 1:00-2:00pm. This continues till around 3:00 but the dry fly fishing has slowed above gate 9 and more below with Horton Creek dumping dirty water in. This is the time to key on the riffles, ankle to knee deep. Along with the mayflies the caddis hatch is picking up and crane flies are already showing up. Crane flies generally emerge mid to late morning but currently they're going into the early afternoon. If you're not familiar with them you can mistake them for PMDs, the back legs look like tails so look for the "knobby" head as they fly. That of course includes midges all day long.

Those nice deep holes are pretty much empty except for the big backwaters; the fish are holding there and feeding on midges. It's not just the water temperature that dictates fish activity. So far the water has remained clear but remember that after rain or snow melt the river can be dirty below the Petroglyph parking (#9) from Horton Creek. If you're down below and it's dirty just move upstream until you find clean water.

DRIES: Extended Body BWO #16-20, Hi-Vis BWO #18-20, Parachute Adams #16-20, Stillborn Midge #20-22, Griffith's Gnat #22-24, CDC Transition midge #20-22, Slvrn Stillborn Caddis #16-18, Elk Hair Skaddis #16, and Tan Stimulator #14-16.

NYMPHS: Pheasant Tail #14-18, Caddis Cased #12, Zebra Midge #18-22, Olive Hot Spot Jig #18, Bottom Roller Phsyco Rhyco #10-14, Juju Baetis #16-20, Pearl & Orange #16, Tungsten Olive Mic Drop #16-18, TB Millers +1 Lt #16-18, Lexi Girdle Bug Tan/Black #6 and Orange/Black #10.

STREAMERS: Woolly Bugger Olive & Black #10-12 and Mini Sculpin Olive & Black #10-12.

ROCK CREEK LAKE – No Report

UPPER OWENS – Flows are 51cfs as of 5/27. The stretch of river above Benton Crossing Road is artificial, barbless, catch and release only.

The reason why the flows on the Owens don't go up and down much is that it is common for Deadman Creek to go underground up above 395 during drought years. Fishing Conditions and Hatches: Fair

The dreaded early season green slime weed migration out of lower Hot Creek is still going on but if

you're willing to put up with it the fishing is improving and the crowds are all upstream. This means that especially below Benton Crossing you'll be cleaning off your hooks every couple of casts. There are some nice fish down there but they are spread out with some big spawners heading back to the lake. The best flies are attractor patterns, not much in the way of hatches going on. That has changed with the warmer weather last week.

Up above Hot Creek there is no water coming through the pipe and the ranchers are irrigating so the water is real skinny and the fish are spooky. Fishing is very hit or miss with the midge emergence in the morning followed by BWO's emerging late morning along with scattered caddis. I don't know about evenings but mid-afternoons have been slow with very small (#24-28) spent midges being the main food source. Might be that the drop in flows has pushed the fish up into the ranches or made them extremely spooky but fishing has been tough. **ATTENTION** The good news is the smaller fish (6"-13") are getting active so if you just want to have some fun and stay away from the crowds things are picking up.

Yes, the Cutthroats are up spawning and yes you can tell where they are spawning, just look for the masses of cars, but here's some friendly advice. Unlike the Rainbows, the Cutthroats spawn anywhere from the bridge up into the lower private ranches making them far more vulnerable to fishing pressure. We suggest that if you are going to fish near the spawning fish make sure to cast below the fish in the shallow tail-outs (that's where they spawn) and work the fish in the deeper holes right below the drop-offs. The fish that haven't started spawning yet will sit at the head of the pools picking off food from the safety of deeper water.

It's good to remember that there aren't a lot of "resident" fish in the Upper Owens, it's basically a nursery for Crowley Lake and as they get bigger most of them will move down to the lake. The fish that haven't gone to the lake yet tend to be pickier because it's their natural environment. Right now they are getting more active as their metabolism picks up with the water warming so look for insect activity, especially the Baetis and some caddis. Mayflies are the more dominate #16-20. As the water warms up the resident fish are getting more active, they will not be as interested in the attractor flies and they definitely require better presentations than the migratory fish do.

So much for the temperature gage, it lost its funding and has been shut down. Scratch that, it may be shut down but it's still functional. There was a temperature gage on Hot Creek right above the Owens River Road Bridge. If you're not familiar how to get to the upper most branches of Hot Creek, go through the first drive through gate on the main road and immediately turn left. The confluence is between the first and second walk-thru gates.

DRIES: Griffiths Gnat #20-24, Para Adams #20-24, and CDC Transition Midge #20-24.

NYMPHS: Zebra Midge #16-22, B/H Prince Nymph #12-16, Copper John #14-16, Tungsten Jig Baetis #18-20, B/H Pheasant tail #14-18, Mop Fly assorted colors #10-16, Bling Midge #22-24, Tungsten Olive Mic Drop #16-18, San Juan worms assorted colors, Egg Patterns assorted colors, Western Coachman #12-16, and Hogan's S & M Nymph #18-22.

STREAMERS: Shock Collar Leech #10, Woolly Bugger White or Olive #6-14, and Punk Perch light or dark #10-16.

CROWLEY LAKE –

HOT CREEK - Flow is 55.7cfs of 5/27

Remember, these are the flows just below Highway 395 on Mammoth Creek. Fishing conditions and hatches are good.

Runoff began early last week! Fishing Conditions and Hatches: Fair/Good.

And now the runoff is here. Flows have doubled in the last two days so hopefully the fish will feel a little safer and start coming out from cover. Anyway it's scud, streamer and San Juan worm time at least to give them a try. When the wind does let up we're seeing the usual suspects. Midges early with the surprising pre runoff appearance of Trico mayflies in the upper canyon to interpretive site. BWO mayflies and caddis midday with caddis in the evening if the wind dies down. Fishing has been better early, BWO and Scuds followed by the BWO hatch starting earlier now, between 10:30 and 11. The BWOs are getting smaller, more in the #20-24 range. There seem to be more caddis in the upper canyon and more Baetis lower down but that could be more about when people are fishing in different sections. The canyon has been fishing well until early afternoon before slowing down; I've heard good reports about late afternoon but no specifics. The tough part in the canyon is that the hatches can be different day to day and also upstream versus downstream.

Since the caddis is now getting active try fishing a Pheasant Tail #16-20, either bead or non-bead. Not only does it cover the mayflies, but it also imitates the case caddis. And don't forget the ever-present midges. I still tell my clients that a 4 second drift is average and finish with an aggressive pickup; you will hook fish you never knew existed.

Reports said that due to the number of Ospreys working Hot Creek the fishing has changed considerably. Also that guides said they don't think the fish population has dropped as much as the fish have seriously changed their habits, especially at the Interpretive Site. The fish are now holding under banks and weed beds so outside of the deeper holes your presentations have to be tight to coverage to have a chance. They're hoping that with the weed beds growing

and the young leaving the nests the Ospreys will start spreading out and things will return to normal.

DRIES: R.P. Emerger #22, Parachute Adams # 16-20, Mother Shucker #24, CDC Baetis Dun #18-24, Griffith's Gnat #20-24, Stillborn Midge Black #20-22, Hi-Vis Baetis #16-20, Para Caddis #18-22, Elk Hair Skaddis #18-22, Spent Partridge Caddis #18-22, and Brooks Hot Creek Caddis #22.

NYMPHS: T Midge #24, Zebra Midge #18-22, Juju Baetis #16-20, Medallion Midge #18-24, Buckskin #16-20, Barr's Emerger #16-22, CDC Transition Midge #18-22, Scuds grey or olive/grey #14-18, Tailwater Sowbug Rainbow #16-18, Bling Midge Brown #24, TB Millers+1LT #16-18, Nori's Caddis #20-22.

STREAMERS: Mini Sculpin Orange #6. Slumpbuster Natural #10, Hornberg #10-14, Mice.

CONVICT LAKE – No report but did see some fly fishers near the shoreline in waders but could not get a report.

MAMMOTH LAKES BASIN – Officials are asking that visitors arrive do not arrive at the gate prior to 2:00 p.m. to avoid creating traffic congestion and safety issues along Lake Mary Road, which can delay the opening.

SAN JOAQUIN - Flow is 6.2.cfs as of 5/27.

JUNE LOOP – But Silver Lake would be the best bet this early even Rush Creek. Last week was very warm and lots of bugs showed up for the dance but no partners on the water to give them a spin. Mainly lures and bait are getting a lot of action, but if you normally hit the "loop" you know where to go and what to use. Give it a shot.

RUSH CREEK ANNUAL CLEANUP is June 11th. Phone [760 648 7525](tel:7606487525) for details if you wish to help.

LUNDY LAKE – Resort closed this summer. No report.

VIRGINIA LAKES – Ice free up to Blue Lake, snow is on the trail in Lodgepole tree areas up to and including the pass. Not much action from the fly fishers as water is still very cold giving you about 1 hour of comfortable tubing so dress with extra layers. Greg Long from Smith spent the day on Little V using a variety of things, got a lot of hits but nothing huge. All action is below the surface with a few top water feeders near the west shore. Bring your "goods" and give it a try with olive woolly buggers, seal buggers, mini leeches, soft hackles and pheasant tails. Weather has been very warm and a few hatches showed up including red/black ants on the trail up to Blue Lake, small stoneflies near the snow banks and gnats are everywhere.

TRUMBULL LAKE was stocked with BFEF trout from Desert Springs with a full load of fish on the 19th of September 2021. No reports from anyone yet.

BRIDGEPORT RESERVOIR – We talked to a couple fly fishers who did some streamer stripping near the dam with no success. (Ken's)

EAST WALKER –Flows are 142cfs as of 5/27
Fishing conditions and Hatches: Fair-Good

The flows are up near normal, for now. Insect life is primarily midges with a scattering of caddis, scuds and Damsel nymphs in the slow water. The midges are definitely the primary food and typical for this time of year they are small (20-24). The better fishing has been in the riffles. Still crowded but not like it has been.

DRIES: Caddis Adult Tan #14-16, Chernobyl Ant #12-14, Chernobyl org/grz., #6-8, Parachute Adams #16-22
NYPHHS: Prince Nymph #12-1, Dead Drift Crayfish #8, Bottom Roller Psycho #10-12, Copper Zebra #16-22, Zebra black/silver #20-24, Tailwater Sowbug #14-18, Zac Attack Damsel #14, T's Stone Drummond Light #8-10, Glass Bead Micro May Olive #22-24, S&M Nymph #18-22, Tungsten Jig Baetis #18-20, TTS Opal B/L #14-18, F/B B/H Pheasant Tail #14-18.

STREAMERS: Meat Whistle, Sculpzilla, Hornberg #10-14, Belly Scratcher Minnow Chub #2, Bank Robber Sculpin #2, Punk Perch Light #10-14.

HONEYWELL POND – **No report.**

SCEIRINE RANCH - The reports from the ranch were much like the California side of the river, it was hard work but there were some nice fish were caught. It sounds like the numbers aren't real high but the quality is really good. Nymphing has been better with a few fish on dries but not streamers.

KIRMAN - Ken's had a couple reports from Kirman this past week that were pretty good, considering how it's been the last few years. It sounds like there are a decent number of anglers making the trek but unfortunately they often don't pass on information to us. Anyway, I was up there last Monday and hooked-up 7 fish and landed 4 in about 2 hours of fishing before the wind picked up too much. All the fish I landed were brookies and they took a small black leech pattern stripped very slowly. The fish I landed were all about 17 or 18 inches with one nice male taping about 19. This isn't the type of day we would expect 25 years ago but it was well worth the trip! I saw a decent number of rises while I was there and feel like there's a pretty good population of fish right now. I didn't catch any cutts, maybe next time. Courtesy of Ken's Sporting Goods.

WEST WALKER – **Flow is 1010cfs as of 5/28.** The West is still high and off color, when the run-off is over the fishing should improve.

CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife

New bacterial outbreak (*Lactococcus petauri*) was recently confirmed at two Eastern Sierra fish hatcheries. The CDFW fishery managers are working to implement strategies that will help the facilities get the disease under the control, without canceling all trout plants prior to the traditional season opener on April 30. The hatcheries affected are Black Rock and Fish Springs. In lieu of depopulating the affected hatcheries, non-diseased fish will be stocked into high use waters that are hydrologically connected to the affected hatcheries and have cold water. This will mean increased plants for some locations and decreased plants for others. Diseased fish will be euthanized and not planted.

"This is unfortunate timing, as it affects our planting efforts in the weeks before the opener, but all is not lost," said CDFW Director Charlton H. Bonham. "Fortunately, we learned much from the 2020 outbreak, and we have more knowledge and better tools to fight the bacterium this time around. We also believe we can continue stocking, with some adjustments and careful monitoring."

CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife 2021 Regulations:

Please provide comments to these changes for any water you feel would be detrimental to the resource. They need your input in order to make informed decisions on all these waters.

Every person or agency recommending that regulations be added, amended, or repealed must submit a petition to the Commission at the site listed: (<https://fgc.ca.gov/Regulations/Petition-for-Regulation-Change>) using this petition form. You can contact their office to see when the next meeting will be held to submit regulation changes on time and whatever is on the books today can be changed. Also include your comments to Governor Newsom at: (<https://govapps.gov.ca.gov/gov40mail/>). Here is the Executive Director's contact information: Melissa Miller-Henson - fgc@fgc.ca.gov (916) 653-4899 or (916) 653-7229.

NOTE: You must fill out the form in its entirety and reference the statutory or constitutional authority of the Commission to take the action requested (see page 2, item number 2) and without this they will disregard your petition.

Fly-Fishing Apps

onWATER.com App provides boundaries that are found on maps, but now they're on an app so you can explore your water with confidence.

It's Your Water...Explore It - Everything you need to plan your trip, explore your water and relive your experience. Plus we're constantly adding rivers and updating info. From your laptop to your phone it's like having a seasoned guide at your side.

Know Before You Go - Whether you're planning a fly fishing destination trip, just getting out for a day or exploring water on the app instead of working, all the things you need are right at your fingertips.

Detailed River Maps and Real Time Data - Locate access points, boat ramps, camping, parking, and know the distance between them, so you never miss a take-out or honey hole again. Plus current river flows and weather, everything you need to know is in this app. And you won't have to fold it up after you glance at it.

Public and Private Land Boundaries - Stream access laws and public land overlays help you plan where to fish and eliminate the worry that you may be on private property (onWater is for the angler that likes to fish a lot and not make waves).

Local Fishing Reports and Fly Shops - Connect with local fly shops that serve the area you're exploring. Get current fishing reports, hot flies, stream flows, weather and more. It's your one-touch guide to all the local experts.

Catch and Relive - Snap a quick photo of your catch before releasing it, and add it to your trip log. Uploading the photo also captures the river, flow and weather. Then archive by trip, water, date or other categories. Add trip notes like the fly used, GPS coordinates and how much bigger your fish was compared to your fishing buddy's. \$3.99/mo. or \$39.99/yr.

"Fish Head Nervous Water "Apps, \$6.99 iPhone and Android

Not only the best app for steelhead rivers, but surf, and also helpful in most any trout-fishing situation around the country. It has a river directory with flows and where and when to find the best windows of action. It's handy when you're actually packing to go fishing; it's quick, organized with the most pertinent information available.

Orvis Fly Fishing Green Mountain - Digital, iPhone, Android is a grand-daddy of fly fishing apps that is free and packed with tons of general interest fly-fishing news, advice, discussion and entertainment you'll never be able to digest it all. It has Tom Rosenbauer's podcasts, casting videos for every stream, flats, or surf situation; knot -tying instruction, fishing reports, up -to-date news feeds, fly pattern descriptions and recommendations with built-in links so you can buy flies you're interested in. It's sort of geared toward beginners, but its solid information and we could all use a little tune-up now and again. Loren Elliott

The Pocket Fisherman by Magic Mobile

This app will help you find out more about the specific species of fish, as well as regulations and records of 49 Continental states regarding fishing in their deep waters. The app also comes with a GPS map that tracks the nearest tackle shops and marinas. You can easily identify the fish by either searching for its name or looking at the gallery of fish images. It's the most

comprehensive fisherman app so far as it comes with a summary of each type of fish, description, appearance, weight, natural habitat, and its average length.

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK - Tioga Pass Open

A reservation will be required to drive into Yosemite National Park from May 20 through September 30, 2022, for those driving into the park between 6 am and 4 pm. Driving through the park will also require a reservation if entering between 6 am and 4 pm. www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/reservations.htm

Sonora Pass Hwy 108 - Open

Monitor Pass Hwy 89 - Open

CalTrans Highway work along US 395 – Check the District 9 CalTrans web-site for current status. There is a huge list of work that will be ongoing until the snow flies. Here is a link for more information.

D9PublicInfo@dot.ca.gov

Mono County:

The Conway Ranch Shoulder Widening project proposes to widen the existing paved shoulders on U.S Highway 395 from the junction with State Route 167 to 0.4 miles north of Conway Ranch Road in Mono County. It also proposes to install shoulder rumble strips, correct a substandard compound curve and lengthen the chain control area at postmile 59.2 by 500 feet. Culverts will be extended or replaced as needed. Project start-date is June 2023.

MONO COUNTY -North Sherwin shoulders project will emerge from its winter suspension on Monday, May 2. Crews moved K-rail into place this week and traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Work on this Mono County project is along U.S. Highway 395 between 2.4 miles south of Lower Rock Creek Road and Tom's Place. Crews will be clearing more slopes in preparation for future work and widening shoulders. There will be drilling work on the side of the highway to improve drainage, similar to the finished drainage feature opposite the intersection at Lower Rock Creek Road. The speed limit is 55 miles per hour through the work zone. For more information about this project, watch this Caltrans District 9 NewsDash on YouTube at <https://youtube/Pdh5EV6MOE4>.

TIDBIT'S - Meteor Shower Calendar 2021

Date	Name	(no. per/hour)
July 28-29	Delta Aquarid Predawn	10 south
Aug 11-12	Perseid	50 NE
Oct 8-10	Draconid late evening	6 NW
Oct 20-21	Orionid Predawn	15 south
Dec 13-14	Geminid all night	75 NE

Predawn means between midnight and an hour before morning (twilight). BOLD - Most prominent

*Strong moonlight will interfere with these showers.

Dates will vary slightly.
See you on the water CJ! (5.22)