

# EASTERN SIERRA FOCUS

By CJ Webb - August 2022

**Mule Deer Summer Migration** has slowed and most of the females have fawns. Please be alert and leave any young alone as the mother will return. Glance left and right along the road edges as Deer browse the brush along the roadside and cross the road to get to water. Early morning and dusk are the worst times so please be vigilant and stay alive. **ALERT:** The roadside area of US Hwy. 395 is a major deer crossing so stay alert and don't be a statistic.

## **Weather – A Somewhat Prediction**

Monsoons/heat hit Eastern Sierra - Finally the dry hot weather broke as a monsoon pattern hit the Eastern Sierra, brought at least a week of good chances for measurable rain. The same storms pushed the smoke from the Oak Fire out of the area and dropped the temperature to close to normal after two weeks of above normal temperatures. Unfortunately the rain didn't last long enough to increase the flows on the streams except for a couple inches on the two Walker's.

Further out, it will likely remain hot. "Anomalous strong ridging is favored over the interior West through early September; so I would expect to see substantially more episodes of intense heat in the second half of the summer this year than the first," Howard Shecter reported.

**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 -**

### **Lahontan Cutthroat Trout Fishy News:**

Fish passage project to help Lahontan cutthroat trout.

Truckee - Federal officials are making fish-friendly modifications to a northern Nevada dam that for more than a century has blocked off native spawning grounds for the Lahontan cutthroat trout species that once migrated 120 miles upstream from a high-desert lake in the alpine waters of Lake Tahoe, according to a story by Scott Somner for the Associated Press.

Officials for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Fish and Wildlife Service, and Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe broke ground for a \$23.5 million fish passage project to help Lahontan cutthroat trout navigate the Truckee River's Derby Dam about 20 miles east of Reno.

Lahontan cutthroat trout were once believed to have gone extinct in the 1940s and were listed as threatened in 1970. But a remnant population later was discovered in a small brook on Pilot Peak along the Nevada-Utah border.

Beginning in 2006, that population has been used to successfully restock Pyramid Lake, where anglers now regularly catch cutthroats as big as 25 pounds. Cutthroats were in Pyramid Lake in 2014 for the first time in 80 years and in 2019 - 775 successfully spawned in the river between the lake and dam.

Lahontan cutthroats are the largest trout in North America and used to grow as large as 60 pounds when they would climb 2500 feet through mountain river canyons up the Truckee River to Lake Tahoe, elevation 6,228 feet.

Tribal leaders and state and federal wildlife officials have been working for two decades to restore the fishery in Pyramid Lake – a remnant of ancient Lake Lahontan, an inland sea that covered 8,450 square miles of western Nevada during the Ice Age. The Lahontan cutthroat trout also are native to parts of Oregon, Utah and Wyoming.

In recent years, the fish have made their way to several miles upstream from Pyramid Lake but haven't been able to get past the Derby Dam, but now, the bypass canal will include an 80-foot-wide, 390-foot-long horizontal fish screen – actually a metal plate with slots that pushes water down through the water system while sending the fish and other debris through the side channel.

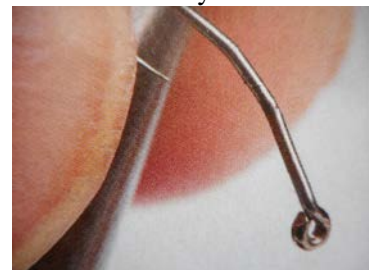
The Farmers Irrigation District of Hood River, Oregon first developed what is now known as the "Farmers Screen" after severe flooding in 1996. The district licensed the patent to the nonprofit Farmers Conservation Alliance which since has completed 50 similar projects in several Western states.

## **Fishing TIP: Curving a Hook Shank**

Bending the hook for a fly is critical but sometimes necessary to fool a wary trout. Start by dividing the straight portion of the shank into three and make two bends, so the shank curves to one side.

For the first bend, one-third along the shank set the shank deeply, but loosely, in the vice-jaws. Don't clamp the jaws tight – the hook has a better chance of breaking in tight jaws and press to the side. The second bend, one-third back from the eye, is a little awkward using the vice – but possible; otherwise use narrow pliers. Be aware bending this way can break or weaken hooks. Expect casualties.

1. Hold rear of hook loosely in the vice-jaws, bend shank about 1/3 from rear.
2. Use fine, flat jawed pliers (de-barbing pliers) to make the second bend.
3. The two bends create a curve or radius in the hook-shank. This first bend is really cool!



## AT THE BENCH

### Barred Matrix Fibers

Durable poly pro fibers that are perfectly barred and undulate like wet-flowing grizzly saddle. The fibers will not absorb water, so no added weight to your fly. Great for a single lateral line along a pattern or use a bunch for winging and tailing. Available colors are Black/Copper, Black/Gold, Black/Silver, Olive/Copper, Olive/Gold, Olive/Silver, Orange/Silver Tan/Gold, Tan/Copper, and Tan/Silver. Adds a quick flash to any pattern when placed along the length of the body i.e., any streamer. \$6.95/pak

### Premium Craft Fur - The Best on the Market

Designed by fly tyers specifically for fly tyers. It would be an insult to call it simply craft fur because it easily replaces the old stuff. This is a step above! It is also a great replacement for marabou making better stronger, flowing and profiled flies and jigs. The long supple fibers have tapered tips and are very fine making it much less likely to tangle or clump up, and virtually no underfur to deal with. Each 2 1/4 x 11" strip is attached to a backer card with a durable hang tab for easy storage. Comes in Tan, Rust, Olive, Hot-Pink, Hot-Orange, Dark Sapphire Blue, Dark Purple, Chartreuse, Brown, White/black-Barred, Black and White - \$6.95

### Versatile Barbless wet fly hook

A new wet fly hook - straight eye, unusual deep bend and offset point and matt bronze. The shank lends itself to fairly standard wet-fly treatment, about as long as a conventional wet fly shank, the long slow bend is ideal for elongated floss tags. Thinking of the larger sizes this makes a rather good looking wet fly. The smaller sizes (14 to 18) seem to lend themselves to bead-heads - small slotted beads can get round the bend.

They come barbed or barbless, and the wire is 1X heavy, so this should fish deep enough. On both barbed and barbless versions the needle point angles up towards the eye, the line of pull from the tippet should pull that point up and in - or at least it looks that way. On the barbed version (S1480) the point is short and sharp, the barb is tiny. Pack of 50 in sizes 6 - 18 from Sprite.

### 2mm Cactus Chenille

Cactus Chenille is Veniard's brand name for the chenille best known as Fritz, which was a Lureflash brand name - not a trademark, as far as I know. All the same type of stuff, a twisted core trapping glossy synthetic fibers to make chenille.

This is the smallest Cactus, fine core and fibers. The pack says 0.8mm, which I take to mean each side of the core, on a ruler this looks a fraction under 2mm wide total.

Tying is simple, if anything simpler than big Cactus Chenille. Scrape the fibers off one end of the core, tie in securely, wrap, trim and you're away. The fibers are too short to try and fold, I did manage to tighten the wraps, pushing them closer together with a thumbnail but I don't think it's needed. And it makes a tight thorax behind a beadhead.

Obviously this is small stuff, for small hooks and, mainly small flies. Twisting and dubbing onto the core might suit larger flies. Twelve colors are available from Veniard.

### Tip - Bulletproof Bugger

Prior to attaching the tail material, tie in several strands of flash material twice the length of the tail. Use craft fur for a durable tail, but comb it before cutting a section off the backing. Tie on a bunch equaling the length of the hook for the tail. Fold and tie the flash back over the top of the tail. Tie on the chenille, hackle, and ribbing material. Proceed and tie the complete body of the Bugger. The improved tail will hold up for many hits and also shed debris.

Another great tail material is Arctic Fox which comes in a variety of colors. This natural material is ideal for making the tails on Woolly Buggers. Clip a bunch of fox fur and attach the tail adding some strands of flash and tie the remainder of the fly. You'll enjoy the action.

### Infamous Trout Quotes

"Fly fishing is ninety nine percent irritation and one percent imitation" - Thomas A. Edison

"Neither a borrower of flies nor a lender be." - William Shakespeare.

"One morning I caught a trout in my waders. How he got into my waders I'll never know." Groucho Marx

"By any means necessary, except San Juan Worms." Malcolm X

"We have met the enemy, and he is using bait." POGO

"You can fool some of the trout some of the time, but you can't fool any of the trout most of the time."

Abraham Lincoln

"It depends on what your definition of 'fly' is."

Bill Clinton

"Let your hook always be cast. In the pool where you least expect it, will be a snag." Ovid

### **LOWER OWENS -Flows are at 143.9cfs as of 8/28.**

Water conditions are good. Fishing conditions and hatches are good to very good. Same report.

With daytime temperatures expected to be in the upper 90's to low 100's early and late makes sense. We are looking for a slight cool down through the weekend. Fishing has been good from 6-10am with Trico imitations and large caddis pupa patterns. There's virtually no surface activity in the morning, get out in the evening the next couple of days and see if it's better. If you think a run is too shallow or fast it's probably just right. EXCEPT early mornings, the fish will be in slower water feeding on Tricos.

The big hatch now is the Tiny BWO, they used to be considered part of the PMD family but have been reclassified to Baetis. These guys are tiny, #22-26 and the hatch starts around 10 building up around 12 and lasting until late afternoon. The Little yellow Sallies are fading. The Trico mayfly hatch is at full strength, males emerging in the evenings and females in the morning with egg laying starting 9-10. That of course includes midges all day long and craneflies after 9 am. Evenings

are getting better, small pale #20 mayflies, Trico male emergence and caddis. I did get a report of Cicadas in a few stretches. DRIES: Extended Body BWO #16-20, Hi-Vis PMD #16-18, Stillborn Midge #20-22, Griffith's Gnat #22-2, and CDC Transition midge #20-22, Slvrnm Stillborn Caddis #16-18, Elk Hair Skaddis #16, Tan Stimulator #14-16, Headlight Yellow Sally #16-18 and CDC Baetis #22-24. NYMPH: 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 HDA Fav. Variant #1-16.

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

Guides Hint: Lesson learned the hard way, don't ignore the fish rising in the shallow water on the inside of the bends. They're usually a lot bigger than you think.

**ROCK CREEK LAKE** – This is a great creek to fly fish in the afternoons when other waters at lower elevations get too hot to safely practice catch and release. Dry flies or dry and a dropper will fool the opportunistically feeding trout. Fly fish with your favorite dry fly. The trout in the slow still water sections are super spooky and hard to catch if you don't have a stealthy approach and a well placed cast. Even when I think I do everything right the trout still spook. The pocket water and riffles in the steeper sections are much more forgiving as the trout are not as spooky. Try a size 16 bed head flash back gold ribbed hare's ear nymph and fish three feet under a size 16 Adams parachute in the lake or a super flashy woolly bugger. Upper creek has been good if you can find some side water or pools along the trail in the bushy areas. Very nice action but there are some mosquitoes that have survived their blood drought and returned with a vengeance, you should see my calves. Take along small gnats, black ants and a few hoppers.

**UPPER OWENS – Flows are 47cfs as of 8/28.**

Water condition is fair. The stretch of river above Benton Crossing Road is artificial, barbless, catch and release only.

The reason why the flows in the Owens don't go up and down much is that it is common for Deadman Creek to go underground up above Hwy. 395 during drought years.

The water gets dirtier and has more debris the further downstream you go.

Fishing condition and hatches are fair-good. The water below Hot Creek has gotten dirtier but above Hot Creek it is still clean.

It looks like this will be a slow year for hoppers; they're around but not in great numbers. Fishing isn't great but if you work at it you should be able to pick up some fish and the lack of pressure is a huge plus. We are starting to see some lake fish up above Benton Crossing and the rain could help add to that. Above the bridge the micro caddis (#26-28), midges and Trico female

emergence starts around 7am with the Trico spinner fall starting around 9am. Don't be afraid to fish spinner patterns until after 12, there will be spinners drifting way after they actually finish egg laying. Mid-morning into the afternoon there's a sparse PMD emergence and large Caddis (#14-16) all morning. They stocked below the bridge and they are healthy, feisty and are starting to get a clue about what real food is. Water temperature-wise - above Hot Creek 60-65 all day/upper Hot Creek confluence down to the bridge mid to upper 60's. Below the bridge keep track, below 68 is okay but if it gets warmer move upstream.

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. So much for the temperature gauge, 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 gauge on Hot Creek right above the Owens River Road Bridge. Right now, the water temperature ranges between the low 80s and high 90s. If you're not familiar with it, 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, CDC Transition Midge #20-24, Extended PMD #16-18, Tan Stimulators #14-16, Beck's Sulphur Emerger #16-20, CDC Emerger Baetis #24 (for the caddis), Parachute Caddis Grey #22, Z Wing Real Midge #22-26, CDC Spring Creek Hopper Tan #14-16, Para Hopper #10-14 and Elk Hair Caddis #12-16. NYMPHS: Zebra Midge #16-22, Copper John #14-16, PMD Duster #14-16, B/H Pheasant tail #14-18, Mop Fly assorted colors #10-16, Bling Midge #22-24, Tungsten Olive Mic Drop #16-18 and San Juan worms assorted colors and Birds Nest Natural #16-20. STREAMERS: Shock Collar Leech #10, Woolly Bugger White or Olive #6-14 and Punk Perch light or dark #10-16.

**CROWLEY LAKE** – Lake Elevation is at 6765.9 as of 8/23. The stringy algae has disappeared water quality is pretty good. Lake level has stayed the same for several weeks. No change in report.

Early in the season fish were spread out because water temperature was uniform. Now they're spread out because the perch fry are everywhere. You do improve your chances by fishing early and late in the day. Don't get stuck in a rut, do some exploring and don't be afraid to leave the herd behind. Hard to pinpoint any one spot but the best advice is look for cooler water and weed beds that have a solid edge, they not only tend to offer more fish but when you hook them they're a lot less likely to dive into the weeds. It's real easy to fixate on perch patterns but don't forget Damsels, Callibaetis and Midges. Once again, if you think the glory shot is more important than the fish's health you'll end up killing lots

of fish. If you're deeper than 10' or so, giving the fish a hard shove to get him into colder water is simply out of sight out of mind, they won't make it. Keep them in the water and release quickly.

Dries: 0. Nymphs: Balanced Hares Ear Tan or Olive #12-16, Ultra Damsel #14, Dainty Damsel #12 and Janssen's Emerging Callibaetis #14-16. Streamers: Marabou Leech Burgundy or Brown #12, Perfection Perch #4 and 8, Hornberg #8-14, Baby Fat Minnow, Punk Perch #14-16 and Cheech Leech #1.

### **HOT CREEK - Flow is 31.6cfs as of 8/28**

Fishing Conditions and Hatches: Interpretive Site Fair-Good but very crowded. Canyon section poor-fair. Remember, these are the flows just below Highway 395 on Mammoth Creek.

Tough fishing has returned with the low flows but try to look at the weed beds as added hiding places for trout. The bird problem seems to have improved and we're seeing better surface activity. Tricos, small caddis and midges in the morning, there are days where the Trico emergence is as heavy as ever. The evening Hatches are male Tricos and micro caddis, the caddis are #24-28 but #20-22 are working. 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. The Interpretive Site has a lot more activity but the fish are educated, it's all about the drift. The water is a little cooler at the Interpretive Site (1pm 60°) Canyon (1:45pm 63°) but they're both good. The Canyon has Tricos, micro caddis and midges first thing in the morning, sporadic mayflies and caddis midday and non-existent hatches in the afternoon but scuds are working well.

Guides tell their clients that a 4 second drift is average and to finish with an aggressive pickup, you will hook fish you never knew existed.

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, Brooks Hot Creek Caddis #22, Tan Stimulator #14-16 and a Sparkle Dun Foam PMD #16-18. NYMPHS: T Midge #24, Zebra Midge #18-22, Juju Baetis #16-20, Medallion Midge #18-24, Buckskin #16-20, Split Case PMD #16-18, CDC Transition Midge #18-22, Scuds grey #14-18, Tailwater Sowbug Rainbow #16-18, Bling Midge Brown #24, TB Millers+1LT #16-18, Nori's Caddis #20-22, Copper Bead Micro Stone #14-18 and Tung Yellow Sallie #16-18. STREAMERS: Mini Sculpin Orange #6, Slumpbuster Natural #10 and Hornberg #10-14.

**CONVICT LAKE** – This is a rush for the last of the summer anglers to get in some fishing and recreating so there's all kinds of watercraft on the water. Stick with the basics similar to June Lake or Silver Lake and stay away from the party boats; they seem to have taken over the larger bodies of water that allow gas motors.

**MAMMOTH LAKES BASIN** – No Report. Again, some of these lakes are getting into the recreational use of water crafts and make it hard to get serious about fly fishing, so check out the web-sites to see the type of crafts they rent and the size of the lake and see if it has potential for your particular type of fly fishing.

### **SAN JOAQUIN** - Flows are at 10.4cfs as of 8/28.

With the flows back down below normal the further down stream you go the better the conditions. Look for the deeper pools and pocket water. Most of the hatches have been mayflies and as is typical of freestone streams there are several species emerging right now. From 9am-12 noon size #16-18 mayflies. There is larger caddis from 8-9am but the fish don't seem to be keying on them. There is a spinner fall in the evenings of #20 pale to clear mayflies. If it's warm and the wind stays down evenings have been very good, all the way up past Soda Springs. Dries: Elk Hair Caddis #12-18, Para Caddis #14-20, Sparkle Flag PMD #16-18, Lawson's Thorax PMD #16-18, CDC Mahogany Dun #12-16, Tan Stimulators #14-16 and Para Light Cahill #18-22. Nymphs: Tungsten Black Beauty #20-22, Nori's Caddis #18-22, B/H Prince #10-20, Juju Baetis #18-22 and Iron Sally #14-16.

**JUNE LOOP** – Gull or Silver Lakes would be the best bet this early even Rush Creek due to the rain the last couple days. But current cloud cover will bring more fish up from the colder water as it moves upward during the night time temperatures. Gull reported some nice fish as did June Lake. Check their web-sites to get the latest on fly fishing.

### **LUNDY LAKE – Resort is closed this summer.**

No report. Check with Beaver's Sporting Goods in Lee Vining (ask for Wayne or Brad). Assuming you know the lake and how to fish it this time of year should work. Good hatches have been off and on due to the inflow of water from Twenty Lakes Basin. Large streamers trolled slowly from a tube along the south shore and avoiding shore anglers. Also try the ponds beyond the store for some nice three-weight action. Water fall is still nice, drive up and hit the water, it should be great. Whatever is working in the June Loop should also work here. Fish are still being stocked according to the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Water level is very low and will be hard to put your boat in, so use floaters from the damn area to get out there.

**VIRGINIA LAKES** – OM Goodness! - Just witnessed one of the most amazing spinner falls (8/28), it's been going on for two evenings on Little Virginia but I missed last night's event. The rises are dozens or more at a time. I got down on my knees with a pair of bino's and could not believe my eyes. How do I describe this, incredible, anxious, and envious that I could not be on the water as the photos would have been unbelievable.

August was much warmer and the run-off from the upper canyon is over but fishing has been sensational

regardless of the haze from the "Oak" fire in Mariposa County just west of Yosemite. The lakes were stocked 5 times counting next Tuesday the 31st by the County Trophy Program and a load from DFW last Friday. Finding a spot along the shoreline has been difficult with the amount of anglers bait fishing so the best way to get into fish is either arrive at 6am or late afternoon, but personal watercraft always does a good job. Black bead head flashy Woolly Buggers, Wiggle Tails, balanced leech and Loe's punk perch but a larger style with a bushier marabou tail have also been working. Dragon flies, Damsels, Damsels and more Damsels, stoneflies, tent wing caddis, spruce moths are all doing a great job. Lots of other patterns are working but the emergers were taking top spot and getting picked off one at a time especially in flat water when you can see the rise. Along with heavy dark olive Doc's Twin Lakes special with a prince, Zug Bug, or pheasant tail dropper, all black elk hair caddis, my special ant pattern, and bead head Matukas, or try your trusted patterns. For top water addicts, try small dark dries, ants, small hoppers along the shore and Adams para.

**TRUMBULL LAKE** (Same report) was stocked with BFEF trout from Desert Springs with a full load of fish on the 20th of June 2022. And another private party paid for a load early in July. No recent report although I've sent a lot of anglers there trying their luck.

**BRIDGEPORT RESERVOIR** – No fly Report.  
Water is still very warm and you should talk to Chase at the Marina.

**EAST WALKER – Flows are at 88.4cfs as of 8/28**  
The annual East Walker River Clean-up Day is scheduled for Labor Day again this year, Sep. 5, 2022. The event is sponsored by the Fishin' Mission Foundation, Walker River Outfitters and Ken's Sporting Goods. We meet at 9:00am at the Bridgeport Park to collect trash bags, pickers and gloves then back to the park around 1:00pm for lunch, drinks and fish stories! Everyone is welcome!

Flows had dropped down into the 70's but they're back up. Water temperatures are barely holding in the 60's until midday but then around noon it gets back into the 70's. If you get on the water by 6 you should have 4-6 hours and the last hour of light can be productive too. Midges and Tricos first thing followed by scattered caddis. Also perch fry are beginning to get flushed out of the lake. In an attempt to be a glass half full kind of guy the one positive about the low flow levels is if the nighttime air temperatures get down into the 40's the water temperatures downstream from the reservoir will be cooler in the morning even on hot days. Caddis is probably the most consistent, try skating an Elk Hair Caddis or fish Caddis Crawlers through the riffles. Scuds and Damsel nymphs in the slow water. DRIES: Caddis Adult Tan #14-16, Chernobyl Ant #12-14, Chernobyl org/grz #6-8, Parachute Adams #16-22, Elk Hair Caddis #12-14 and Mini Mouse #10. NYMPHS: Prince Nymph

#12-16, Tungsten Jig PMD #14-16, Bottom Roller Psycho #10-12, Copper Zebra #16-22, Zebra black/silver #20-24 Zac Attack Damsel #14, Glass Bead Micro May Olive #22-24, S&M Nymph #18-22, Tungsten Jig Baetis #18-20, TTS Opal B/L #14-18, JuJu Baetis # 22-24, V-Rib midge Claret #14-16, Western Midge #12-14. STREAMERS: Meat Whistle, Baby fat Minnow #8, Belly Scratcher Minnow Chub #2, Bank Robber Sculpin #2, Punk Perch Light #10-14, Rio's Brown Town Tan #4. EURO Streamers: GD UV P/Jig White #12 and Kaslar M/G/S Olive #12.

**Please check out the Random information** section below and read about the petition Jim Reid is working on to get the East Walker River regulations changed to catch and release. If you are in agreement with this idea please sign the petition and share it with anyone you think would like to see this change, in just a short time we have over 1500 signatures so hopefully that number will keep increasing. There's a link below that will take you straight to the petition on change.org.

"I've started a change.org petition to try to encourage the Department of Fish and Wildlife to reconsider the East Walker River regulation changes they made a couple seasons ago. Most importantly they doubled the limit on the river and got rid of the barbless hook requirement which I believe in the long run will be extremely detrimental to the fishery as a whole. A lot of anglers still pinch their barbs and we encourage them to do so but there are still a lot of anglers who don't take the time to do that. My petition proposes that they go all the way and make the East Walker River artificial flies or lures only, single barbless hooks, zero fish limit (catch and release only) and open all year long. If you would like to see the regs on the river change please go to <https://chnng.it/Jzv5JzSy> and cast your vote."

This information is on Ken's Facebook page, feel free to vote and share as often as you like. If he gets a lot of signatures hopefully we can get the DFW to take a closer look at the regulations for the EW and maybe make some changes."

**HONEYWELL POND – No Report**

**SCEIRINE RANCH** - The ranch is in much the same shape as the Cali side of the river, though parts of it have some shade from the willows and some extra water that comes in from several springs that cool it down a few degrees it's still probably time to let those fish rest for a while. We'll start booking more days on the ranch some time after Labor Day.

**KIRMAN** – No reports from Kirman lately, with the warmer weather it's probably still best to hold off on going up there until the water/weather cools down a bit.

**Repeating the News from the June Report:**

Kirman Lake stocked with 3500 trophy Brook trout, June 30, 2022.

The Department amps up efforts to offset losses due to bacterial outbreaks in local hatcheries.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) recently stocked 3500 large Brook trout into Kirman Lake in Mono County as part of an ongoing commitment to restore one of the West's best trophy Brook trout fisheries.

Kirman Lake is a special regulations water that opens to fishing the last Saturday in April through Nov. 15 each year. Only artificial lures maybe use used. Only two trout maybe taken with a minimum size limit of 18 inches in total length per fish. Note: See the last issue for the full article.

**WEST WALKER – Flow is 41.2cfs as of 8/28.** The Fly anglers are still doing well with hoppers, stimulators, chubby Chernobyl's, copper johns, pheasant tails and prince nymphs. Look for curves, calm side water edges and pools to temp those wary trout.

### 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](mailto: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 "App**, \$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

A reservation will be required to drive into Yosemite National Park from May 20 through September 30, 2022, between 6 am and 4 pm.

[www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/reservations.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/reservations.htm)

Currently there are a lot of available dates through September. I have a pass every Tuesday through the 27<sup>th</sup> and it's good for 3 days.

**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](mailto:D9PublicInfo@dot.ca.gov)

**Mono County:**

BISHOP, Calif. -- The U.S. Forest Service will begin a tree removal operation to prepare for the upcoming reconstruction and widening of Reds Meadow Road. The work will primarily occur between Agnew Meadows and Minaret Vista starting on October 1. This will temporarily impact public access to the Reds Meadow Valley until the work is complete.

**September 5:** seasonal shuttle service to Reds Meadow ends. Please check with [Eastern Sierra Transit Authority](#) for additional information.

**October 1:** tree clearing will begin and there will be up to thirty minute traffic delays.

**October 11:** Reds Meadow Road will fully close to the public to ensure tree removal and hauling is completed before the winter weather arrives.

Overnight parking will not be available for backpackers in Reds Meadow Valley. Alternative routes for backpackers are being offered to wilderness permit holders. For more information, please contact our Wilderness Permit office at (760) 873-2483.

**TIDBIT'S - Meteor Shower Calendar 2022**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>(no. per/hour)</b>
Oct 8-10	Draconid late evening	6 NW
Oct 20-21	Orionid Predawn	15 south
<b>Dec 13-14</b>	<b>Geminid all night</b>	<b>75 NE</b>

**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! (8/22)