

By CJ Webb - May 2024

Mule Deer Summer Migration is in full swing so be alert and watch 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 usually will cross the road to get to water.

Wildlife Crossings: A Collaborative Solution - See CalTrans road project which started last week.

2024 Inland Water Fishing Regulations have a couple changes, 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.

Mono County Trout Season opened April 27, 2024, so be sure to check the water you wish to fish and see if it's on all year winter catch and release or is closed.

FISHY NEWS - California Fly Fisher Magazine

Early March Richard Anderson, former publisher and editor of *California Fly Fisher* announced that the magazine will continue under new ownership with a new team as its helm: Tracy Diaz as publisher and George Revel as editor-at-large. Both Tracey and George bring fresh energy, insights, and perspectives to the magazine, and of course a passion for fly fishing and for the angling adventures found throughout our state.

A message from Tracey Diaz and George Revel stated "*California Fly Fisher* has been an advisor for angling adventures, a teacher of techniques, and a storyteller of the diverse and vibrant world of California's rivers and for over three decades. We are thrilled and honored that Richard has entrusted us to carry that heritage forward while injecting a fresh perspective on the unique culture, the tight-knit community, and the remarkable individuals who define fly fishing in California".

"The revitalized *California Fly Fisher* magazine and digital site, coming this summer, will inform, inspire, educate, and connect anglers across the Gold State and beyond....each issue will celebrate California's diverse fisheries, rivers, and people, brought to life through captivating storytelling, expert insights, and stunning photography. Our mission is clear: to empower our readers to explore, conserve, and cherish the natural wonders that define California's fly-fishing heritage. As we embark on this new chapter together, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to you for your continued support and enthusiasm. Your dedication fuels our passion, and we are deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve you".

Tight lines and warm regards, Tracy Diaz, Publisher and George Revel, Editor-at-Large.

Sad Fishy News, CATHY BECK, 1952-2024

"TEACHER, MENTOR, ADVENTURER, AND ONE OF THE FLY FISHING'S GREAT AMBASSADORS"
BARRY BECK - Text and Photographs PART I

"Will you Marry me?" I asked. The girl across the table from me looked puzzled. After all, we'd been introduced to each other less than two hours ago, a smile formed across her face and she said, "We will see."

There are many people who believe in divine intervention, but at that moment I was not one of them. In time, Cathy would change my mind about that, as she did with many people. I've been asked over and over again how Cathy and I met, and I've always said I was "lucky." Maybe there's more to it than that. When you hear our story, you can make up your mind whether God intervened or not. I believe she was sent by a higher power.

In 1980 I was rebounding from a bad divorce. It was a marriage that started when we both were way too young, and it was destined to fail because the most important thing in my life was fly fishing. At the time, I was tying flies professionally and working for the H.L. Leonard Rod Company. When I wasn't working, I was on the water. Being a husband simply was not in the equation.

One day a marriage counselor told me that my fly-fishing addiction had to stop. I told him if fishing was an addition, when I had it all my life. As a boy I constantly skipped school to go fishing. One day my guidance counselor informed my parents that if I continued with these unlawful absences, I would grow up to be nothing but a fishing bum. He was right, and it also ended my first marriage.

After my divorce I had plenty of time to fish. I started dating again, only this time telling myself I would never marry again or jeopardize my love of fly fishing. I was happy as a bachelor. During breakfast with a friend in my hometown of Benton, Pennsylvania, I even made the rash verbal statement that I was done dating. My friend Jim laughed and said "Sure you are." At that exact moment I looked up and noticed a waitress walk by. I had never seen her before, and I was instantly captivated.

As we left the dining room that morning, I looked back to get one more look at her and walked into the door jam, splitting my head open. That last look cost me three stitches in an emergency room.

The next day, I returned to the restaurant to talk to the owner. I inquired about the waitress who had caught my attention. She told me her name was Cathy Campbell. She had been helping out at the restaurant Mortgaged Inn the day before, but was returning to her home in Sea Isle City, New Jersey that day. I immediately asked, "Is she married?"

She was single, but was not returning to Benton until the night before Thanksgiving. It was June, and Thanksgiving was five months away.

At that time I was tying a lot of fully dressed Atlantic salmon flies and the owner saw them at a local art show. She said if I gave her some flies, she would introduce us in November. I went home and immediately brought back a frame of flies and hung them in the restaurant.

As I waited for November, I constantly dreamed of this girl. I stayed busy working and fishing, but I had a hard time keeping her out of my mind. I began to think I was losing my mind because nothing in my entire life had ever affected me like this--not even fishing.

When November finally arrived, I found myself parked in front of the Mortgaged Inn. I went in and sat down. At first I only saw the regular waitresses, but Cathy came out of the kitchen and brought me a glass of water and a menu. I asked her if the owner was in, and she said no. I asked if she will be back later, and again Cathy said no. I panicked!

Cathy she would be back to take my order and walked away. Suddenly, I wasn't hungry and found myself lost for words. When she came back all I could do was order a burger and fried . . . how original!

She smiled in a way that I would learn to love and said "Yes." Two hours later, we sat across from each other at a table at the Central Park Hotel talking about our lives and whatever else we could think of. I was in awe of this girl, and I proposed. At that point neither of us could have ever imagined what our future held for us.

In April 1981, Cathy finally said "yes" and after a small wedding we packed our bags and headed to Slate Run. I hoped to introduce Cathy to a mayfly hatch and some rising trout. Cathy grew up on a farm in a family with eight children, and they had a springhead that became Raven Creek in her backyard. In those days Raven Creek held a healthy population of wild brook trout, so Cathy fished for most of her life but not with a fly rod. For the next year we spent every minute we could on a trout stream. Casting came easily to Cathy, and it wasn't long before she was out-fishing me. Soon afterward, we bought my father's tackle shop and turned it into a fly-fishing-only store. What would happen next would change our lives forever. LEFTY KREH, Part II



FFI Southwest Council held a "Youth Fly Fishing Clinic" last October 2023 which was presented by the Pasadena Casting Club. It was for ages 10 and up. Agenda included learning to cast a fly rod, entomology, fly tying, watersheds and conservation, with equipment and basic knots. Registration was required via the Pasadena Casting Club website, and each participant must be accompanied by a Parent, relative or guardian. NOTE: I took a similar class back in the early 90's at His & Hers in Orange County and they took us to a park to teach us basic casting. The wind came up and the class progressed on how to cast into the wind. It was a very informative for newcomers. I highly recommend anyone interested in getting their young children into fly fishing; this is the way to do it.

You might want to contact them to see if they will offer this class in 2024 at:
<https://www.pasadenacastingclub.org/>

Fishing TIP: Dress warm and be careful.

Current water conditions are running high and dirty especially along West Walker River and the East Walker. Bridgeport Reservoir, Crowley Lake, Convict and June loop are full.

DFW is warning anglers to be aware of high water, fast currents and flooded terrain in and around the Owens and Walker Rivers. The LADWP and Walker Irrigation District are doing everything they can to limit impacts to fishing but water management does not follow anthropogenic time-lines and caution should be exercised by anyone visiting the Owens and other water bodies during the spring 2024 fishing season.

Legislative News: SAME UPDATE of AB-817

AB-817: Sport fishing licenses: electronic display: 12-consecutive-month licenses was **Approved by the Governor in 2021. Side-note:** Much was made of Assembly Bill 817 authored by Assembly member Jim Wood (D-Santa Rosa) 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.

Latest news states "This bill would, until January 1, 2030, authorize the Director of Fish and Wildlife to allow 12-consecutive-month sport fishing licenses to be issued in addition to certain calendar year licenses. The bill would require the director to provide the Legislature, on or before January 1, 2025, recommendation for increasing fees or all sport fishing licenses to levels that provide adequate resources to fund sport fishing, including all necessary supporting activities, at the department. The bill would require the director, on or before July 1, 2028, to submit a report to the Legislature evaluating all sport fishing licenses, as provided.

Should there be any changes, I will contact Assemblyman Wood and provide that information.

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 Deserts 855.887.1275)

AT THE BENCH:

Quick-tie Deep Nymphs - Sybai Perdigon Thread

Picking this apart under a magnifier, you can see three strands, two fine monofilament strands twisted around a slim, flat strip. All three are dyed and colorful. I assume the mono is there for strength and the flat strand for flashy color.

I've tried a similar threads and believe this is the thinnest; wrap an average body, nymph, Perdigon, etc. and this finer thread gives a slightly tighter and smoother body and stays neat, even on smaller hooks. Tying #20 and 22 hooks will work better than most.

Fill a spool and load your bobbin holder and treat it like a thread and you'll find it is as strong my your usual tying thread, more slippery than some, impossible to wax otherwise it's great for everything else.

On a #22 jig hook, tied in as a thread, it can hold the tail in place and build a tapered body, attach a fluo-orange thread and whip finish. Then hit it with UV resin to give it a tough smooth coat. Sybai (sybai.com or Tacticalflyfisher \$2.50 US)



TIP - Reminder - Use curved-shank hooks.

The hook is the chassis of the fly, and the chassis of a nymph should be curved. Why? Because most nymphs assume a curved shape when they are dislodged and drift helplessly in the flow. We can imitate this posture by selecting curved-shank hooks. All major hook manufacturers--Mustad, Tiemco, Daiichi, Partridge, etc., offer curved-shank hooks. Some are designated as "nymph hooks," and others are "larva hooks" but that does not matter, all will give your flies a more natural appearance as they float through the water.

LOWER OWENS – Flows are at 608.3cfs as of 5/28.

Lower Owens River water conditions have been good. There is Gorge access to the middle and upper power plants as well as the reservoir.

Reports are still going up but with the huge jump in flows and lots of other options to fish now reports are sketchy. The Grannom caddis is done but plenty of other hatches are going on. Midges are available all day, the Craneflies are hatching midmorning, and BWOs are coming off sometime midday. Mid to late afternoon they will be eating egg-laying caddis, so alternate dead drift presentation with skittering and skating your dry flies! The BWO hatch has been 11 - 2 or so with an emphasis on 1-2. The nymphing has been very consistent and dry fly action is picking up. The mayflies have gotten a little smaller at #18-20. NOTE: dry fly hatches are so varied, it's important to understand the "rise form" and the type of water the fish are rising in. Some days (by 12) rises were aggressive in the main current seams, while the slow foamy backwaters primarily had subtle slow takes, so focus on emerging BWOs around the main current and spent midges in the backwaters. The BWO emergence ends around 1:30, but they continued to feed in the slow backwaters until after 3pm. Just another example of hatches varying up and down the river, but also in different water types within a small area. Another good sign is that there is just enough stonefly adults around that using #6-8 stonefly adult patterns instead of an indicator can be very effective.

The subsurface is a veritable smorgasbord. Several different species of mayflies, caddis, black flies, midges, and stoneflies are present. Bigger flies have been working better than the smaller pattern; # 10-16 Perdigons and stonefly patterns seem to be doing best. A few things reported -The banks are very unstable and walking has gotten a lot better but be very careful around the high banks. Weed and brush overgrowth is prolific. DRIES (midges) Stillborn Midge #20-22, Griffith's Gnat #22-24, CDC Transition midge #20-22, No Mercy Midge #18-24, Boroff F/Homie #20-24, MAYFLY-Para CDC Baetis #16-22, Para Adams #14-22, Hi-Vis Baetis #18-22, CADDIS- Millers C/Cad Olive and Tan#14-16, RL Stimulator Yellow #14-16, Elk Hair Caddis #14-16, Stonefly and Chernobyl Ant #6-8. NYMPHS: Pheasant Tail #14-22, Hares Ear #16-22, Perdigon #10-14, Zebra Midge #18-22, Weiss BP light or dark #18-20, Bottom Roller Phsyco Rhyco #10-14, Chamois caddis #16-20, TB Millers +1 Lt #16-18, Tungsten Sally #16-18, Iron Sally #18 and HDA Fav. Variant #12-16. STREAMERS: Wooly Bugger Olive & Black #10-12 and Mini Sculpin Olive & Black #10-12.

ROCK CREEK LAKE – No Report -

UPPER OWENS – Water Conditions: Dirty but fishable with Flows at 91cfs as of 5/28. The stretch of river above Benton Crossing Road is artificial, barbless,

catch and release only. Below the bridge is open. Flows are down a little and clearing.

The good news is the Cutthroat spawn is winding down; the bad news is the eggs/Redds are very vulnerable and hard to see so the best advice is DON'T WADE ANYWHERE NEAR WHERE THEY WERE SPAWNING.

Midges and Tricos emerge first thing. Trico spinner fall mid-morning. BWOs hatch midday and caddis are scattered in the afternoon. Lots of 6-16 inch fish to play with. They also stocked heavily for this weekend down below the bridge so go have some fun.

Water clarity coming out of Hot Creek has gotten worse; the river below is now down to 2-3 feet visibility. The up side is the fish are a lot less spooky. With the higher and dirtier conditions the hatches have become more scattered. This is early for the runoff so it may come and go with the weather changes.

REMEMBER: The winter spawning Rainbows and a lot of the spring spawners are strains of Rainbows no longer stocked so if you like these fishing opportunities keep the fish in the net and in the water while taking pictures/releasing the fish. Also, even though most of the fish spawn up higher in the private ranches there are fish that spawn lower down so keep an eye out for the Redds in the tailouts.

As usual the lake fish tend to hang out in the deeper holes during the day and move upstream at night. Both the migratory browns and rainbows are scattered throughout the system. Above the Hot Creek confluence they are a lot spookier so move slowly and stay away from the high banks on the outside of bends. 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. Not to say there aren't big resident fish but they tend to spend their entire adult life far back under the cut banks venturing out to eat a 12 incher every once in a while. If you're not familiar with it, to get to the upper most branch 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:** Parachute Adams #18-22, Hippie Stomper and Rubberleg Stimulator #12-16, Hi-Vis BWO #20-22, Elk Hair Caddis #14-20 and Griffiths Gnat #22-24. **NYPHHS:** Zebra Midge #16-22, Copper John #14-16, Bling Midge #22-24, San Juan worms assorted colors, Birds Nest Natural #16-20, Prince Nymph #12-18, F/B Hares Ear #16-18, Pheasant Tail #18-22 combo flash and or bead and Egg Patterns.

STREAMERS: Shock Collar Leech #10, Woolly Bugger White, Olive and Brown for the Tadpoles #6-14, Punk Perch light or dark #10-16, Baby Fat Minnow, GD UV P/Jig White #12 and Kaslar M/G/S Olive #12.

EURO streamers: GD UV P/Jig White #12 and Kaslar M/G/S Olive #12.

CROWLEY LAKE – Lake water level is at 6788.3'. The lake is dropping an inch a day but is still very close to capacity and just starting to green up. Water temperatures are reaching 60 degrees by late morning, which is good news.

Fishing conditions and hatches have been good. The west side of McGee Bay has picked up; Hilton Bay has had some strong days but the north end seems to be the most consistent. Fish appear to be getting sensitive to pressure - once the fleet moves in, they move on pretty quickly. As stated above, the surface temperature is reaching 60 by late morning, which is a good sign. With the good water temperatures fish are spread out so the motto right now is "when the boats squeeze in you slide out". There have been some sightings of Callibaetis, which is early but with grabs slowing down mid-late morning it might be that they are simply changing food sources.

The best producers are smaller size and darker patterns. For float tubers, access is very limited with the gate closed at the Whitmore entrance still closed, this cuts off access from Green Banks to McGee Bay.

Crowley Lake is known throughout the Western United States as being an incredible fishery. It produces large, beautiful trout that will give you the fight of your life! Crowley Lake is 12 miles long and 5 miles wide at its widest point. The lake is a reservoir for storing the Eastern High Sierra snow and rain water. Although most famous for trout fishing, in recent years, Crowley Lake has seen growth in various other water sports, such as kayaking, water skiing, wake boarding, wake surfing, jet skiing, and stand up paddle boarding.

DRIES: Maybe after an increase in temperature in the near future will spur on a good hatch. **NYPHHS:** Balanced Hares Ear Tan or Olive #12-16, Albino Baron, Gold Bead Optimidge Flash Back #16-18, Copper Clown, Copper Tiger, Tungsten F/B Black Beauty #16-18, Double Bead Zebra #16-18, Optimidge Black or Olive/Dun #16-18, Hanging with My Chromies #16. **STREAMERS:** Marabou Leech Burgundy or Brown #12, Hornberg #8-14, Punk Perch #14-16 and Cheech Leech #1.

HOT CREEK - Flow is 99cfs of 5/28

Remember, these are the flows just below Highway 395 on Mammoth Creek. Fishing conditions and hatches are Good-Very Good. Remember, these are the flows just below Highway 395 on Mammoth Creek. Hot Creek is the least affected stream by big temperature drops due to being spring fed.

The warmer temperatures have intensified runoff but it should slow back down shortly. Fishing has been sketchy day to day with loads of small fish, a good sign

for the future. The hatches have tapered off, which is normal during runoff but the fishing is still decent. The Interpretive Site has had midges and BWOs from around 9-11, but with increased runoff, the hatches and surface action have tapered way off. The canyon is like the Interpretive Site, but hatches occur an hour or so later and a lot more subsurface on mayfly nymphs, midges, and scuds. We had been seeing an increase in dry fly action in the canyon, but the increase in flows and dirty water has slowed it down. With the water clarity dropping due to runoff, it's a good time to try Scuds, worms, and streamers.

DRIES: R.P. Emerger #22, Mother Shucker #24, Griffith's Gnat #20-24, Stillborn Midge Black #20-22, Miller's Caddis #16-18, Spider Variant #18-20, Brooks CDC Baetis #20-24, Stimulators #8-10 and Hi-Vis Para BWO #16-18. **NYMPHS:** T Midge #24, Zebra Midge #18-22, Buckskin Caddis #16-20, Scuds #14-18, Tailwater Sowbug Rainbow #16-18, Bling Midge Brown #24, TB Millers+1LT #16-18, B/H Pheasant Tail #16-20 and San Juan Worms #12-14. **STREAMERS:** Take your pick.

CONVICT LAKE – No report, too much activity on the lake. But maybe a Convict Lake Special (has a propeller) on a colored woolly bugger.

MAMMOTH LAKES BASIN – Unsure if the road is fully plowed around the loop.

SAN JOAQUIN - Flow is 720cfs as of 5/28. Road is not open due to maintenance and skiing.

LUNDY LAKE – No report if the resort is open now but it is ice free.

JUNE LOOP - All lakes are very full especially Grant lake, and not an inch of shoreline is visible. No Report.

VIRGINIA LAKES – Trumbull Lake and Little Virginia Lake thawed April 22nd, Big Virginia opened up 4 days ago. We had a colder than normal winter without a lot of snow. This is what I predicted from the methods I was taught by two Native American men that have passed. No Fly report.

TRUMBULL LAKE was stocked by DFW twice last season and BFEF added 2 donations. Lake is ice free.

BRIDGEPORT RESERVOIR – Opening day on the Reservoir was amazing! It was a great day out. No fly report.

EAST WALKER - is running at about 216cfs right now and on opener the California side fished excellent! The East is running at 217 cfs is fishing very well. It seems like the streamer action has dropped a bit but the nymphing and dry fly fishing have been great. We're

getting lots of reports from anglers fishing dries and nymphs and getting into really good fish some going upwards of 22 and 24 inches. With these lower flows it's a good time to get on the river, especially since the dry fly fishing is so good, which doesn't happen that often. Some patterns to try include: chubby Chernobyl, blue dun, blue wing olive, E/C caddis, elk hair caddis, Stimulator, Darth Baetis, Zebra midge, Perdigon, Picky Eater Perdigon, Rainbow Warrior, Silver Streak, rubber legs.

Also, some food for thought, in the Fish and Wildlife Departments infinite wisdom they have decided to not make barbless hooks mandatory on the East Walker, this is absolutely going to be detrimental to the life of this amazing river in the future, if you care at all about the East Walker and its sustainability, please pinch your barbs, if everyone adheres to this practice it will help the East Walker River a world class fishery. Thanks for your consideration. Ken's Sporting Goods report.

HONEYWELL RANCH POND – The pond is still fishing great with almost every report coming in being a good one! The fish are very healthy and feisty and are still eating small leech patterns, soft hackles as well as some small midge and Callibaetis patterns dropped off of indicators. The weeds aren't much of a problem lately and the weed mowing program is going to start in a week or two to keep them a bit controlled. Give us a call if you'd like to book some time out there. Ken's Sporting Goods

SCEIRINE RANCH - The Ranch has been fishing excellent lately; lots of nice fish up to the 22" range are being caught down there. As with the California side of the river the dries and nymphs are the best way to go on the ranch. If you want to get on the calendar for some time down there just give us a call. Contact Kern's Sporting Goods at 932-7707 in Bridgeport CA.

KIRMAN - We didn't hear anything from Kirman this past week but I would guess it is still fishing pretty well like it was last week. If you're going to make the trek up there I'd be packing some leech patterns, soft hackles, scuds and maybe some small flashy nymphs as well. Ken's Sporting Goods

WEST WALKER – Flow is 1220cfs as of 5/28. The West is running pretty high and dirty right now depending on the time of the day and how warm it is. It sounds like the West is pretty high and muddy with the run-off being more or less in full swing. This will likely last a few weeks, when it starts to slow down the fishing up there should be very good.

CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife

CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife 2024-25 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. These current requests for changes will be heard in the June. 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 - New Reservation

A reservation is required to drive into Yosemite National Park from some dates and times starting April 13-Oct. 27. A reservation is required from 5am to 4 pm on some dates from April 13 through October 27, 2024. April 13-June 30; weekends and holidays only. July 1--August 16: Daily August 17--Oct. 27; weekends & holidays only. More at - (<https://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/reservations.htm>) Reservations can be made online at recreation.gov/timed-entry/10086745 and will be available until none remain. Afternoon arrivals and additional full day reservations will be added one week in advance of each reservation date.

Tioga Pass - May 28, 2024 Tioga Corridor Update

Road crew has fully plowed through the Olmsted Point avalanche zone, which remains an active avalanche zone. Employees have been up to Tuolumne Meadows to begin assessments, repairs, and setup. Culvert clearing, hazard tree mitigation, sign repair, snow

clearing of side roads and campgrounds, and other tasks related to opening continue. Repairs related to the extensive damage from the winter of 2022-2023 continue.

Continuing cold temperatures at high elevations such as are affecting utility systems. The sewage disposal ponds at Tuolumne Meadows are ice-covered, some vault toilets are covered by snow, and the material in some vaults toilets is frozen. In order to protect public health and natural and cultural resources, sanitation must be in place **before Tioga Road can open to visitor use.**

There is no estimated opening date for the Tioga Road. **Sonora Pass Hwy 108** - Road is open but subject to storm closure.

Monitor Pass Hwy 89 - Road opened on 4.10.24 but is subject to storm closure.

CalTrans Highway work along US 395 – Check the District 9 CalTrans web-site for current status. There is a list of work that will be ongoing this summer. Here is the contact go-to link for more updated 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 was June 2023 and will restart June 2024.

Rock Creek Pavement Project

The Rock Creek Pavement Rehabilitation project will restore the pavement to good condition, to extend the service life, improve ride quality and reduce maintenance costs. The project limits will be on U.S. 395 in Mono County between 0.5 miles north of Lower Rock Creek Road to 1.3 miles south of the South Landing Road exit. Project scheduled to begin construction June 2024 (Subject to change).

Sonora Junction Shoulder Widening Project

The Sonora Junction Shoulder Widening Project proposes to widen the existing paved shoulders by 8 feet on U.S. 395 in Mono County from Burcham Flat Road to the south side of the junction with State Route 108. Expected to require approximately 160 working days to complete, the project is scheduled to occur Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be one-way traffic control and drivers may experience 20-minute delays. Work is anticipated to conclude in fall 2025 after a winter suspension.

Travelers are advised that there will be two full closures of U.S 395 through the project area scheduled for late summer. Additional information about these

closures and associated detours will be released once details have been finalized.

Work schedules are subject to change due to traffic incidents, weather, availability of equipment or materials, or any construction-related issues. Travelers are asked to be attentive to workers on the highway, slow for the cone zone, and move over whenever possible to remain clear of construction personnel and equipment. Be Safe in the Work Zone. You can also call the Road Condition Hotline at 1-800-427-ROAD (7623).



TIDBIT'S - Meteor Shower Calendar 2024

Date	Name	(no. per/hour)	Direction
July 30	Delta Aquarid	10	S
Aug 11-13	Perseid	50	NE
Oct. 9	Draconid	6	NW
Oct. 21-22	Orionid	15	S
Nov. 9	Taurid	3	S

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! (5/24)