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## Shorter recreational salmon fishing season proposed

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State wildlife officials propose a 2009 Sacramento River recreational salmon fishing season that is two weeks shorter than last year, which was the narrowest season ever.

The proposal, discussed at Thursday's California Fish and Game Commission meeting in Lodi, is a component of a federal decision Wednesday to close all commercial salmon fishing in the ocean for the second consecutive year in response to the record low population of the 2008 Central Valley fall-run chinook.

The proposed recreational season in the Sacramento River is to be finalized by the commission April 21. It would run from Nov. 16 to Dec. 31.

Anglers could fish for salmon only between Knights Landing and the Red Bluff Diversion Dam, and keep only one salmon at a time.

All other areas of the Sacramento River and its tributaries, including the American and Feather rivers, would be closed to salmon fishing as they were last year.

- Matt Weiser

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