

**Commission Regulation 20-01 Amendment #1
Fishing Seasons and Regulations for the 2-year period
January 1 2020, through December 31 2021**

**Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners
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Summary

- The Commission will consider amending Commission Regulation 20-01 to:
 - Remove the seasonal closure and modify the harvest limit for mountain whitefish and warmwater game fish other than black bass for Topaz Lake in Douglas County,
 - Remove the nested harvest limit of two mackinaw (lake trout) for Lake Tahoe in Douglas, Carson City and Washoe counties
 - Adopt a limit of three game fish for Seeman Pond in Douglas County.



Background

- The California Fish and Game Commission is adopting fishing regulation changes as part of their statewide regulation simplification process that affect the bi-state waters Topaz Lake and Lake Tahoe
- We are recommending adoption of those changes:
 - Where they don't negatively impact Nevada anglers or have biological impacts to Nevada fisheries, and
 - To ensure regulatory consistency and remove enforcement conflicts
- Seeman Pond is a new urban fishing pond in Douglas County to be completed in 2021



Topaz Lake



Topaz Lake, Douglas County

- Remove the current seasonal fishing season closure of October 1 through December 31
- Adjust the harvest limits to say *“5 mountain whitefish, and 25 warmwater game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass”* to be consistent with current California regulations

Topaz Lake	January 1 through September 30 Open year around	5 trout, 10 5 mountain whitefish, and 15 25 warmwater game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass	1 hour before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset
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Topaz Lake, Douglas County

- Removal of the seasonal fishing closure will have no biological impact on the fishery
 - Provides additional angler opportunities for harvest of warm-water fish species during the fall months.
- Mountain whitefish are rare in Topaz Lake and no impact is expected to angler harvest opportunities from a reduced harvest limit
- Warmwater fish other than black bass are not a major part of the fishery, no biological impact is expected from the increased harvest limit



Lake Tahoe



Lake Tahoe; Carson City, Douglas and Washoe counties

- Modify the harvest limit for Lake Tahoe and tributaries to read *“5 game fish”*
 - The current harvest limit is *“5 game fish of which no more than 2 may be mackinaw (lake trout)”*

Lake Tahoe and tributaries	Open year around	5 game fish of which not more than 2 may be mackinaw (lake trout)	1 hour before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset
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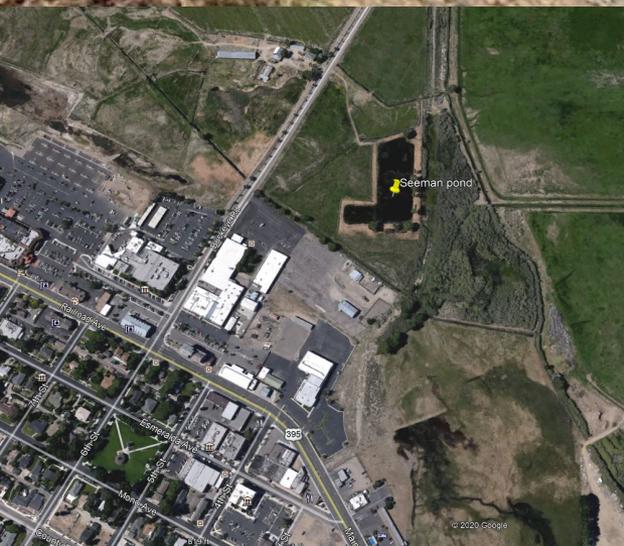


Lake Tahoe; Carson City, Douglas and Washoe counties

- Removal of a separate 2-fish harvest limit for mackinaw in Lake Tahoe will have no biological impact on the mackinaw population
 - Any increase in harvest of mackinaw could enhance the fishery over time by removing overabundant smaller mackinaw from the population
- The change ensures regulatory consistency and reduces angler confusion on this bi-state water



Seeman Pond, Douglas County



Seeman Pond, Douglas County

- Establish season and harvest limits for this water as *“Season is open year around, during hours the park is open to public use. Limit is 3 game fish.”*
- New urban fishing pond being constructed by the City of Minden
 - Completion estimated winter 2020 or spring 2021

Mitch Park Pond, Lampe Park Pond, Martin Slough Ponds (on Gilman Avenue), Seeman Pond	Open year around	3 game fish	Hours parks are open to public use.
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Seeman Pond, Douglas County

- Consistent regulation with other waters managed as urban fisheries statewide
- Without this regulation the Douglas County general regulation would apply
 - *“5 trout, 10 mountain whitefish, and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass”*
 - The general regulation is inconsistent with intended management strategies and needs





Questions?

