

2022 Fishing Regs for Inyo County – Effective 3/1/2021

Open Year Round

All inland lakes and reservoirs (i.e. Diaz Lake, Tinemaha & PVR), and ponds entirely on private lands, except those listed in Special Regs Section 7.50, are open to fishing all year with a **five-trout daily bag limit, and 10 trout possession limit**. This excludes the 20 resort lakes and others listed in Section 7.50b. The 20 resort lakes are listed below in the Winter Season section.

What About the Owens River?

The entire Owens River is open year-round but special regs and restrictions apply to the following sections based mostly on seasonality:

<p>1. Upper Owens River -from Benton Bridge road crossing upstream to Big Springs. Above Big Springs, see Deadman Creek 7.50(41). (Mono County)</p>	<p>All year. Only unscented artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.</p>	<p>0 trout</p>
<p>2. Upper Owens River -from Benton Bridge road crossing downstream to Crowley Lake. (Mono County)</p>	<p>Last Sat. in Apr. through Jul. 31.</p>	<p>5 bag/5 possession</p>
	<p>Aug. 1 through Nov. 15. Only unscented artificial lures may be used. Minimum size limit: 18 inches total length.</p>	<p>2 bag/2 possession</p>
<p>3. The “Gorge” - Crowley Dam to PVR/DWP station. (Mono & Inyo County)</p>	<p>Open Year Round</p>	<p>5 bag/5 possession</p>
<p>4. Lower Owens River From Pleasant Valley Dam downstream to footbridge at lower end of Pleasant Valley Campground. (Inyo County)</p>	<p>Last Sat. in Apr. through Nov. 15.</p>	<p>2 trout/4 possession</p>
	<p>Nov. 16 through the Fri. preceding the last Sat. in Apr. Only unscented artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.</p>	<p>0 trout.</p>
<p>5. Lower Owens River - From footbridge at below Pleasant Valley Campground east (downstream) to 5 Bridges Road. (Inyo County)</p>	<p>All year. Only unscented artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.</p>	<p>0 trout</p>
<p>6. Lower Owens River – from 5 Bridges Road to DWP pumpback pond at bottom end of river. (Inyo County)</p>	<p>Open Year Round.</p>	<p>5 bag/5 possession.</p>

Winter Season - 11/16 to Friday preceding the Last Saturday in April

All rivers, creeks, streams and canals are catch & release only. Unscented artificial lures/barbless hooks. Unless listed in "Special Regs Section 750(b)".

All lakes, reservoirs (i.e. Diaz Lake, Tinemaha & PVR) and ponds (entirely on private lands) are catch and keep. **5 per day/10 in possession**. Unless listed in "Special Regs Section 750b." However, twenty resort lakes are closed completely. The closed resort lakes include

Bridgeport Reservoir and tributaries; Convict Lake; Crowley Lake; George Lake; Grant Lake; Gull Lake; Horseshoe Lake; June Lake; Lundy Lake; Mamie Lake; Mary Lake; Rock Creek Lake; Sabrina Lake; Silver Lake; South Lake; Twin Lakes (Mammoth); Twin Lakes, Lower and Upper (Bridgeport); Virginia Lake, Lower and Upper.

Notable lakes such as **North Lake, Intake II and Trumbull Lake** are open all year with a 5 bag/10 possession.

Traditional Summer "Fishmas" Season - Last Saturday in April through 11/15

All lakes, streams, rivers, and canals are open to catch and keep fishing with **5 bag/10 in possession** unless listed in Section 7.50b, the alphabetical list of trout waters, and/or geographic areas with Special Regulations.

Note that in Section 7.50b, the **resort lakes listed below** are open to catch and keep fishing with **5 bag/5 in possession** during the summer season. They include

Bridgeport Reservoir and tributaries; Convict Lake; Crowley Lake; George Lake; Grant Lake; Gull Lake; Horseshoe Lake; June Lake; Lundy Lake; Mamie Lake; Mary Lake; Rock Creek Lake; Sabrina Lake; Silver Lake; South Lake; Twin Lakes (Mammoth); Twin Lakes, Lower and Upper (Bridgeport); Virginia Lake, Lower and Upper.

What's the Deal on Fish Stocking in 2022?

Hot Creek Fish Hatchery only stocks the following locations where mud snails occur:

Owens River, PVR, Crowley Lake, Lone Pine Creek, Diaz Lake, Lower Bishop Creek (from Reata Road through town). It is expected that stocking will continue at these locations as normal and advertised on the Fish & Wildlife website.

Due to the Black Rock Springs and Fish Springs Hatcheries being infected with the 2020 bacteria and the time necessary for those fish rearing and distribution operations to reach full capacity, it is expected that fish stocking on other Eastern Sierra waters **will improve over 2020 and 2021**. The bacteria issue still remains something the Fish & Wildlife personnel monitor but can be elusive and resurface at any time. Stocking is likely not to be advertised on the Fish & Wildlife website. Fishing enthusiasts are expected to try their luck where see fit. Currently, Black Rock Springs and Fish Springs Hatcheries have fish on hand and plan to return to normal stocking regime in 2022, notwithstanding unforeseen circumstances which can occur at any time

Finally, the Bishop Chamber of Commerce and the resort businesses in Bishop Creek Canyon will be pooling their resources to provide supplemental fish stocking in the Bishop Creek Canyon throughout the summer. The Chamber will also stock Pleasant Valley Reservoir and the Owens River with some trout this year.