



Tactical Fly Fishing

with Devin Olsen

Let's face it – we've all been outfished by someone who keeps catching fish while we struggle to get our first take. Frustrating as this can be, it can also be a valuable learning experience. What separates the consistently successful angler from the average is an attention to detail and keen observation of the river conditions. Some say it is better to be lucky than good, but this is not a view shared by professional poker players or tournament anglers. A few elite fly fishermen will pass through local competition to regional finals and into the US international team. Some might win medals in this extremely competitive worldwide arena, where the USA is still fighting to keep up with teams from Poland, France and Bosnia. Our May presenter, USA team member and medal winner Devin Olsen, will show how competitive angling techniques can help the every day angler. His program **"Tactical Fly Fishing: Lessons Learned From Competition For All Anglers"** will discuss analysis of the water, fly selection and strategy that will help us on our local waters and prepare us for new destinations.



Devin Olsen

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MAY 2019 MONTHLY MEETING

Date: Tuesday, May 14th
 Wet Flies: 6:00 PM / Dinner: 7:00 PM / Program: 8:00 PM
 Place: St. Augustine By-the-Sea Episcopal Church
1227 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401
 Cost: **\$30** per person with dinner or **\$10** per person program only
 Parking: City parking structure across the street is most convenient.
 Posted rates first 90 min. free, \$2 first add. ½ hour, \$1.50 -
 \$2 each add. ½ hr., \$20 daily max. Expect to pay \$5 to \$7.
1234 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401

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OR CALL THE HOT LINE 310 280-3459
OR MAIL IN THE FORM ON PAGE 11

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Tactical Fly Fishing

Devin Olsen started fly fishing in Yellowstone at age nine. Within a couple of years, it became an addiction he could not shake and he begged for rides to local streams until he could drive. He started competing at age 19 and made Fly Fishing Team USA in 2006 when he was 21 years old. He has competed in 10 consecutive World Fly Fishing Championships and in 2019 will compete in his 11th in Tasmania. He has earned a bronze individual medal and silver and bronze team medals from these championships and numerous medals from competitions in the United States.

Away from competitive fishing he holds a bachelor's degree in ecology and a master's degree in fisheries science. He worked as a fisheries biologist for several years before starting his company Tactical Fly Fisher. He has produced two instructional films *Modern Nymphing: European Inspired Techniques* and *Modern Nymphing Elevated: Beyond the Basics* and authored the book *Tactical Fly Fishing: Lessons Learned from Competition for All Anglers*. Devin lives in Utah with his wife Julia, a four-year old son Levi whose favorite fish are bull trout, and a one-year old daughter who shows early signs of fly fishing virtuosity. Devin operates a web site that sells everything the everyday angler needs to raise his game to competition level.

<https://www.tacticalflyfisher.com/>



Tactical Fly Fishing



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Wildernessflyfishers@gmail.com

To join WFF, Visit our website

www.wildernessflyfishers.org

Monthly Board of Directors Meeting

The monthly Board Meeting, held the Tuesday, one week before the monthly dinner meeting, will be held at 2311 30th Street, Santa Monica, Ca 90405. Parking permits provided by hosts. Meetings start promptly at 7:30 P.M. All members are welcome. New members are especially encouraged to attend. Come and see how your club runs and you might pick up some fishing tips, too.

Minutes of Board Meetings are available to members on the website's [Document Library](#)

COMING EVENTS

For more information go to the WFF website [CALENDAR](#)

WFF Fly Tying

The classes are from 9 am to about 12 noon on the 4th Saturday of the month at St Augustine Church, 1227 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Park across the street in the city parking structure. See page 1 for parking rates and address.

This month there will be no fly tying as our instructor, Peter Haight, will be out of town fishing.



New Fishing Regulations for the “Simple”-Minded

By Colin Kumabe, Long Beach Casting Club President

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California Department of Fish and Wildlife proposed regulations impact favorite fishing streams frequented by Long Beach Casting Club members, plus many more bodies of water throughout the state. Regulation changes are being called “simplifications”; however, anglers are still required to “know the regulations” before entering the waters. Before May 3, send comments to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife at:

<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Inland/Trout-Plan/Regulation-Simplification/comments>

✱ State-Wide Regulations – comments on the overall changes to state-wide regulations.

✱ Waters With Special Regulations – comments on Seasons, Bag and Possession Limits and Gear Restrictions.

✱ Recommendations to add creeks, streams, rivers or lakes to the list of waters with Special Regulations in Section 7.50.

Or, you can send your comments via US Mail by using the comment form on the pages following.

Any changes need to improve the anglers’ experience and environmental quality, such as habitat in the water and along the water. Regulation change needs to be justified by scientific data. In this case, the State has not provided any science to substantiate the changes. If science is not used to support regulation changes, then changes to “simplify” regulations are arbitrary and capricious.

The three primary categories of changes are:

✱ Fishing seasons

✱ Gear restrictions

✱ Bag limits

Fishing Seasons: The state is proposing to reduce the number of different “seasons” listed in the regulations from 300 seasons to six seasons. Changes to the seasons waters are open to fishing are claimed to be “simplified” by changing dates the rivers, streams or creeks are to be open. For example, many of the lakes, rivers and streams in the Eastern Sierras that currently open on the “third Saturday of April” are proposed to open the Saturday preceding Memorial Day. Anglers still need to know the dates the waters open by checking specific regulations for the water. These regulation proposals have not been justified by scientific proof that relates to the geologic, topographic or climatic differences that create the need for changing dates to open waters for fishing.

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Gear Restrictions: Changes to gear restrictions are purported to be “simplified” by removing references to single flies and allowing multiple barbless, including treble barbless hooks. Anglers still need to know whether barbless hooks are allowed in the waters. This change was justified by claims from Department of Fish and Wildlife staff that the fish mortality rate is not significantly higher in fish caught with barbless treble hooks than single barbless hooks.

Bag Limits: Changes to bag limit restrictions are claimed to be simplified by keeping bag limits as a standard of zero, 2 or 5 fish bag limit. Some areas the number of fish allowed to be taken will increase, check the fishing regulations for specifics. Do not assume your favorite water has the same limits as before these proposed changes. The Department of Fish and Wildlife staff indicated that bag limits are established based on the amount of fishing pressure and the ability for the body of water to support removal of fish. Be sure to fill out the Angler’s Survey where you fish to provide feedback to the state and help to modify these regulations for keeping fish.

Hope all think about the regulations changes and send your comments to the state using the link above. When these new regulations take effect, be sure to read and follow the new regulations. See you at the Long Beach Casting Pond!

In addition to the article above the Southwest Council, Fly Fishers International had this to say in an email to members dated 4/23/19. They make some suggestions you can use for your comments and point out some of the shortcomings of the proposed changes.

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Your participation in the CDFW proposed changes to Inland Trout Angling Regulations is valuable. Passionate responses are appreciated, but CDFW would like to receive concrete alternatives to their proposals so they may consider those received in a formulaic manner. The SWC urges everyone to take 15 minutes to comment on a stream, river or lake that you fish and care about. **ONLINE COMMENT PERIOD ENDS MAY 3.**

The attached spreadsheet has specific waters and suggested specific comments:

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/26ba2028f4445013c38d1cfd0/files/fff23ff4-3e0e-4b67-b1af-18d22789e275/Regulation_Changes2.xlsx

For CDFW online comment form click here: [COMMENT ONLINE](#)

- The first section is about all waters not listed on the special regulations.
- The second section “Waters with Special Regulations”, has a pull down tab for the specific water, then a comment section. Choose your water, or look at the spreadsheet for the body of water, then find it on the pull down tab. you can scroll down below the column header.

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- Go to the spreadsheet and you will see a column on the far right titled “Copy and Paste this Section” You can copy and paste the text from the Suggested Public Comment section into the online comment
- The third section “If you would like to see an additional water added to 7.50, comment below (optional)” is about waters not on the special regulation list. You need to write in the water body, see the spreadsheet.
 - Go to the top section of the spreadsheet and you will see a few waters that we noticed are not on the list. You can copy and paste the text into the comment box.

The Southwest Council of Fly Fishers International discussed the issue at the quarterly general meeting held April 20 in Ventura. Debbie Sharpton, the new SWC co-conservation chair, with input from Lew Riffle, Chiaki Harami, Steve Schalla, Justin Bubenik, and Gary Applebee, is providing information on the regulation changes and what impact they have on some streams, rivers and lakes.

There are some sweeping changes and concerns, such as:

- State designated Wild and Heritage Trout water changes without sufficient support documentation, such as revised management and hatchery plans, on how wild trout will be protected and sustained
- Impacts of bait fishing on certain waters, such as the Golden Trout Wilderness
- Increased bag limits without supporting documentation on how the fisheries will be sustained
- Open season dates that conflict with spawning fish, such as Crowley Lake tributaries
- Native trout recovery waters, and those holding genetic rainbow/southern steelhead, are open to take and increased fishing seasons
- Waters missing from the special regulation list and now open to all year, all gear, 5 trout bag limit, 10 in possession general regulation
- All year open season without supporting evidence provided to public that additional anticipated takes will be supplemented throughout the year

The CDFW staff will review comments and will, hopefully, provide a revised list of proposed changes. The California Fish and Game Commission will have a formal public comment period when the item comes to it for consideration. We will keep you informed.

<https://www.redwoodempire-tu.org/cdfw-inland-trout-regulation-changes> has TU spreadsheets for the entire state broken down into regions.

The website for more CDFW supplied information can be found at:

<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Inland/Trout-Plan/Regulation-Simplification>

Comment Sheet for New Fishing Regulations (See above)

Statewide Regulation

Fishing districts for trout waters only will be replaced by a statewide trout angling regulation. Waters that are not located in the proposed table of regulations, or stated as "move to 7.0 statewide reg;', will have the following regulation:

Open year-round, 5 trout bag, 10 trout possession limit, no gear restrictions.

Comment (optional):

Additional Waters to be Added to Section 7.50

If you would like to see a water added to the table of waters with special fishing regulations (section 7.50), please provide below(optional).

Water name (County):

Section Description:

Desired Season, Bag, and Gear Regulation:

Describe the Need for a Special Regulation on this Water:

Water name(County):

Section Description:

Desired Season, Bag, and Gear Regulation:

Describe the Need for a Special Regulation on this Water:

Want to fill this out later? Provide comments at:

<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Inland/Trout-Plan/Regulation-Simplification/comments>

Exceptions to Statewide Trout Angling Regulation

Please refer to the table of proposed regulations for waters with special fishing regulations (section 7.50). If you would like to see a different regulation than what is proposed, or have insights on the fishery that may aid regulation package development, please comment below (optional):

Water name, county, and section OR number from table:

Comment:

Water name, county, and section OR number from table:

Comment:

Water name, county, and section OR number from table:

Comment:

Water name, county, and section OR number from table:

Comment:

We will not be providing an official public response to each individual comment provided here. All stakeholder input will be taken into consideration as a regulation revision package is developed for formal public review through the California Fish and Game Commission.

If you prefer to mail this form, send to:

Regulation Revision
CDFW, Fisheries Branch
830 S Street
Sacramento, CA 95811



Notices

Fly Fishing Faire 2019 Save the Date



The Fly Fishing Faire is BACK in 2019! Many details to come but mark your calendars for the LARGEST and ONLY Fly Fishing Event in Southern California!!

Where – Glendale Civic Auditorium, Glendale, CA

When – October 05-06, 2019

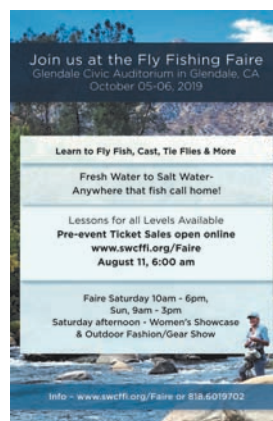
Hours – Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Admission - \$15.00 per person, good for both days
\$20.00 per family of up to 4, good for both days
\$5.00 per person, introductory price for those that have NEVER fly fished.
Includes free introductory casting and tying classes

Who – Presented by the Southwest Council, Fly Fishers International

Information – 818.6019702, specialprojects@swcffi.org

Classes, presentations and vendors will be announced in the coming months



Print & Mail Coupons

If you prefer not to use our website, mail in a coupon with your check.



Wilderness Fly Fishers Membership Application

_____ New Member _____ Renewal

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Annual Dues:

- ☐ \$50 Single - Regular
☐ \$70 Single - Golden Trout
☐ \$60 Family - Regular
☐ \$80 Family - Golden Trout

_____ Additional Donation

_____ TOTAL enclosed

Mail Check With This Form To:

Wilderness Fly Fishers
P.O. Box 3358
Santa Monica, CA 90408-3358

Monthly Meeting Reservations

Please make your dinner [reservations online](#) or send in this coupon.

Your check must be in the club mailbox by the Wednesday, the week before the meeting.

Names _____

_____ Dinner(s) and Program(s) x \$30 per person

_____ Program(s) only x \$10 per person

Total \$ _____

Please make check payable to W.F.F.

Mail to:

Wilderness Fly Fishers
P.O. Box 3358
Santa Monica, CA 90408-3358

Join us online, Visit our website www.wildernessflyfishers.org



May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Pascha (Orthodox) Kelsey Lake	29 Kelsey Lake	30 Kelsey Lake	1 May Day	2	3	4
5 Cinco de Maya Ramadan begins at sundown	6	7 WFF Board Meeting	8	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14 WFF Monthly Meeting Devin Olsen: "Learning From Competitive Angling"	15	16	17	18
19	20 WFF Deadline for Newsletter Articles	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	1

