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# THE KOKANEE KRONICLE

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## GET YOURSELF A KICKER!

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Taken by itself, the title of this article can have different messages depending on the audience being targeted. 49er fans may think that this is a colorful commentary to replace David Akers as the field goal kicker. Car audio enthusiasts will think that this is a promotion for Kicker amplifiers, speakers, or subwoofers. Bass fisherman will think that this article is about winning strategies and breakdown how to get a kicker, or big fish, to help win bass tournaments. However, this is "The Kokanee Kronicle," which means that a "kicker" is a reference to a small auxiliary outboard engine that is usually used for low speed operation such as trolling.

For 2013, Kokanee Power has a brand new Yamaha 9.9 HP High-Thrust Four-Stroke outboard motor to raffle off! A special thanks goes to Victory Yamaha Outboards and Power Products in Petaluma, CA. This engine will include electric start and power trim, and the winner will have the option of choosing either the tiller handle version or with remote controls. Below are some additional specs of the engine. All engine specs can be found at [www.yamahaoutboards.com](http://www.yamahaoutboards.com).

- Prop Shaft Horsepower: 9.9 HP @ 5500 RPMs
- Alternator Output: 6A
- Dry Weight: 102 to 114 pounds (depending on configuration)
- Recommended Fuel: Regular Unleaded (minimum 87 octane)



The lucky ticket will be drawn July 14, 2013 at the two-day New Melones derby. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets are \$10 each or 12 for \$100. Tickets can be purchased in person at any of our events or online at [www.kokaneepower.org/raffle](http://www.kokaneepower.org/raffle). You can also purchase the tickets online through KokaneeMart at [www.kokaneemart.com](http://www.kokaneemart.com). When purchased online, ticket stubs will be sent to you via mail.

As always, the proceeds will be used towards our various projects such as hatchery enhancements, trout pen projects, school education programs, scholarships, and youth projects. Good luck everyone!

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<http://www.kokaneepower.org>

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# MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN FISHING REGULATIONS

BY: WES HAMASAKI

As anglers and avid outdoorsmen, have you ever questioned certain sport fishing regulations put forth by our state's Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW), formerly called the Department of Fish and Game? For example, for all lakes in the Valley District such as Lake McClure, New Melones, Don Pedro, and Pardee, the bag limit is only five Kokanee and only five Kokanee in possession. Lakes in the Sierra District like Stampede and Donner, you are allowed a bag limit of five Kokanee but 10 Kokanee in possession. Have you ever thought it would be great if the DFW increased bag and possession limits for certain lakes to ease the threat of overpopulation and small Kokanee?



Kokanee anglers have a voice, and we have the ability to make those changes! Below is a link documenting how Kokanee anglers can participate in the DFW's sport fishing regulatory process.

<http://www.oal.ca.gov/res/docs/pdf/HowToParticipate.pdf>

More information can also be found at the Fish and Wildlife Commission website at [www.fgc.ca.gov](http://www.fgc.ca.gov).

At a high level, recommendations for sport fishing regulations originate from the public, department staff, the Fish and Wildlife Commission, Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commissions, and local governments. These recommendations are then evaluated within the appropriate DFW region and by the Fisheries Management Committee. If the proposal passes evaluation, DFW prepares a regulation change recommendation for the Fish and Wildlife Commission to consider. Through a series of meetings held by the Fish and Wildlife Commission, the public has the opportunity to comment on the proposed regulation change. At the end of the public process, the Fish and Wildlife Commission may approve the regulation change.

In past years, the Fish and Wildlife Commission was only hearing sport fishing regulation proposals every three years. However, the frequency has been now changed to accept regulation proposals every year!

We Kokanee anglers can make a difference in regulation changes! Send in a proposal today!



## UPCOMING EVENTS



Don't forget to mark your calendars for these upcoming events!

**March 9th:** Kokanee Power's Annual Fundraising Banquet. 5 PM. 4343 N. Ashley Lane, Stockton, CA

Sign up online through <http://kokaneepower.org/banquet/index.html>

**April 6th:** Lake Camanche Team Trout Derby

Sign up online through <http://kokaneepower.org/derbies/online/20130406.html>

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