



**Central California Inland Fisheries
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GALT, CA – May 7, 2025 – Kokanee Power regrets to announce the cancellation of the Whiskeytown Kokanee Derby originally scheduled for June 7, 2025. This decision follows the implementation of several new restrictions at Whiskeytown Lake, including mandatory Golden Mussel boat inspections at the derby organizers cost, which is unknown, and a newly imposed cap limiting participation to just 60 anglers (not boats).

Whiskeytown Lake was selected as a replacement venue for New Melones, which is also subject to Golden Mussel protocols. However, the recent measures-designed to prevent the spread of the highly invasive Golden Mussel-have made it impractical to hold the derby as planned. The Golden Mussel, first detected in California in October 2024, poses a significant threat to the state's waterways, prompting increased inspections and tighter controls at lakes across the region. See this link for more information on Golden Mussels, <https://www.nps.gov/whis/learn/nature/nonnatives.htm>

"We know how much our anglers look forward to this event, and we share in your disappointment," said the Kokanee Power Board. "Protecting our waterways is a top priority, and we appreciate everyone's understanding as we adapt to these evolving circumstances."

Kokanee Power will now focus its efforts on the upcoming Kokanee Derby at Don Pedro Lake, scheduled for July 12, 2025. Further details and registration information will be available on the Kokanee Power website soon.

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