

# Kokanee fingerlings planted in Lake Tahoe

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife recently released 138,099 kokanee salmon fingerlings into Lake Tahoe.

In all, 634,430 kokanee were released into 13 lakes and reservoirs throughout the state.

Kokanee were introduced into California waters to provide diverse recreational angling opportunities for anglers and have become an extremely popular sport fish. They are typically smaller than the landlocked Chinook salmon with the average size about 12 inches.

Due to the continuing drought conditions making it difficult to obtain kokanee eggs within the state, this year's allotment was supplemented with eggs provided by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Instead of migrating to the ocean, adult kokanees inhabit large lakes before returning to their natal streams or gravelly shorelines to spawn. Like all Pacific salmon, kokanee die after spawning, the whole life cycle taking from three to seven years.

The fish were planted in the following waters:

## Water

### County

### Fish Planted

Boca Reservoir

Napa

25,042

Bullards Bar Reservoir

Yuba

70,140

Donner Lake

Nevada

	25,042		
Hell Hole Reservoir		Placer	
	25,042		
Little Grass Valley Reservoir		Plumas	
	15,052		
Stampede Reservoir		Sierra	
	60,027		
Union Valley Reservoir			El
Dorado		49,995	
Lake Berryessa		Napa	
	50,111		
Bass Lake		Madera	
	50,064		
Don Pedro Reservoir		Tuolumne	
	19,980		
New Melones		Tuolumne	
	55,524		
Shaver Lake		Fresno	
	50,312.		