

# Take the Challenge!

The California Fish and Game Commission established the Heritage Trout Program to emphasize education and angling opportunities for California's native trout. The Commission now invites you to take the **California Heritage Trout Challenge!** The "challenge" is for an angler to catch six different kinds of California's native trout from their historic drainages, and to research and learn about their diversity, historic distribution, and restoration efforts.

Although our native trout are not as widespread and abundant as they once were, there are still many opportunities for anglers to catch them. Completing the "Challenge" may take anglers to varied locations around the state. Some trout may be caught in roadside locations while others are only found in remote areas.

There are no time restrictions for completing the Challenge. Native trout caught in the appropriate waters, and verified with a photo will qualify, even if caught years ago. Each angler will be issued only one certificate per calendar year. In subsequent years, anglers may apply for additional certificates with different combinations of heritage trout.

Successful anglers will be issued a full-color certificate – graced with trout illustrations by the renowned fish illustrator, Joe Tomelleri – commemorating their achievement. The certificate's size is appropriate for mounting in a standard 16x20 inch matted frame.

Alternate communication format available upon request. If reasonable accommodation is needed call Patricia Lopez at (916) 653-6420 or the California Relay (Telephone) Service for the deaf or hearing-impaired from TDD phones at 1-800-735-2929 or 711.

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**California Heritage Trout Challenge  
Application and Verification Form**

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Write name as you wish it to appear on your certificate

FIRST NAME	M. INITIAL	LAST NAME
MAILING ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP
		(      )      -      DAYTIME PHONE

E-mail Address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

**I hereby certify that I caught the six California Heritage Trout listed below. I have included a labeled photograph of each.**

	NAME OF TROUT	ANGLING DATE	STREAM OR LAKE WHERE TROUT WAS CAUGHT	IN THIS COUNTY	FISHING GEAR USED			TROUT WAS
					BAIT	LURE	FLY	RELEASED? (Y OR N)
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

**TO QUALIFY FOR THE CERTIFICATE:**  **Catch six different native trout from their historic drainages.**  
 For example, Lahontan cutthroat trout are found in Heenan Lake, a designated Heritage Trout water in Alpine County. Heenan Lake is not part of the original native range for Lahontan cutthroat but is located in a historic drainage of the native range, the East Fork Carson River, and thus qualifies for the Challenge.

**Document the catch with a photo of each trout, labeled with the kind of trout and name of stream or lake where it was caught.**

**Submit this application (FG 737C) and supporting documentation to:**  
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*NOTE: All photos become property of the Department of Fish and Game and cannot be returned. After DFG's review, anglers will be notified by mail. All decisions are final.*