

California State Senate

SENATOR MIKE MCGUIRE

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA'S SECOND SENATE DISTRICT



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Mr. Michael Cohen, Director
State Capitol, Room 1145
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Director Cohen:

Thank you for all of your work during this busy time of year.

I wanted to take a moment and circle back and ensure we're going to receive a response to the February 12, 2017 letter (attached) which is requesting additional information and details on the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) proposal to augment the Fish and Game Preservation Fund. The proposal includes an increase of \$12.4 million in additional revenue from commercial fish landing taxes and a one-time redirection of \$10.6 million from the Lifetime License Account.

I am aware of the budget trailer bill language your department posted regarding commercial fishing fees. That said, the document does not provide any rationale for the proposed rates, how they were derived and it doesn't break down DFW costs or answer other questions related to the proposal. Additionally, there is no information about how DFW can reduce costs.

I look forward to receiving your response soon and working with you and your department during the ongoing budget process.

If we can be of assistance in the future, please don't hesitate to call anytime at (916) 651-4002.

Warmest Regards,

MIKE MCGUIRE
State Senator

Michael -
Thank for your
assistance.

Cc: Director Chuck Bonham, California Department of Fish and Wildlife

