

California State Senate

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA'S SECOND SENATE DISTRICT



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Charlton Bonham, Director
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Re: **Follow-up to the Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture Hearing**

Dear Mr. Bonham *Chuck!*

First off, thank you so much for taking the time to participate in the Annual Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture. We greatly appreciated your testimony and seek to continue our dialogue on protection of our critical fishery resources.

On behalf of the Committee, I wanted to follow-up on several critical items discussed at the July 1, 2015 Joint Hearing. We listened closely to your wonderful testimony focused on the current and future conditions that could produce a potential salmon fishery "disaster." The Department's efforts are critical to avoiding such a disaster and assisting with the recovery of our state's salmon runs.

We respectfully request the information on the following subject areas:

- Documenting mortality of all runs of Sacramento River Chinook salmon (spring, fall and winter) for 2014 and 2015;
- Additional hatchery production of winter and fall run Chinook to offset drought impacts;
- Efforts to improve outmigration for natural and hatchery produced salmon including trucking, barging, net pens, etc.;
- Efforts to improve instream and off-channel juvenile rearing habitat; and
- Efforts to decrease stranding of adult salmon.

As you are aware, ensuring the adequate protection of salmon is an economic as well as an environmental issue. The closure of salmon fishing in 2008 and 2009 resulted in the loss of over 20,000 jobs and economic losses of 1.4 billion dollars. A restored salmon fishery would provide additional jobs and economic activity. We urge your prompt attention to ensure maximum salmon protection and productivity this year and in the future to avoid potential devastating closures and protect our current and future fisheries. If we can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me personally or Committee Consultant, Tom Weseloh, at (707) 445-6508.

Again, thank you for your participation in the Hearing and for all of your work on behalf of California.

I look forward to working with you in the months and years to come!

Warmest Regards,


MIKE MCGUIRE
Senator

*Chuck -
Thank you so much for
taking the time to participate
in the hearing - you were fantastic!
I look forward to working with you on
these important issues!*