

March 18, 2005

Mr. L. Ryan Broddrick, Director  
California Department of Fish and Game  
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Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: DFG Response to NOAA Fisheries Proposed Listing, 27 ESUs of west coast salmonoids, "Threatened" status of California Central Valley steelhead

Dear Mr. Broddrick:

We appreciated the opportunity you provided representatives of our organizations to meet with you and your staff on January 25. Our purpose then was to discuss the Department's letter to NOAA Fisheries dated November 12, 2004, and raise your awareness of other of our Central Valley steelhead concerns. We presented these in our January 7 letter to you (enclosed). At that time you indicated we would receive a response within a couple of weeks. Since then the Department has not advised us that any action has been taken responding to our letter or verbal comments.

Doubtless many urgent matters have required the attention of you and your staff over this time period. However, unless the Department immediately acts to modify or rescind its November 12 letter to NOAA Fisheries that agency's policies may be adversely and incorrectly affected. In particular, we know of no Department discussions or correspondence with NOAA clarifying that DFG does not mean that California would be better off losing its Central Valley steelhead.

We therefore repeat our request that the Department revise its previously stated positions and quickly convey those revisions to NOAA Fisheries. Your response to this request is respectfully requested by Friday March 25.

Sincerely,

Charles P. Bucaria, Sr. for

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President  
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California Director  
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cc: Honorable Mike Chrisman, Secretary, Resources Agency  
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Enclosure: