

**Natural Resources Defense Council \* Earthjustice  
Defenders of Wildlife \* Endangered Species Coalition \* Sierra Club  
League of Conservation Voters**

September 27, 2016

**RE: Please oppose damaging California water language in any year-end legislation.**

Dear Senator:

On behalf of our millions of members and activists nationwide, we urge you to oppose the inclusion of damaging California water legislation in any final energy bill conference report, FY 2017 spending bill, or any other year-end legislation. Unfortunately, damaging provisions that would mandate harmful water diversions in California and undermine environmental protections for salmon and other fish and wildlife have been included in the House-passed energy bill package; the FY 2017 House Energy and Water appropriations bill; and the FY 2017 House Interior and Environment appropriations bill. These provisions, led by Rep. Valadao, would undermine existing environmental protections for native fish species in California and the thousands of fishing jobs across the West Coast that depend on them. Further, our organizations oppose Senator Feinstein's standalone California water bill (S. 2533), because certain provisions in that bill are inconsistent with and undermine existing Endangered Species Act (ESA) protections for salmon and other imperiled species, threatening the species at issue and also posing a damaging precedent for the implementation of the ESA across the nation.

In addition to the impacts to salmon fishing jobs and the environment, damaging federal legislation regarding operations of the state and federal water projects in California is wholly inappropriate in light of the federal agencies' recent reinitiation of consultation under the ESA. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service have reinitiated consultation under the ESA because water project operations in California during the drought resulted in massive declines in abundance for salmon and other native fish species. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has estimated that the population of delta smelt declined 90 percent between 2015 and 2016. The National Marine Fisheries Service has acknowledged that reservoir operations resulted in the near-complete loss of endangered winter run Chinook salmon year classes in 2014 and 2015. The agencies have emphasized that these species are at far greater risk of extinction than just a year ago. By reinitiating consultation, the agencies will incorporate new scientific information, including new scientific information and data demonstrating that more protective operations are necessary to protect these species. The agencies plan to involve stakeholders and the collaborative science process in updating these biological opinions under the ESA.

This recent announcement of the reinitiation of consultation means that there is an administrative process to evaluate and incorporate new scientific information for managing these species, including information proposed by water users. It also demonstrates that the existing biological opinions and the operations during the drought were not adequately protective of the species, and legislation such as H.R. 2898 or S. 2533 that codifies similar operations or expands regulatory flexibility greatly threatens salmon fishing jobs and the health of the San Francisco Bay Estuary.

As the attached letters show, our groups, as well as numerous other conservation, fishing, and business organizations across the West Coast and nationwide, have consistently opposed any legislation that undermines existing environmental protections for native fish species in California and threatens the thousands of fishing jobs across the West Coast that depend on these safeguards. Again we urge you to prevent such language from being included in any other final year-end legislation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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## Opposition to S. 2533 (Feinstein)

September 2016

### **Fishing Organizations and Businesses:**

American Sportfishing Association  
Golden Gate Salmon Association  
Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's  
Associations  
Northwest Sportfishing Industry  
Association  
Northwest Marine Trade Association  
Coastal Trollers Association  
Coastside Fishing Club  
Golden Gate Fishermen's Association  
Small Boat Commercial Salmon Fishermen's  
Associations  
Puget Sound Anglers  
Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association  
Gunarama  
West Marine  
Shimano  
Big Rock Sports  
Water4Fish  
Pro-Troll  
Fred Hall Shows  
Fishermen's Marine and Outdoor (Portland)  
Englund Marine & Industrial Supply  
Outdoor Emporium (Seattle)  
Okuma  
*(See attached letter with additional fishing  
boats and businesses across the West  
Coast)*

### **National Conservation Groups:**

American Rivers  
Defenders of Wildlife  
Earthjustice  
Endangered Species Coalition  
League of Conservation Voters  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
Sierra Club

### **Regional Conservation Groups:**

The Orca Network  
Langley Whale Center  
Save Our Wild Salmon  
Center for Whale Research  
Southern Resident Killer Whales Chinook  
Salmon Initiative  
Whale and Dolphin Conservation  
Restore the Delta

### **California Restaurateurs**

*(See attached letter)*

**American Rivers \* Defenders of Wildlife \* Earthjustice \*  
Endangered Species Coalition \* League of Conservation Voters \*  
Natural Resources Defense Council \* Sierra Club**

May 9, 2016

**RE: Please Oppose S. 2533 “California Long-Term Provisions for Water Supply and Short-Term Provisions for Emergency Drought Relief Act”**

Dear Senator:

On behalf of our millions of members and activists nationwide, we write to convey our opposition to S. 2533 (“California Long-Term Provisions for Water Supply and Short-Term Provisions for Emergency Drought Relief Act” (Feinstein)). We greatly appreciate Senator Feinstein’s continued efforts to address the historic drought impacting California and other parts of the West. However, this bill would undermine existing Endangered Species Act protections for fish and wildlife in California’s Bay-Delta estuary and the thousands of fishing jobs along the West Coast that depend on these protections. This legislation would also set a damaging precedent for implementation of the Endangered Species Act across the nation.

Our organizations have a long history of working with Senator Feinstein on conservation issues, and we greatly appreciate that Senator Feinstein and her staff have worked to address some of the concerns about this legislation raised by some of our organizations and other stakeholders. Further, we support several of the long-term elements of S. 2533, including provisions that would authorize federal funding for water recycling, conservation, and groundwater storage projects to increase sustainable water supplies across the West.

Thus, it is with reluctance that we oppose S. 2533 as it is currently written. However, the complex provisions of Title 3 of the bill are likely to legislatively override existing Endangered Species Act biological opinions protecting salmon and other endangered species, notwithstanding certain savings clauses in the bill. Several specific provisions in this title would authorize and direct operations of the state and federal water projects that are inconsistent with protections for salmon and other endangered species required under existing biological opinions. These biological opinions have been upheld by the courts and numerous independent scientific peer reviews, and they continue to be informed by new scientific information and annual scientific reviews.

After four years of drought, endangered salmon and other listed fish species in California’s Bay-Delta estuary are on the brink of extinction. Weakening protections for these species could well be the last straw for some of them. In addition, the existing biological opinions also help to protect thousands of salmon fishing jobs along the West Coast that depend on healthy populations of fall-run Chinook salmon from California’s Central Valley. That is why numerous commercial and recreational fishing organizations along the West Coast also oppose S. 2533.

Ultimately, federal legislation that would reinterpret and override the implementation of science-based biological opinions not only threatens California's environment and fisheries but also poses a very damaging precedent for the implementation of the Endangered Species Act across the nation. Rather than weakening protections for endangered species and the thousands of jobs that depend on these protections, Congress should work to increase sustainable water supplies and build drought resilience.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge you oppose S. 2533.

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May 11, 2016

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Dear Senators Huffman and Thompson:

Thank you for your request for Pacific Fishery Management Council comment on legislation related to the current drought situation in California, and its potential impacts on fisheries and fishing communities. The Council discussed this issue at its April meeting and provides the following analysis of S. 2533, the California Long-Term Provisions for Water Supply and Short-Term Provisions for Emergency Drought Relief Act. As you know, we have previously commented to you regarding HR 2983/S 1837: the Drought Recovery and Resilience Act of 2015.<sup>1</sup> Our comments today are in the same spirit.

In general, we are in agreement with the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Association's analysis of the bill and with the Golden Gate Salmon Association analysis referred to in the PCFFA letter of February 23, 2016.

### **General**

We appreciate Senator Feinstein's efforts to solve both long- and short-term problems associated with California's drought. S. 2533 contains provisions that could be beneficial to salmon, such as investing in habitat improvements for listed species in the Sacramento River (§201) and provisions for water recycling and efficiency. However, these limited provisions, which depend on the will of Congress, are outweighed by others that we believe would cause irreparable harm to California salmon and the commercial, recreational, and tribal fishing communities that depend on them.

California salmon stocks that are listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), and those not listed, are potentially vulnerable to the harmful impacts of the long California drought. This 190-page bill does not address its potential negative impacts to Sacramento fall-run Chinook salmon,

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.pcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/12/Huffman-Thompson-Drought-letter-DECEMBER.pdf>

which form the basis of salmon fisheries in California, Oregon, and, to a lesser extent, Washington. When healthy, Sacramento fall Chinook salmon runs support a \$1.4 billion fishery and 23,000 jobs. Although this run is not listed under the ESA, it benefits from protections for endangered winter-run Chinook. In addition, the fall Chinook run is currently at very low levels. The 2015 salmon season produced poor landings, and only 112,400 salmon returned to the Sacramento River to spawn, which is below the target level of 121,000. The bill provides support for industrial irrigation but does not provide support for—or mention—the recreational, commercial, or tribal salmon fishing industry. The bill does not mandate or even authorize stronger water management protections for salmon in response to the devastating drought impacts seen in the past several years.

Given the three- to four-year life cycle of salmon, there is concern among the salmon fishing industry and fishing communities that returns will drop precipitously over the next few years even if drought conditions improve. In 2008 and 2009, the California salmon fishery experienced closures that were disastrous to fishing communities. The closure of the California commercial crab fishery due to the presence of domoic acid has intensified the current fishing crisis, since so many commercial fishermen must rely both on crab and salmon to make a living. Therefore, the next three years are seen as crucial to West Coast fishing communities.

### **Maximizing Water Supply**

S. 2533 aims to maximize the water supply and exports from the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary in order to increase water available for agriculture, but does not consider impacts to fishing communities or the ecosystem. Essentially, “maximizing supply” means reducing the water available to salmon. It would lock in, barring a finding by the Secretaries of Interior and Commerce, a 1:1 export-to-inflow ratio on the lower San Joaquin River for water transfers, which is less protective of salmon than current requirements, which require a more protective export-to-inflow ratio in most water-year types (302(b)(6)). It would mandate that the Delta cross-channel gates be kept open “to the maximum extent practicable,” which would increase the loss of juvenile salmon to the Delta pumps (302(b)(1)(A)). The bill would allow higher levels of pumping during peak winter storm runoff, which is critical to moving juvenile salmon through the Delta to areas where they can survive (303(c)), and would mandate averaging requirements for the export-inflow ratio that could harm salmon (302(b)(12)). The bill also guarantees water deliveries for junior Sacramento Valley water users (§404) and requires Federal agencies to not only consider, but use recommendations for water operations developed by water districts (301(b)(2)(C) and 305(1)).

The Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) sets out “co-equal goals” that equally balance the doubling of Central Valley salmon runs with a healthy water supply. The California state legislature has incorporated similar “co-equal goals” for managing the Delta in state law. However, by requiring the “maximizing” of water supplies for Central Valley Project water users, S. 2533 is inconsistent with both of these statutes.

### **NMFS Biological Opinion**

The Council is concerned that S. 2533 would allow water managers to exceed certain restrictions in the National Marine Fisheries Service's (NMFS) 2009 Salmon Biological Opinion (BiOp). For instance, the BiOp sets limit regarding flow in the Delta-Estuary during operation of the Delta export pumps so as to prevent entrainment of juvenile salmon and other species. S. 2533 permits managers to allow pumping in excess of the restrictions prescribed in the BiOp. This circumvention of the BiOp is particularly dangerous to salmon at a time when juvenile survival has been disastrously low after two years of poor temperature and flow conditions in the rivers.

S. 2533 authorizes weaker protections for salmon and other endangered species by allowing water export pumping levels that would violate the existing BiOps, which have been upheld by the courts and independent scientific peer review (Section 303).

### **Weakening of Environmental Laws**

S. 2533 reduces environmental review periods for water transfers, including for impacts to salmon [302(b)(9)(B)(i)]; creates new restrictions on environmental review for undefined "emergency" water projects [§304]; limits environmental review for predation projects, including the review of potential harm to salmon [§204(c)]; and allows, in a pilot process, for California and other states to assume the lead for National Environmental Policy Act review [§139]. As noted above, the bill also undermines the "co-equal goals" set out by the CVPIA. The Council believes that thorough environmental review is critical to protect against poor decisions made under political pressure during the drought.

### **Other Concerns**

The Council is concerned that the bill includes a predator removal program that is not supported by science and that scientists believe could result in unintended environmental harm (Section 203). Some provisions (e.g., §139) are also exempt from the sunset provision (Section 702). Finally, the Council believes this legislation would lead to increased litigation, leading to declines in salmon populations while important decisions are tied up in the courts.

### **Huffman's Bill**

We agree with the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations that your bill H.R. 2983, Rep. Huffman, strikes a balance between short-term relief to communities affected by the drought, long-term planning to avoid similar impacts in the future, and protections for businesses impacted by water scarcity. H.R. 2983 reflects the principle that because no particular sector of the economy caused the drought, no particular sector should disproportionately bear its consequences.



**Conclusion**

Thank you again for requesting Council comments on this bill and other drought legislation. We recognized that this bill is unlikely to become law as written, but could be combined with HR 2898, the Drought Recovery and Resilience Act of 2015, which could have additional negative impacts on salmon stocks and the communities that depend on them (the Council commented on HR 2898 on September 28, 2015<sup>2</sup>). The Council appreciates the opportunity to comment on these important bills. Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,



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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.pcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/Huffman-Thompson-Drought-Letter.pdf>



February 10, 2016

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## **Senator Feinstein's Water Bill Seriously Flawed**

SACRAMENTO – Senator Dianne Feinstein released a new draft of drought legislation today that is intended to address California's water emergency.

The bill includes a number of important elements that will help the state, such as emergency funding for communities that have run out of water, funding for recycling and efficiency measures, and measures to support fish and wildlife.

However, on the balance the bill remains seriously flawed because it also contains funding for new dams that would not improve California's water system.

Additionally, the bill would provide funding towards environmentally damaging desalination plants that could prove wasteful and unnecessary. Just this week, the recently completed Carlsbad desalination plant was oversupplying extremely expensive water in San Diego County, leaving agencies responsible for paying higher-than-market prices for water.

Feinstein's bill also proposes modifications to management of water exports that could further endanger fish and the ecosystem in the San Francisco Bay Delta.

### **Statement from Kathryn Phillips, Director of Sierra Club California:**

“Again, Senator Feinstein's legislative effort to address California's drought is a mixed bag of good and bad—not just good and not-so-good.

“California needs fresh thinking to help pull us out of this drought. This bill is still too reliant on old ideas that simply continue an unsustainable water system.”

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*Sierra Club California is the legislative and regulatory advocacy arm of the 13 Sierra Club chapters in California, representing more than 380,000 members and supporters statewide.*



March 11, 2016

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
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Dear Senator Feinstein,

The American Sportfishing Association (ASA) wishes to first commend you for your diligence in working through several iterations of federal drought legislation and attempting to balance the interests of numerous stakeholders involved in this issue. Undoubtedly you and your staff invested significant effort into crafting the most recent bill (S. 2533) with the aim of improving the way water is managed, delivered, and allocated. ASA has taken great care in reviewing the document and is concerned that S. 2533 – California Long-Term Provisions for Water Supply and Short-Term Provisions for Emergency Drought Relief Act – would cause irreparable damage to the Central Valley salmon fishery and other sportfish, and therefore we regretfully must oppose the bill. We ask that you reconsider the language in the bill to help make certain that these fisheries are protected and the industries that they support remain viable, especially as California emerges from critical drought years.

ASA is the nation's recreational fishing trade association, representing sportfishing equipment manufacturers, retailers, wholesalers, outdoor media and angler advocacy groups. Our members depend on healthy, abundant fisheries, which are the foundation of 36,000 jobs and \$4.6 billion in annual economic impact in California. There are also 1.7 million anglers in the state that, in addition to salmon, fish for species like striped and largemouth bass. Central Valley salmon contribute \$1.4 billion to the California economy and support 23,000 jobs. This fishery also constitutes 60 percent of Oregon's coastal salmon catch and part of Washington's as well.

We have worked in lock step with our California-based partners and members on this issue for many years, particularly the Golden Gate Salmon Association (GGSA). GGSA completed a thorough analysis of S. 2533 that mirrors ASA's position on the bill. The appended document provides a detailed review. We would, however, like to emphasize a few prominent and problematic components of the bill.

Last year we took the position that S. 1894 – California Emergency Drought Relief Act of 2015 – was the extent of the compromise our industry could accept for the sake of salmon fisheries and fishing jobs. We supported many positive provisions in that legislation, but one of our leading concerns was the targeted eradication of non-native sportfish, which carried over into the new bill, S. 2533. The recreational fishing community believes this action will be minimally effective at recovering salmon relative to addressing other stressors that would be more impactful, economical, and successful. Several of the named bass species have coexisted with salmon without problems since shortly after California achieved statehood. Some predation is a natural part of the ecosystem, and in this case the impacts

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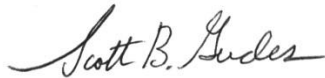
of these interactions on salmon pale in comparison to the larger issues related to lack of water supply. Bass form a robust recreational fishery and, though they have some interactions with salmon, so do many other species, including the native pikeminnow. The eradication program would also set a dangerous precedent by giving federal agencies authority to infringe on state fish and wildlife management jurisdictions.

Another chief concern is that the maximum amount of water would be permitted to be pumped out of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta to other parts of the state, compromising the survival of juvenile salmon at their most critical life stage. Though the fall run of Chinook salmon is not listed as endangered, it benefits from these state and federal environmental protections for the other runs, which could be circumvented according to S. 2533. The Endangered Species Act and biological opinions need to be upheld.

There are many strategies that can be taken to help salmon, and GGSA has laid out a collection of projects for this purpose, but without adequate water flows, temperatures and science based limits on pumping, salmon runs cannot survive, recover, and thrive. In direct correlation to the low survival rate of juvenile salmon in recent years has been the decline in fishing related businesses. Fishermen have sold their boats, marinas are empty, and sales are down, which has broader, negative repercussions on California's coastal economy.

We believe there is room for improving existing protections for salmon without targeting other sportfish in a manner that would not interfere with meeting the needs of other industries and private citizens. Again, we appreciate your efforts in undertaking this hugely important and complex task. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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## ***“The New Voice of Salmon”***

### **Initial Analysis of S. 2533 - Senator Feinstein’s Drought Bill**

This memo summarizes GGSA’s initial analysis of S. 2533, the drought bill introduced by Senator Feinstein. On balance, S. 2533 likely would result in significant harm to salmon and the commercial and recreational salmon industry along the West Coast. GGSA opposes this bill.

**Salmon Need Stronger, Not Weaker, Protections During the Drought:** This is a critical time for Bay-Delta Chinook salmon runs, which, when healthy, support a \$1.4 billion dollar fishery and 23,000 jobs. Sacramento Basin fall run are the backbone of commercial and recreational salmon fishing south of the Columbia River. The fall run is not listed under the ESA, but protections for listed runs benefit the fall run and fishing communities. In addition, fishing is limited to protect listed runs, even though fishing did not cause these declines. Today, Bay-Delta salmon runs are at dangerously low levels.

- The drought and water mismanagement disastrously harmed salmon during 2014 and 2015, including the loss of 95% to 98% of juvenile wild Sacramento River fall and winter run salmon.
- The 2015 salmon season produced poor landings, far below projections. Only 112,400 salmon returned to the Sacramento Valley to spawn in 2015, below the minimum agency target.
- Given the three-year life cycle of salmon, the coming three years may be even more difficult for the salmon industry, as the remnants of more drought-affected year classes return to spawn.
- Fishermen are deeply concerned about a possible repeat of the 2008-2009 closure of the California salmon fishery, which included significant restrictions on the Oregon fishery.
- Federal agencies have stated that fish populations are so low that protections in 2016 must be stronger – not weaker – than during the past two years.
- The closure of the California commercial crab fishery has made the fishing crisis significantly worse, because many commercial fishermen rely on crab and salmon. In the past, healthy crab landings have helped fishermen survive poor salmon seasons.

In short, the coming three years are critical to the long-term health of the West Coast salmon industry.

**Provisions that Would Damage Salmon:** Major concerns regarding S. 2533 include:

- Weakening current federal protections for salmon under the ESA and other laws, such as:
  - Allowing worse flow conditions in the Delta and increased exports. (301(e)(4))
  - Locking in a 1:1 export to inflow ratio on the lower San Joaquin River for water transfers, which is less protective of salmon than current requirements. (302(b)(6))
  - Mandating that the Delta cross-channel gates be kept open “to the maximum extent practicable”, increasing the loss of juvenile salmon to the Delta pumps. (302(b)(1)(A))
  - Allowing higher levels of pumping during peak winter storm runoff, which is critical to moving juvenile salmon through the Delta to areas where they can survive. (303(c))
  - Mandating averaging requirements that could harm salmon. (302(b)(12))

The above approach to regulating impacts on salmon is not supported by science and would be subject to interpretation by an unknown future administration.

- A new mandate to “maximize water supplies”, which conflicts with existing federal law, the “co-equal goals” under state law, and existing protections for salmon. (301, 302)
- Provisions to facilitate authorization, permitting and funding of new dam projects that could harm salmon. The bill conflicts with state law, which prohibits the expansion of Shasta Dam. A review by the USFWS concluded that raising Shasta Dam would harm salmon. (Title 1, Subtitle B, Sec. 506 and 602)
- A permanent guarantee of water deliveries for junior Sacramento Valley water users. (404)

#### Additional Concerns:

- Excluding any consideration of impacts to fall run salmon from decision-making regarding the water operations requirements of the bill. (Multiple sections.)
- Requiring federal agencies to “use”, not just consider, recommendations regarding water operations developed by water districts. (301(b)(2)(C) and 305(1))
- Increased litigation risk regarding salmon protections and existing law. (Multiple sections.)
- Reduced environmental review of water transfers, including for impacts to salmon. (302(b)(9)(B)(i))
- New restrictions on environmental review for undefined “emergency” water projects. (304)
- A predator removal program that is not supported by science and that scientists believe could result in unintended environmental harm. (203) GGSA has developed and is working to implement alternative science-based predation management projects.
- Limiting environmental review for predation projects, including the review of potential harm to salmon. (204(c))
- The conversion of Central Valley Project water contracts to permanent contracts, with potential impacts on salmon. (602(c)(1))
- A pilot program to allow California and other states to assume the lead for NEPA review, without limiting eligible projects or eliminating projects that could harm salmon. (139)
- An open ended sunset provision, as there is no definition in state law for the end of a state drought declaration. Some damaging provisions are exempt from the sunset provision. (702)

**Positive Provisions in the Bill:** The bill includes some provisions that could provide modest benefits:

- Investments in habitat improvements and gravel replenishment. However, those investments appear to be limited to the Sacramento River and to listed species. In addition, unlike the provisions above that would harm salmon, these investments would be subject to the uncertainty of the appropriations process. (201)
- Provisions regarding water recycling and efficiency that could help California in future droughts. Like habitat improvements, many of these provisions would be subject to the uncertainty of the appropriations process (Multiple sections.)

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August 8, 2016

Re: **Opposition to Legislation Weakening Protections for Salmon**

Dear Senator Feinstein and Congressman Valadao:

On behalf of 39 leading Bay Area chefs, restaurant owners and food community leaders, we are writing in support of one of California's iconic local food sources, Chinook salmon.

As a result of the drought, California's Chinook salmon runs have fallen to dangerously low levels. This is particularly true for the fall run in the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem - the backbone of the salmon fishing industry from central California to northern Oregon. In light of the status of this treasured part of our natural heritage, we are disturbed by efforts in Congress to weaken salmon protections. In particular, we are writing to express our opposition to legislation that would weaken existing legal protections for salmon in the Bay-Delta ecosystem, including H.R. 2898 and S. 2533.

California is blessed with a cornucopia of local, sustainable and healthy foods. The Bay Area is a global leader in showing how food can be a transformative part of our lives, encouraging environmental health, social justice, a thriving economy and a healthy lifestyle – along with one of the world's most delicious culinary traditions. Chinook salmon is one of California's most historic and iconic local food sources.

As you know, the San Francisco Bay-Delta estuary and the tributaries that feed it represent the most significant salmon producing system south of the Columbia River. Every year, the return of salmon is eagerly anticipated by California restaurants and the public. Crab and salmon are the twin stars around which the California seafood calendar revolves.

Tragically, today California's salmon face major challenges. During the past two drought years, nearly all of the wild salmon in some of our rivers have been killed by high water temperatures. Surviving salmon face additional threats in the Delta. As a result, the fishermen at Fisherman's Wharf and dozens of other ports on the California coast face severe fishing restrictions. Careful regulation allows us to have some local salmon in our markets and on our menus, but it's scarce and expensive this year.

Unfortunately, some California water interests hope to take advantage of the drought, seeking to weaken existing protections for salmon in order to squeeze

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more water from our vulnerable salmon rivers. We need to choose, they claim, between fish and people.

Those of us in the food community know that's a false choice. California salmon is among the world's most delicious and most perfect foods. Salmon are also critically important to the families, businesses and communities that depend on this fishery. Before the drought, Bay-Delta salmon supported a \$1.4 billion fishing industry with 23,000 jobs. Salmon is a highly prized fish that shows the vital connections among a healthy environment, a healthy economy and healthy people. Yet today, salmon fishermen and restaurants fear a repeat of the disastrous 2008-2009 closure of the California salmon fishery. Salmon show how a healthy environment benefits Californians and our economy.

Unfortunately, S. 2533 would mandate maximized water diversions from the Delta, threatening salmon runs, and would authorize or even mandate weaker protections for these runs. H.R. 2898 would go even farther, by shutting down the broadly supported effort to restore salmon on the San Joaquin River and undermining the State of California's ability to take action protecting salmon under state law. S. 2533 does include some positive conservation, water recycling and other provisions, however, they do not outweigh the damage that the bill could cause to salmon and the environment. The potential impact of these bills on salmon is highlighted in critical analyses by the Pacific Fisheries Management Council.

We can have healthy rivers, strong salmon runs, a thriving fishing industry and a precious local, sustainable food source. This is a critical time for state and federal agencies to launch an ambitious effort to rebuild our salmon runs, particularly in the Central Valley. Weakening salmon protections, on the other hand, could be disastrous.

During the drought, we must remember that salmon don't have the choices we have. Farmers can install drip irrigation and plant less water intensive crops. Urban residents can replace our lawns and shorten our showers. Our water agencies can reclaim wastewater and capture stormwater. But salmon survive on the water we leave in our rivers and in the habitat we restore for them. We urge you to focus your legislative efforts on proactive water solutions that don't threaten our environment and salmon runs.

Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

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20<sup>th</sup> Century Café

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Chef and Owner  
Delfina Group

Brandon Jew  
Chef and Owner  
Mister Jiu's

Joe Hargrave  
Founder and CEO  
Tacolicious

Bill Russell-Shapiro  
Owner  
The Absinthe Group

Sara Deseran  
Co-owner  
Tacolicious

Ryan McIlwraith  
Executive Chef  
Bellota

Phil West  
Chef  
Range

Staffan Terje  
Chef and Proprietor  
Perbaco Restaurante  
Barbacco Enotratoria  
Volta Brasserie

Evan Rich  
Chef and Owner  
Rich Table

Lauren Kiino  
Chef and Owner  
Il Cane Rosso and Red Dog

Laurence Jossel  
Chef and Owner  
Nopa

Sue Conley  
Co-founder  
Cowgirl Creamery

Mourad Lahlou  
Chef and Owner  
Aziza and Mourad

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Iso Rabins  
Owner  
forageSF

Melissa Perello  
Chef and Owner  
Octavia and Frances

Shelley Lindgren  
Owner and Wine Director  
A16 and SPQR

Jay Foster  
Chef and Owner  
Farmer Brown

Bruce Hill  
Owner  
Picco and Fog City

Doug Biederbeck  
Owner  
Bix, Market Bar and Florio

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Executive Chef  
Absinthe

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Ari Weiswasser  
Chef and Proprietor  
Glen Ellen Star

Adolfo Veronese  
Chef and Owner  
Aventine Glen Ellen

Ted Wilson  
Owner  
Fine and Rare

Matthew Homyak  
Founder  
Stag Dining

Cc: Senator Barbara Boxer  
Senator Lisa Murkowski  
Senator Maria Cantwell  
Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi  
Congressman Jared Huffman  
Congressman Mike Thompson  
Secretary Sally Jewell  
Secretary Penny Pritzker



April 11, 2016

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski  
 United States Senate  
 Washington DC 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell  
 United States Senate  
 Washington DC 20510

The Honorable Barbara Boxer  
 United States Senate  
 Washington DC 20510

Re: **Salmon Industry Opposition to S. 2533**

Dear Senators Murkowski, Cantwell and Boxer:

We are writing, as members of the West Coast salmon fishing industry and related businesses, to express our opposition to S. 2533 (Feinstein). This legislation, in response to the California drought, could result in serious harm to critical salmon runs and to the jobs and economic activity that those salmon runs support along the entire West Coast.

California's salmon fishery supports, when healthy, \$1.4 billion economic activity and 23,000 jobs in California, and half that again in Oregon. Sixty percent of the salmon taken in Oregon's ocean fishery come from California's Central Valley. California salmon supports fishing from Central California to Washington. Salmon fishing jobs go far beyond the dock. We are a wide range of businesses, including commercial fishing, marina operations, charter boats, tackle manufacturing, retail tackle sales, wholesale and retail fish sales, restaurants and more. Our families and communities depend on a healthy environment and a healthy salmon fishery.

As written, S. 2533 would seriously harm salmon runs, in several ways. Specifically the bill would:

- Interfere with the implementation of current legal protections for Bay-Delta salmon and allow water needed by salmon to be taken away.
- Require the Bureau of Reclamation to maximize pumping from the Delta.
- Facilitate the construction of new dam projects that could be harmful to salmon.
- Guarantee specified levels of water delivery to users that currently receive water pursuant to junior water rights.

These concerns are analyzed in greater detail by the Golden Gate Salmon Association. All of these provisions would harm salmon at a time when Bay-Delta salmon runs are highly vulnerable. In addition, we are deeply concerned that a final bill could be even more damaging to salmon, if it is conferenced with H.R. 2898 (Valdado). That bill contains language even more damaging to Bay-Delta salmon runs. We oppose H.R. 2898 as well.

As a result of the drought and poor water management, the population of Bay-Delta salmon has declined steeply in recent years. In 2015, 95 to 98 percent of juvenile wild Sacramento River were killed by high water temperatures before they began their migration downstream. In addition, populations of adult Sacramento River salmon in 2015 were only 40 percent of agency projections, which caused economic hardship for many of us. As more drought-stunted year classes reach adulthood, we anticipate that 2016 and the two following years will also be very difficult for our industry. The closure of the California crab fishery has further increased the stress on our commercial fishing industry.

Simply put, our industry cannot bear additional harm. We urge you to ensure that any drought legislation passed by Congress provides net benefits for the California salmon industry. Fortunately, S. 1837 (Boxer) and H.R. 2983 (Huffman) provide excellent models for legislation that responds to the drought without harming the environment and the salmon fishing industry.

Thank you for considering our views and for your leadership on behalf of the fishing community.

Sincerely,  
*Salmon Industry West Coast Businesses*  
*See attached list of opponents to S.2533*

Cc: Senator Diane Feinstein  
Senator Daniel Sullivan  
Senator Patty Murray  
Senator Jeff Merkley  
Senator Ron Wyden

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| Mr.   | Aaron Garner    | Distribution Mgr. | Big Rock Sports                 | Clackamas      | OR |
| Mr.   | Abe Cuanang     | Regional Editor   | Salt Water Sportsman            | San Francisco  | CA |
| Capt. | AJ Smith        | Owner             | Coho Mooch Charters             | Seaview        | WA |
| Capt. | Allen Chin      | Owner             | Tigerfish Charters              | Emeryville     | CA |
| Mr.   | Angelo Cuanang  | Author Fisherman  | Fishing How To Books            | San Francisco  | CA |
| Capt. | Anthony Urie    | Owner Operator    | Vessel F/V Jessica Mae          | Crescent City  | CA |
| Capt. | Barbara Emley   | Owner             | Vessel F/V Autumn Gale          | San Francisco  | CA |
| Capt. | Barry Day       | Owner Operator    | Vessel F/V High Seas LLC        | Half Moon Bay  | CA |
| Mr.   | Bart Hall       | President         | Fred Hall Shows                 | Long Beach     | CA |
| Capt. | Ben Platt       | Owner Operator    | Vessel F/V Seastar              | Windsor        | CA |
| Capt. | Benji Shake     | Owner             | Monterey Sportfishing Center    | Monterey       | CA |
| Capt. | Benji Shake     | Owner             | Princess Charters               | Monterey       | CA |
| Capt. | Bill Binny      | Owner Operator    | Vessel F/V Donald B             | Half Moon Bay  | CA |
| Capt. | Bill Boling     | Owner Operator    | Vessel F/V Advance              | Eureka         | CA |
| Mr.   | Bill Divens     | Owner & Guide     | Salmon King Lodge               | Red Bluff      | CA |
| Mr.   | Bill Shedd      | President         | Aftco Manufacturing             | Santa Anna     | CA |
| Capt. | Bob Henry       | Owner             | Vessel F/V Maureen              | Morro Bay      | CA |
| Capt. | Bob Ingles      | Owner             | Queen of Hearts Charters        | Half Moon Bay  | CA |
| Capt. | Bob Sparre      | Owner             | Bob Sparre's Guide Service      | Fair Oaks      | CA |
| Capt. | Brad Staples    | Partner           | Western Fishing Adventures Ltd. | West Lynn      | OR |
| Mr.   | Brad Staplin    | President         | BSA Tackle Sales                | Citrus Heights | CA |
| Mr.   | Brent Hutchings | CEO & Owner       | North River Boats               | Roseburg       | OR |
| Capt. | Brian Cables    | Owner             | Sarah Kay Charters              | Portland       | OR |
| Capt. | Butch Smith     | Owner             | Coho King                       | Ilwaco         | WA |
| Chief | Caleen Sisk     | Chief             | Winnemem Wintu Tribe            | Northern       | CA |
| Capt. | Carol Jones     | Owner             | Kahuna Sportfishing             | Moss Landing   | CA |
| Capt. | Chad Dahlberg   | Owner Operator    | Vessel F/V Pacific Rival        | Half Moon Bay  | CA |
| Capt. | Chris Arcoleo   | Owner             | Chris Fishing Trips Center      | Monterey       | CA |
| Capt. | Chris Arcoleo   | Owner             | Star of Monterey Charters       | Monterey       | CA |
| Capt. | Chris Arcoleo   | Owner             | Check Mate Charters             | Monterey       | CA |
| Capt. | Chris Arcoleo   | Owner             | Caroline Charters               | Monterey       | CA |
| Capt. | Chris Chang     | Owner             | Ankeny Charters                 | Half Moon Bay  | CA |
| Capt. | Chris Duba      | Owner             | Silver Fox Charters             | San Francisco  | CA |
| Mr.   | Chris Hegnes    | Store Manager     | Englund Marine                  | Crescent City  | CA |
| Capt. | Chris Smith     | Owner             | Captain Hook Charters           | Berkeley       | CA |
| Capt. | Chuck Louie     | Owner             | Chucky's Pride Charters         | San Francisco  | CA |
| Capt. | Connor Dooley   | Owner Operator    | Vessel F/V Breeze III           | Half Moon Bay  | CA |
| Capt. | Craig Hanson    | Owner             | Argo Charters                   | San Francisco  | CA |
| Mr.   | Craig Stone     | Owner             | Emeryville Sportfishing Center  | Emeryville     | CA |
| Capt. | Dale Walters    | Owner             | Que Sera Sera Charters          | Half Moon Bay  | CA |
| Capt. | Dan Durban      | Owner Operator    | Vessel F/V Golden Girl          | San Francisco  | CA |
| Mr.   | Dan Parnel      | President         | Leisure Sales                   | Auburn         | WA |
| Capt. | Dan Schenk      | Owner             | Nauti Lady Charters             | Ilwaco         | WA |
| Capt. | Dan Snell       | Owner Operator    | Vessel F/V Barbara Jo           | Half Moon Bay  | CA |
| Capt. | Dan Stuckey     | Owner Operator    | Vessel F/V Seabird              | Half Moon Bay  | CA |
| Mr.   | Dan Wolford     | President         | Coastside Fishing Club          | Napa           | CA |
| Capt. | Darin Yates     | Owner Operator    | Vessel F/V Redeemer             | Half Moon Bay  | CA |
| Capt. | Dave Bitts      | Owner             | Vessel F/V Elmarue              | Eureka         | CA |
| Capt. | Dave Freedman   | Owner Operator    | Vessel F/V Sunday               | Mendocino      | CA |
| Capt. | David Gudgell   | Owner             | West Wind Charters              | St Paul        | MN |
| Mr.   | David Hurley    | Editor            | USA Fishing Hot Sheet           | Stockton       | CA |
| Mr.   | Dean Fleck      | Store Manager     | Englund Marine                  | Newport        | OR |

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| Ms,   | Deb Hammond           | Vice President     | Worldwide Distributors               | Kent             | WA |
| Capt. | Dennis Baxter         | Owner              | New Captain Pete Charters            | Half Moon Bay    | CA |
| Mr.   | Dennis Deaver         | Owner              | Berkeley Live Bait                   | Berkeley         | CA |
| Capt. | Don Marshall          | President          | Small Boat Commercial Fisherman's A. | Half Moon Bay    | CA |
| Capt. | Don Wong              | Owner              | C-Gull Charters                      | Emeryville       | CA |
| Mr.   | Douglas Lasko         | President          | Okuma Fishing Tackle                 | Ontario          | CA |
| Capt. | Duncan MacLean        | Owner Operator     | Vessel F/V Major Steppen Stone       | El Granada       | CA |
| Capt. | Erik Anfinson         | Owner              | Bass Tub Charters                    | San Francisco    | CA |
| Capt. | Erik Masuda           | Co-owner           | Vessel F/V Sachiko Fish              | Half Moon Bay    | CA |
| Capt. | Frank Gee             | Owner Operator     | Vessel F/V Ocean Gale                | Half Moon Bay    | CA |
| Capt. | Frank Inferera        | Owner Operator     | Vessel F/V Aurora                    | Santa Cruz       | CA |
| Capt. | Frank Rescino         | Owner              | Lovely Martha Charters               | San Francisco    | CA |
| Capt. | Frank Souza           | Owner Operator     | Vessel F/V Two's Co                  | Half Moon Bay    | CA |
| Mr.   | G M Woody Wood        | Sales Rep          | Jeff Robles and Associates           | Rancho Cucamonga | CA |
| Capt. | Garrett Rose          | Owner Operator     | Vessel F/V Taurus                    | Morro Bay        | CA |
| Mr.   | Gary Dougherty        | Owner              | Republic Sports Shop                 | Republic         | WA |
| Mr.   | Gary Durbin           | Owner              | Kokaneemart                          | Roseville        | CA |
| Mr.   | Gary Palmer           | Owner              | Fly By Night Excursions              | Santa Rosa       | CA |
| Mr.   | Gary Zurn             | Vice President     | Big Rock Sporting Goods              | Charleston       | NC |
| Capt. | George Castagnola III | Owner              | Maria E Charters                     | Bodega Bay       | CA |
| Capt. | George Castagnola Jr. | Owner              | Sandy Ann Charters                   | Bodega Bay       | CA |
| Mr.   | George Harris         | President CEO      | Northwest Marine Trades Assn.        | Seattle          | WA |
| Capt. | Gretchen Vogel        | Owner Operator     | Vessel F/V Krabmandu                 | Half Moon Bay    | CA |
| Capt. | Harry Bresnahan       | Owner              | Harry Bresnahan's Guide Service      | Woodland         | WA |
| Capt. | Ivan Hotz             | Owner              | Jade Rose Charters                   | Berkeley         | CA |
| Capt. | J D Richey            | Owner              | Richey Sportfishing                  | Sacramento       | CA |
| Capt. | Jack Carlson          | Owner              | Vessel F/V Sea Wolf                  | Fort Bragg       | CA |
| Capt. | Jacky Douglas         | Owner              | Wacky Jacky Charters                 | San Francisco    | CA |
| Capt. | James McCormick       | Owner              | Becky Ann Charters                   | San Francisco    | CA |
| Capt. | James Smith           | Owner              | California Dawn Charters             | Berkeley         | CA |
| Capt. | James Townsend        | Owner              | Osprey Charters                      | Point Richmond   | CA |
| Capt. | Jason Russey          | Owner              | Longfin Charters                     | Berkeley         | CA |
| Capt. | Jay Lopez             | Owner              | Righthook Charters                   | Berkeley         | CA |
| Capt. | Jay Yokomizo          | Owner              | New Huck Finn Charters               | Emeryville       | CA |
| Capt. | Jeff Finch            | Owner Operator     | Vessel F/V Marander                  | Half Moon Bay    | CA |
| Capt. | Jeff Olsen            | Owner              | Doll-Finn Charters                   | Vancouver        | WA |
| Capt. | Jeff Sculp            | Owner              | Escapade Charters                    | Astoria          | OR |
| Capt. | Jeff, Lori French     | Owner Operators    | Vessel F/V Lagosta II                | Morro Bay        | CA |
| Mr.   | Jim Martin            | Conservation Dir.  | Berkley Conservation Institute       | Mulino           | OR |
| Capt. | Jim Pepper            | Owner              | Vessel F/V Westerly                  | Humboldt         | CA |
| Mr.   | Jim Pickens           | Owner              | The Fishermans Friend                | Lodi             | CA |
| Capt. | Jim Robertson         | Owner              | Outer Limits Charters                | Sausalito        | CA |
| Capt. | Jim Salter            | Owner Operator     | Vessel F/V Westerly                  | Half Moon Bay    | CA |
| Capt. | Jimmy Phillips        | Owner Operator     | Vessel F/V Kimberly Rose             | Half Moon Bay    | CA |
| Capt. | Joe Nungaray          | Owner              | Vessel F/V Michael Too               | Morro Bay        | CA |
| Capt. | Joe Wallace           | Owner Operator     | Vessel F/V Sea Pearl                 | Crescent City    | CA |
| Capt. | Joel Kawahara         | Owner Operator     | Vessel F/V Karolee                   | Quilcene         | WA |
| Capt. | John Atkinson         | Owner              | New Rayann Charters                  | Sausalito        | CA |
| Capt. | John Koeppen          | Owner Operator     | Vessel F/V Lula                      | Pillar Point     | CA |
| Mr.   | John McManus          | Executive Director | Golden Gate Salmon Association       | Petaluma         | CA |
| Capt. | Jon Yokomizo          | Owner              | Sea Wolf Charters                    | Emeryville       | CA |
| Mr.   | Joseph Donatini       | President          | Johnson Hicks Marine Electronics     | Santa Cruz       | CA |

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| Capt. | Joseph Gallia Sr. | Owner              | New Easy Rider                      | Berkeley       | CA |
| Capt. | Joseph Nazar      | Owner              | Happy Day Charters                  | San Francisco  | CA |
| Mr.   | Justin Kelly      | Fishing Manager    | RMI Outdoors                        | Eureka         | CA |
| Mr.   | Kelley Reichner   | Buyer              | Fisherman's Marine                  | Portland       | OR |
| Mr.   | Ken Elie          | President          | Outdoor Pro Shop                    | Cotati         | CA |
| Capt. | Ken Stagnaro      | Owner              | Stagnaro Charters Center            | Santa Cruz     | CA |
| Capt. | Ken Stagnaro      | Owner              | Velocity Charters                   | Santa Cruz     | CA |
| Capt. | Ken Stagnaro      | Owner              | Legacy Charters                     | Santa Cruz     | CA |
| Capt. | Kenny Clark       | Owner Operator     | Vessel F/V Genki                    | Moss Beach     | CA |
| Mr.   | Kent Harrington   | COO & General Mgr  | VF Grace Inc.                       | Anchorage      | AK |
| Capt. | Kevin Newell      | Owner              | Total Fisherman Guide Service       | Astoria        | OR |
| Mr.   | Kurt Englund      | President          | Englund Marine                      | Astoria        | OR |
| Capt. | Larry Andre       | Owner Operator     | Vessel F/V Genesis                  | Half Moon Bay  | CA |
| Capt. | Larry Collins     | President          | Crab Boat Owners Association        | San Francisco  | CA |
| Capt. | Larry Fortado     | Owner Operator     | Vessel F/V Sunshine                 | Half Moon Bay  | CA |
| Mr.   | Layne McGowan     | Owner              | Gunarama Wholesale                  | Spokane        | WA |
| Ms.   | Liz Hamilton      | Executive Director | Northwest Sportfishing Industry Asn | Oregon City    | OR |
| Mr.   | Lonnie Schmidt    | President          | Sport Service                       | Fife           | WA |
| Capt. | Loyal Holmes      | Owner              | Mar-b111 Charters                   | Ocean Park     | WA |
| Mr.   | Mac Huff          | Owner              | Eagle Cap Fishing                   | Joseph         | OR |
| Mr.   | Marcus Weiner     | President          | Fish Alaska Magazine                | Eagle River    | AK |
| Capt. | Mark Charlton     | Owner              | Ruby Sea Charters                   | Warrenton      | OR |
| Capt. | Mark Charlton     | Owner Operator     | Vessel F/V Ruby Sea                 | Warrenton      | OR |
| Capt. | Mark Chow         | Owner              | Magic Woman Charters                | Berkeley       | CA |
| Mr.   | Mark Fleck        | Store Manager      | Englund Marine                      | Charleston     | OR |
| Mr.   | Mark Haynes       | Partner            | Haynes-Florance and Assoc.          | Manteca        | CA |
| Mr.   | Michael Coombs    | Owner              | Outdoor Emporium                    | Seattle        | WA |
| Capt. | Michael McHenry   | Owner Operator     | Vessel F/V Merva W                  | Half Moon Bay  | CA |
| Mr.   | Mike Augney       | Publisher          | USAfishing.Com                      | Sebastopol     | CA |
| Capt. | Mike Bogue        | Owner              | Mike Bogue's Guide Service          | Redding        | CA |
| Capt. | Mike Cassenlli    | Owner              | Coho Sally Charters                 | Ilwaco         | WA |
| Mr.   | Mike Chamberlain  | Owner              | Teds Sport Center                   | Lynnwood       | WA |
| Mr.   | Mike Chamberlain  | Sales Rep          | Jeff Robles and Associates          | Stockton       | CA |
| Mr.   | Mike Hammond      | President          | Hammond Marine Electronics          | San Francisco  | CA |
| Capt. | Mike Hudson       | Owner Operator     | Vessel F/V Cash Flo II              | Berkeley       | CA |
| Capt. | Mike McCorckle    | Owner Operator     | Vessels F/V Pieface F/V Theresa Ann | Santa Barbara  | CA |
| Mr.   | Mike McMullen     | General Manager    | Blackbirds                          | Medford        | OR |
| Capt. | Mike Narver       | Owner              | Ankney Street Charters              | Portland       | OR |
| Mr.   | Mike Nussman      | President          | American Sportfishing Association   | Fairfax        | VA |
| Capt. | Milt Gudgell      | Owner              | Westward Charters                   | Seaview        | WA |
| Capt. | Nick Hurley       | Owner              | Lady Di Charters                    | Salem          | OR |
| Capt. | Ollie Olson       | Owner              | Midnight Dancer Charters            | Battle Ground  | WA |
| Capt. | Pat Schenk        | Owner              | Four Seasons Charters               | Ilwaco         | WA |
| Mr.   | Pat Schmidt       | Sales Rep          | Don Coffey Company                  | Long Beach     | CA |
| Mr.   | Paul Foster       | Store Manager      | Englund Marine                      | Westport       | WA |
| Mr.   | Paul Johnson      | President          | Monterey Market                     | San Francisco  | CA |
| Mr.   | Paul Kaplin       | President          | KKMI Maritime Shipyard              | Point Richmond | CA |
| Capt. | Perry Kerson      | Owner              | Sea Turtle Charters                 | Sausalito      | CA |
| Capt. | Perry Vanover     | Owner              | Sea Breeze Charters                 | Ilwaco         | WA |
| Capt. | Peter Bruno       | Owner              | Randy's Fishing Trips Center        | Monterey       | CA |
| Capt. | Peter Bruno       | Owner              | Chubasco Charters                   | Monterey       | CA |
| Capt. | Peter Bruno       | Owner              | Sir Randy Charters                  | Monterey       | CA |

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| Mr.   | Peter Foley            | Owner              | Boone Bait Company                  | Winter Park            | FL |
| Capt. | Phil Havlicek          | Owner              | Reel Time Charters                  | Sausalito              | CA |
| Mr.   | Phil Morelock          | Conservation Dir.  | Shimano America                     | Irvine                 | CA |
| Mr.   | Phil Pritting          | Store Manager      | Englund Marine                      | Eureka                 | CA |
| Capt. | Porter McHenry         | Owner Operator     | Vessel F/V Juliet                   | Half Moon Bay          | CA |
| Mr.   | R.D. Figgins           | President          | Dick Nite Spoons                    | Lake Stevens           | WA |
| Mr.   | Randy Repass           | Founder            | West Marine                         | Watsonville            | CA |
| Capt. | Rein Pirke             | Owner Operator     | Vessel F/V Sichera                  | Half Moon Bay          | CA |
| Mr.   | Rich Basch             | Owner              | Ollie Damon's                       | Portland               | OR |
| Capt. | Rich White             | Owner              | Shark Bait Charters                 | Bodega Bay             | CA |
| Mr.   | Richard Pool           | President          | Pro-Troll Fishing Products          | Concord                | CA |
| Mr.   | Richard Zeilenga       | Chief Opr officer  | Tackle Warehouse                    | San Luis Obispo        | CA |
| Capt. | Rick Hamshel           | Owner Operator     | Vessel F/V Pale Horse               | Fresno                 | CA |
| Capt. | Rick Powers            | Owner              | New Sea Angler Charters             | Bodega Bay             | CA |
| Capt. | Rick Powers            | Owner              | Surf Scooter Charters               | Bodega Bay             | CA |
| Capt. | Rob Gudgell            | Owner              | Katie Marie Charters                | Longview               | WA |
| Capt. | Robert Gallia          | Owner              | El Dorado I Charters                | Berkeley               | CA |
| Capt. | Robert Gieskens        | Owner Operator     | Vessel F/V Morgan                   | Half Moon Bay          | CA |
| Capt. | Roger Thomas           | President          | Golden Gate Fisherman's Assoc.      | Sausalito              | CA |
| Capt. | Roger Thomas           | Owner              | Salty Lady Charters                 | Sausalito              | CA |
| Mr.   | Ron Garner             | President          | Puget Sound Anglers                 | 15 Chapters State Wide | WA |
| Mr.   | Roy Gray               | Owner              | Roy Gray and Associates             | Auburn                 | CA |
| Capt. | Russ Ott               | Owner Operator     | Vessel F/V Shellfish                | Vallejo                | CA |
| Mr.   | Scott Hill             | Owner              | Western Boat and Tackle             | San Rafael             | CA |
| Capt. | Sean Daugherty         | Owner              | Sean Daugherty Charters             | San Rafael             | CA |
| Capt. | Sean Hodges            | Owner              | Hog Heaven Charters                 | Sausalito              | CA |
| Mr.   | Shane Soumrela         | Store Manager      | Englund Marine                      | Ilwaco                 | WA |
| Capt. | Skylen Freet           | Owner              | Sky's Guide Service                 | Sandy                  | OR |
| Capt. | Steve Fosmark          | Owner Operator     | Vessel F/V Seealder                 | Pebble Beach           | CA |
| Capt. | Steve Masuda           | Co-owner           | Vessel F/V Sachiko                  | Half Moon Bay          | CA |
| Capt. | Steve Sohlistrom       | Owner              | Salty Dog Charters                  | Portland               | OR |
| Capt. | Steve Talmage          | Owner              | Flash Charters                      | San Francisco          | CA |
| Capt. | Steven Kessling        | Director           | Seattle Fishing Charters Ltd.       | Edmonds                | WA |
| Mr.   | Terry Peterson         | Vice President     | Daiwa Corporation                   | Cypress                | CA |
| Capt. | Tim and Sherry Klassen | Owner Operator     | Reel Steel Sportfishing             | Eureka                 | CA |
| Capt. | Tim Harrell            | Owner              | Sea Quest Charters                  | Seaview                | WA |
| Mr.   | Tim Sloane             | Exec Director      | Pacific Coast Fed of Fisheries Asn. | San Francisco          | CA |
| Capt. | Todd Magaline          | Owner              | Blue Runner Charters                | Sausalito              | CA |
| Mr.   | Tom Hester             | President          | Poulsen Cascade Tackle LLC.         | Clackamas              | OR |
| Capt. | Tom Marriman           | Owner              | Pacific Dreamer Charters            | Portland               | OR |
| Capt. | Tom McCray             | Owner Operator     | Vessel F/V Tonto II                 | Moss Landing           | CA |
| Mr.   | Tom Posey              | Principal          | Tom Posey Company                   | Tigard                 | OR |
| Capt. | Tom Prozialeck         | Owner              | Comanche Charters                   | Seattle                | WA |
| Capt. | Tom Zizzo              | Owner              | Wild Wave Charters                  | San Francisco          | CA |
| Capt. | Trent State            | Owner              | Biteme Charters                     | San Rafael             | CA |
| Capt. | Tyler Butler           | Owner Operator     | Vessel F/V Reelization              | Half Moon Bay          | CA |
| Mr.   | Vance Staplin          | Owner              | Vance's Tackle                      | Citrus Heights         | CA |
| Mr.   | Vic Cutter             | Vice President     | Pacific Bay International           | Sequim                 | WA |
| Mr.   | Victor Becerra         | Distribution Mgr.  | Big Rock Sports                     | Fresno                 | CA |
| Mr.   | Victor Gonella         | Founder            | Golden Gate Salmon Association      | Petaluma               | CA |
| Mr.   | Wayne Kotow            | Executive Director | CCA California                      | San Diego              | CA |
| Ms.   | Yvette Hudson          | Owner              | Hudson Fish Co                      | Berkeley               | CA |