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COMPANIES

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Jim Kellogg, President  
California Fish and Game Commission  
P.O. Box 944209  
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

SUB: Oppose Proposed Fish Stocking Regulations

Dear Mr. Kellogg,

The California Parks Company is a company that owns and operates numerous concessions stands in State parks and recreation areas throughout California. We have been operation concession stands in California State parks and recreational lakes since 1975, and are proud to maintain our position as the premier provider of comprehensive recreational, retail, hospitality and event management services in California. Our business relies upon visitors to these parks for our revenue.

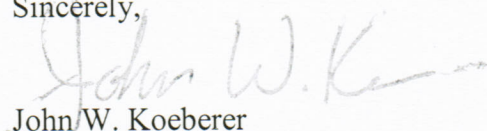
I write to inform you that the California Parks Company strongly opposes the proposed fish stocking regulations that the Commission on Fish and Game will consider in December. These regulations would force recreational lakes to spend thousands of dollars every year in order to complete an Environmental Impact Review on the impact stocked fish has on the indigenous plant and wildlife population. In a time in which many recreational facilities are already facing possible closure, an added cost or just a few hundred thousand dollars per year would threaten the already fragile outdoor industry.

Even if an individual lake is able to stay open with these added regulations and costs, it will be sure to pass on the added cost to visitors in the form of higher fees or parking rates. This increased cost will result in visitors having less to spend on the things in which our company provides and relies upon, like merchandise and concessions. With a number of recreational facilities already planning on closing, I cannot afford to have my revenue stream reduces further in the facilities that are staying open.

Recreational fishing brings thousand of tourist to California each year, all with the hopes of catching that beautiful California trout or bass. These regulations will unnecessarily destroy the reason California is such an attraction to these fishing tourist: stock fish, and lots of them. With the destruction of this special tourism sector comes the demise of the outdoor industry and businesses, like mine, that rely in some part upon the tourist visiting this State.

It is these reasons the California Parks Company must oppose the proposed fish stocking regulations. We urge the Commission to reject these costly regulations and allow the California tourism and outdoor industry to continue to flourish.

Sincerely,



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