



November 29, 2011

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

SUB: Opposition to Proposed Fish Stocking Regulations

Dear Mr. Kellogg:

Our organization represents over 1000 members in California who contribute to a travel and tourism sector that contributes over \$87 billion to our State's economy.

The ability for our members to prosper and create jobs is highly dependent on attracting tourists and visitors to facilities that offer outdoor recreation, such as sports fishing. Our industry is fortunate that California remains one of the Nation's most popular destinations for tourists and recreational fishing remains one of its greatest attractions, generating about \$4.9 billion to California's economy, nearly 19% of all tourism dollars.

This is why we are very concerned with the proposed fish stocking regulations. It is our Association's belief that these regulations will prove so costly that they will put many lake operators out of business, diminishing the allure of many resorts and lodging facilities. In this tough economy, imposing costly regulations will not serve the interests of local economies dependent on a strong and vibrant hospitality industry to protect and create jobs. You have certainly heard similar concerns expressed by other organizations representing small business owners, park concessionaires and restaurant owners.

In some cases, our members own or operate lakes or golf course ponds. As such, these new regulatory costs will also have a direct financial impact on their operations, costs that they may not be able to pass onto price conscious customers.

Please take into consideration the economic impacts of increasing regulations on a fishing industry that already complies with the strictest health and environmental standards in the Nation.

On behalf of our members, thank you for considering our request to reject the proposed regulations.

Sincerely,

Bobbie Singh-Allen
Executive Vice -President/COO