



Jim Kellogg, President
California Fish and Game Commission
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RE: DFG Proposed Fish Stocking Regulations, Impacts

Dear President Kellogg,

The California Asian Chamber of Commerce (CAPCC) is a State-wide organization that advocates on behalf of 500,000 Asian-Pacific Islander owned California businesses.

CAPCC writes to urge you to vote against the Department of Fish and Game's proposed fish stocking regulations. These regulations will impact many businesses throughout the State, including businesses represented by CAPCC.

CAPCC represents markets and restaurants throughout California, where a main draw for some consumers is the opportunity to buy fresh, live fish. The fish sold at these markets and restaurants are originally bought fresh from a privately-owned hatchery in California. These regulations will surely put some hatcheries out of business, lowering the supply of farmed fish while keeping demand for live fish constant.

As a result, markets and restaurants in California will have to pay a premium price for what is already healthy California farmed fish. This price increase will trickle-down to consumers, forcing some to reconsider buying healthy, live fish. Consequentially, the drop-off in customers will impact these markets' and restaurants' bottom lines, forcing business owners to make lay-offs or close their doors.

Also affected will be Koi hobbyists, importers, and distributors. It is our opinion that most hobbyists will not pay the thousands of dollars necessary for the environmental assessment and, instead, fill in their ponds with dirt. The closure of Koi ponds throughout the State will greatly affect Koi importers and distributors in the Asian Pacific Islander community.

In these poor economic times, when even government safety nets citizens used to be able to rely on are being cut, California government should not be making it harder for businesses to retain or add jobs. These regulations will negatively affect profits and the amount of people employed by markets, restaurants and Koi importers and distributors.

We urge you to consider the economic impacts these regulations will have, and vote no on the proposed fish stocking regulations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Fong Kushida".

Pat Fong Kushida
President/CEO