



May 19, 2011

The Honorable Jim Kellogg, President
California Fish and Game Commission
1416 Ninth Street, 13th Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear President Kellogg:

The California Fisheries and Seafood Institute is the nation's largest regional trade association representing the consumer seafood supply industry including producers, processors, distributors, cold storage facilities, exporters and importers of fish and seafood sold to California restaurants and grocers. Many of our customers sell live fish grown in California.

Many California employers and employees that we represent are dependent on access to healthy and affordable fish grown by California fish farmers. It has come to our attention that the Commission is considering unprecedented regulations that could cause undue harm to an industry that we depend on to serve our customers and consumers.

We urge the Commission to not adopt any proposed regulations on California fish farmers without examining the true need and knowing all of the costs associated with their implementation and the cost of ongoing compliance. We are certain that the commission has no desire to destroy a vital part of California's fresh fish industry, deny restaurants and retailers the ability to provide access of these wholesome products to their customers at higher prices.

Far too many jobs are at stake to act in haste and again, we urge you to consider the detrimental effect the proposed regs will have on employment, new and ongoing costs of compliance. Your decision will impact our members' livelihood, the jobs they support, and the quality products they offer to consumers.

Thank you for rejecting unwarranted and costly regulations.

Sincerely,

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