

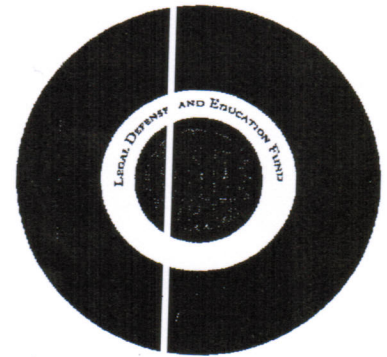
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Mr. Jim Kellogg, President
California Fish & Game Commission
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RE: Regulation of Fish Stocking

Dear Mr. Kellogg,

We are a statewide organization; it is with grave concern on behalf of the residents of this great state that we oppose the proposed regulations in regard to fish stocking, being considered on December 15th, 2011 at Commission meeting.

That this Commission would even entertain the premise of a new more onerous regulatory fee structure eliminating current exemptions, during a time when the counties of this state are already operating with a budget deficit and at a time which AB 109 is having such huge repercussions on county budgets, not to mention the declining revenue stream of all government agencies that will be even more impacted by the large number of people that will in fact lose their employment as a direct result of implementation of these proposed regulations.

This proposed action is simply inconsistent with what is good for counties where recreational activities, including fishing camping spur growth and sustain many of our rural communities, the seriousness of the impact on those employed in the stocking industry will cause many families to seek aid where there is little to be acquired. The balance of these rural communities is fragile to say the least in these economic times, We implore you to act in a responsible manner and reject passage of these new onerous regulations.

Sincerely,

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Vice Chairman, Government Policy & Community Relations