

# GIBSON RANCH PARK

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"...a little bit of country in the heart of the city."

October 12, 2011

Mr. Jim Kellogg

President

California Fish and Game Commission

P.O. Box 944209

Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

Dear Mr. Kellogg,

I write to you today regarding proposed DFG regulations affecting bodies of water on which recreational fishing occurs.

I operate Gibson Ranch Park in Sacramento County. Gibson Ranch Park is a 320 acre publicly owned park that is privately managed. As managers, we are responsible for providing services to the public. One of our most popular services, due in part to the proximity to the urban area and in part to the inexpensive admittance charge, is the opportunity for people to come to Gibson Ranch and fish in our nine acre lake. Our lake is stocked by DFG pursuant to an approved stocking plan.

*Our ability to continue to operate any given service is a function of keeping revenues and costs balanced. At present, fishing is a breakeven proposition at Gibson Ranch. Adopting new regulations that add to our operating costs by virtue of new testing or reporting requirements will necessitate an increase in the charge for fishing at this site or the elimination of urban fishing at this site.*

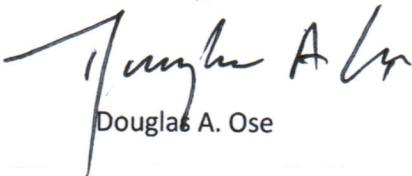
It appears to me that the new regulations are designed to protect the genetic purity of fish as they existed eighty years ago. The opportunity to protect the genetic purity of such fish, if it was ever scientifically defensible, was lost eighty years ago when stocking of lakes and streams began.

Attempting now to re-create the Garden of Eden by using regulatory edict is a lost cause with dire consequences to the ongoing viability of recreational fishing.

The consequence of adopting these proposed new regulations will be a reduction in the number of opportunities for fishing. I urge that the Commission reject these proposed new regulations.

Please call if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas A. Ose". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the beginning and a distinct "A" and "Ose" at the end.

Douglas A. Ose