



November 21, 2011

California Fish and Game Commission
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, CA 94244

Sub: Proposed Fish Stocking Regulations

Dear Commissioners,

As a concessioner at one of California's premier fishing recreational areas, I write in strong opposition to Department of Fish and Game's proposed fish stocking regulations.

These regulations will add a very burdensome layer of red tape to my fish stocking program and will cost me too much to comply. In a time in which California's economy is sluggish, adding these enormous costs to my budget will surely put my business in a hole. Fishermen who show up to the lake will be subject to higher fees and, as a result, will have less to spend on other items at Pardee Lake. The higher fees will also force some fishermen to stop fishing at Pardee Lake, which will not only hurt my business but all the businesses dependent on a constant stream of visitors to the lake.

These regulations will force my business to cover exorbitant costs and then pass these costs on to fishermen who enjoy using the excellent recreation services and Pardee Lake. I urge the commission to keep fresh water fish stocking as is, and allow my business to keep fees at an affordable cost for area fishermen.

Sincerely,

Richard Cooper
President
Pardee Lake Recreation, Inc.