



Dec. 2, 2011

Mr. Jim Kellogg, President
California Fish and Game Commission
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, CA 94244

SUBJECT: DFG's Proposed Fish Stocking Regulations

Dear Commissioner Kellogg,

My name is Mike Raahauge and I have owned and operated Mike Raahauge Shooting Enterprises in Corona, CA for over 40 years. My facility offers shooters from all over the country the ability to hunt, use our shooting range and shoot clays. My business also offers a fishing pond that customers can use without a fishing license. Many people who use my shooting facilities bring their children and families to the pond where they can fish and enjoy a day outdoors.

I write today urging you to not adopt the DFG's proposed fish stocking regulations. As the owner of a stocked lake, I would be forced to pay thousands of dollars for an environmental assessment if I wanted to continue to stock my lake with healthy, California-raised fish. I can tell you with certainty that I will not pay to comply with these regulations and will instead stop stocking my pond. Unfortunately, I will have to result to filling the pond with chemicals to keep mosquitoes, bacteria, and algae from overtaking it, leaving the families without the opportunity to fish.

The Commission needs to understand that I will not be the only business owner that will fill a pond with chemicals. The DFG's proposed "environmentally-friendly" regulations will force many people who stock fish for environmental purposes to instead dump chemicals into their ponds and lakes. This will not only make ponds inhabitable for fish, but it will, for my land specifically, force waterfowl to find a more suitable place to inhabit.

These regulations are hardly friendly to the environment because they force business owners to use cheaper, non-environmentally friendly tactics. Vote down these regulations and allow me to keep stocking my pond and offer fishing to families.

Sincerely,

Mike Raahauge

Mike Raahauge Shooting Enterprises, Owner

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