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Jim Kellogg, President
California Fish and Game Commission
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, CA. 94244-2090

RE: Proposed Fish Stocking Regulations

Dear Mr. Kellogg:

Padre Dam Municipal Water District would like to express its concern with the Proposed Fish Stocking Regulations that are to be discussed at the California Fish and Game Commission meeting in San Diego.

Padre Dam MWD owns and operates Santee Lakes a 194 acre Park and Campground. The facilities 7 lakes are stocked with Catfish and Rainbow Trout each year. Santee Lakes is visited by some 650,000 guests every year, many come to fish our Lakes and make great family memories.

We fear that the Proposed Stocking Regulations will have a significant negative impact on recreational fishing.

1. proposed regulations could be costly and put farms and lakes out of business
2. significantly increase the cost of farm raised fish for lakes and markets
3. lakes will reduce the amount they stock due to high prices
4. fishing permit fees will have to be increased to offset stocking cost
5. higher permit fees will force families to seek other recreational experiences
6. potentially lose current and future anglers due to cost

Mr. Kellogg we ask that you consider the trickle down negative impact that the proposed regulations would have on our ability to offer affordable recreational fishing to our patrons.

Sincerely,

Greg Even
Park and Recreation Coordinator
Santee Lakes Recreation Preserve

CC: Allen Carlisle, General Manager PDMWD
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