



November 17, 2011

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

SUBJECT: Oppose Proposed Fish Stocking Regulations

Dear Mr. President and Commissioners,

The Western Manufactured Housing Communities Association (WMA) is the statewide trade association representing the owners, operators and developers of manufactured home communities in California. Our members are largely mobilehome park owners who collectively own, operate and control over 175,000 mobilehome spaces in California and WMA has over 1700 member parks located in all 58 counties of California.

Our Board of Directors urges the Commission to reject proposed fish stocking regulations to be considered at its December 15th hearing in San Diego. As drafted, these regulations will come as a significant financial burden on our members' park operations and threaten a lifestyle our residents have come to enjoy. Many residents live in park communities that include lakes and ponds which offer recreational fishing amenities. Offering access to fishing and other such outdoor activities is a particularly attractive feature for parks that cater to the senior community.

Parkowners who operate stocked ponds and lakes are already heavily regulated by the Clean Water Act and many other agencies enforcing clean water laws. We believe these new regulations will offer little or no tangible benefits and will only act to add additional burdens on parkowners who offer this amenity to their residents. Should these fish stocking regulations be adopted, we believe that most park owners will no longer stock fish and result in an unintended consequence of costly and burdensome regulations. We certainly hope that the Commission will give serious consideration to rejecting regulations that also threaten a quality of life for those who live in manufactured homes and communities.

Sincerely,

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Western Manufactured Housing Communities Association

cc: WMA Board of Directors