



**May 25, 2010**

**Delta Stewardship Council  
C/o Pat Rogers, Staff**

**Re: Draft Delta Interim Plan**

**Members of the Stewardship Council:**

**The following are the comments and recommendations of the California Fisheries and Water Unlimited:**

**I have extensive experience dealing the losses of Central Valley salmon and steelhead resources in California. I am disabled and cannot attend Council meeting, I have reviewed the elements of the Draft Delta Interim Plan. The following are my comments:**

- 1. There must be swift corrective actions by the Council before we lose the Central Valley salmon fisheries to water development. Salmon must migrate through the Bay Delta Estuary safety to the Pacific Ocean.**
- 2. The losses of endangered salmon and threatened steelhead species at the State Pumps in the Bay Delta Estuary must be swiftly corrected by the Council to prevent further detrimental losses before dams and diversions exterminated the people's Central Valley salmon fisheries.**
- 3. The pumping at the State Pumps must be reduced or stopped during the down stream migration of juvenile endangered Chinook spring-run salmon and other races of juvenile salmon to the Pacific Ocean.**
- 4. The Council must correct threatened juvenile steelhead losses at the State Pumps before the people lose the Central Valley steelhead fisheries.**
- 5. The pumping at the State Pumps must be reduced or stopped during the down stream migration of threatened juvenile steelhead juvenile fish to the Pacific Ocean.**
- 6. Habitat (spawning, rearing, and migration) for Central Valley endangered spring-run salmon and threatened steelhead have been significantly and cumulatively affected by dams and water diversions. The Council must recommend and require there must be terms and conditions in all water right permits and licenses to provide for additional habitat and protection requirements for endangered spring-run salmon and threatened steelhead species in all waterways that are subject to control by the State Water Board.**

- 7. Dams and diversion controlled by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that affect spring-run Chinook salmon and threatened steelhead must be corrected by the Council by requiring the State Water Board to use their enforcement authority under Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act.**
- 8. The Council must examine, evaluate, and correct water transfers approved by the State Water Board from the Bay Delta Estuary by the CDWR at the State Pumps and by the USBR at the federal pumps. Pumping from both facilities affects water quantity and water quality in the Bay Delta Estuary, including losses to endangered and non-listed salmon species and threatened steelhead trout. The Council must require the State Water Board to following state statutes and deny water transfers that effect anadromous fish species at both pumps pursuant to the California Water Code.**
- 9. Commercial salmon fishing contributed significantly to the economy of California before the commercial salmon fishing fleet was adversely affected by water right decisions by the State Water Board. Recreational fishing for steelhead contributed significantly to the California economy. Twenty-One (21) Percent of Americans fish. When evaluating the effects to the economy regarding Council decisions that affect the Bay Delta Estuary, the Council must re-visit the contributions that salmon and steelhead have contributed to the economy of California and the losses to the economy because of water decisions. People eat farm grown produce, but people eat fish too.**

**Contact me for additional comments and recommendations. My background is enclosed. Thank you.**

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Signed by Robert J. Baiocchi**

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