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RE: Draft Delta Plan - Recreational Boating Stakeholder Participation

Dear Council Chair Isenberg and Acting Executive Director Grindstaff:

Recreational Boaters of California [RBOC] urges the Delta Stewardship Council to recognize the recreational boating community as a stakeholder and to include a representative of the recreational boating community in the development of the Delta Plan.

RBOC is the nonprofit governmental advocacy organization that works to protect and enhance the interests of the state's recreational boaters before the legislative and executive branches of state and local government. RBOC is in its 42nd year as a statewide organization, and since 1968 it has continued its commitment to promoting the enjoyment, protection, and responsible use of our waterways.

Recognition of the recreational boating community as a stakeholder, and involvement of boaters in developing the Delta Plan, would further the stated policy objective of the Delta Stewardship Council to "protect and enhance the unique cultural, recreational, and agricultural values of the California Delta as an evolving place."

The participation of the boating community would be consistent with the participation of the recreational boating community in the Delta Vision Stakeholders Group process, and would acknowledge the significant impact that actions - such as the Two-Gates Fish Protection Demonstration Program - have on the ability of boaters to navigate on Delta waterways and enjoy this unique recreational resource.

The recently-released first draft of the Delta Plan for the co-equal goals of a more reliable water supply and restoring the Delta ecosystem lists significant stakeholders who would be impacted by the plan - but fails to include the recreational boating community. We urge the Delta Stewardship Council to rectify this serious oversight.

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We appreciate this opportunity to communicate our request that recreational boaters be considered stakeholders and included in the development of the Delta Plan. Please feel free to contact me or our legislative advocate Jerry Desmond, Jr. at 916-441-4166, RBOC Vice President-North Linda Bendsen at 707-290-8747, or RBOC Past President David Breninger at 530-823-4860.

Sincerely,



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