



Memorandum

Date: November 13, 1996

To: Fish and Aquatic Ecosystem Assessment Methods Team
(See Enclosed List)

From: Lester A. Snow 
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Subject: Participation in Developing Fish and Aquatic Ecosystem Assessment Methods for Use in
CALFED's Programmatic EIR/EIS

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program (CALFED) is in the process of developing an assessment process for fish and the aquatic ecosystem to be used in the programmatic analysis of the three preliminary CALFED alternatives. CALFED has met with key agency and stakeholder representatives and fishery experts to share information and receive suggestions on the assessment process.

At the last team meeting on October 17, 1996 a draft process was identified for use in selecting assessment methods for fish and aquatic resources. Enclosed for your review, is the information package which summarizes this assessment process. This package contains:

- Narrative summary of the October 17, 1996 meeting
- Final draft definitions of aquatic communities, ecosystem functions and assessment variables
- Final draft species list
- Draft process for selection of assessment methods

CALFED believes that your participation will contribute to the success of the fisheries and aquatic ecosystem impact assessment process that will be used in CALFED's Programmatic Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS). **We ask that you review the enclosed materials and submit your comments by December 2, 1996.** CALFED staff and consultants are available to assist you in any way we can, and we look forward to your continuing input throughout the development of the Programmatic EIR/EIS. If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Halverson Martin at (916) 657-2666. Your input and perspectives will be greatly appreciated.

Enclosures

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