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TO: Agency Fisheries Representatives, Participants of August 22, 1996 Meeting  
See Attached List

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SUBJECT: Participation in Developing Fish Assessment Methods  
for Use in CALFED's Programmatic EIR/EIS

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program has requested your assistance in the development of an assessment process for fishery resources to be used in the programmatic assessment of the three preliminary CALFED alternatives. At our meeting on August 22, 1996, we revised and reached agreement on a fish species list for use in the assessment process (see attached list). Participants also agreed to provide input to CALFED regarding the completeness and priority of the assessment variable lists for each fish species. Assessment variables for each species of fish should be ranked according to the following criteria:

- 1 = The variable is definitely important in the assessment process.
- 2 = The variable may be important in the assessment process and needs further discussion.
- 3 = The variable is not very important in the assessment process and should be dropped from further consideration.

In addition, we asked participants to identify any assessment methods, which are not currently identified for important assessment variables for each species, and prepare new assessment variable lists for those species for which you have expertise and which do not currently have them.

The time frame for completing this work is short. We have asked you to provide comments on this material to CALFED by September 3, 1996. Information received by September 3rd will be compiled and distributed prior to the next scheduled fish assessment methods meeting on September 13, 1996. A complete meeting summary of both the August 22 and 27, 1996 meetings, the revised species list, the prioritized assessment variables and meeting agenda will be mailed out prior to the next meeting. In keeping with the established format, this meeting will be a focused work session. We ask that you review the materials which will be sent out for this meeting and be prepared to

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The Resources Agency  
Department of Fish and Game  
Department of Water Resources  
California Environmental Protection Agency  
State Water Resources Control Board

**Federal**

Environmental Protection Agency  
Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Reclamation  
Department of Commerce  
National Marine Fisheries Service

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discuss and comment on them at the meeting. The date has also tentatively been set for an October meeting on October 17, 1996 from 9 am to 12 noon.

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. Comments may be faxed to me at (916) 654-9780, or E-mailed to [wendyh@water.ca.gov](mailto:wendyh@water.ca.gov). If you have any questions, please call me at (916) 657-2666.

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