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**SUBJ: COMMENTS ON DRAFT PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT STATEMENT/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIS/EIR)**

I understand that, to date, the effort being conducted by the 15 state and federal agencies has not sufficiently considered the impacts that each of the alternative programs would have on recreational boaters and boating-related industry in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the San Francisco Bay.

As a recreational boater, I am very concerned that the draft programmatic EIS/EIR fails to adequately address critical issues and I cannot support any of the alternatives that are under consideration until a number of critical issues are addressed and there is sufficient mitigation to ensure that recreational boating will continue at the levels that are enjoyed today. Those issues are:

- Navigation in the Delta and Bay, including restrictions on speed and channel barriers.
- Water currents, flows and speed.
- Boating and existing boating-related facilities, including pumpout stations and gray water disposal.
- Existing businesses that rely on boaters as customers.
- Water depths in areas utilized by boaters.
- The absence of any activities to enhance the existing boating opportunities in the Delta and Bay, and to increase these opportunities as populations and users increase, including facilities, destination points, marinas, and others.

Yours very truly,



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