

ISDP 1996
Comments prepared for the November 14th hearing.
(Was unable to attend.)

The Draft EIR/EIS for the ISDP contains a chapter on Land Use and Planning and a chapter on Recreation. What is conspicuously missing is a chapter on Water Use and Planning that encompasses recreation. The South Delta provides the most convenient and potentially desirable opportunity for water borne recreational opportunities to the millions of Bay Area residents. Technology has brought the capability of such recreation to the individual level and its popularity has soared. More than one third of the vessels sold in 1995 were Personal Water Craft.

The Draft recognizes, in Chapter 12 on Land Use and Planning, that the proposed ISDP will have **significant negative impact** on the General Plans of both Contra Costa and San Joaquin Counties. Both of these counties, recognizing future growth and needs for recreation, call not only for preservation, but also the enhancement and development of recreational facilities and opportunities in the South Delta.

The Chapter on Recreation recognizes that the development of public recreational facilities has been in the North Delta. It also recognizes the few private facilities that serve the South Delta where it states that 25% of Delta recreation occurs. These small business operators are in desperate need of mitigation for damage and issues related to current CVP and SWP operations, let alone proposed project plans. If there has been a dime of public money spent of public facilities in the South Delta, you'll have to show me where, because I can't see them.

To overlook or disregard the recreational needs and requirements of the thousands (hundreds of thousands ???) of registered boat owners in the Bay Area counties is not only a travesty, it's a **CRIME**.