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Dear Interested Party:

In my letter of October 10 and its attached workshop "flyer", I announced a technical workshop on Wednesday, October 30, 1996 at 3310 El Camino Avenue, Sacramento in the Fish and Wildlife Services' basement conference rooms A and B.

As noted, the focus of this workshop will be to review the Anadromous Fish Restoration Programs' proposed fish flow and habitat objectives for those Central Valley rivers and the Delta upon which the Central Valley Project has direct influence due to their operational facilities. Our goal is to develop a final set of flow and habitat objectives that make the most effective use of the water resource "tools" of the CVPIA to benefit anadromous fish.

The attached enclosure describes our proposed (draft) fish flow and habitat objectives for your review prior to the workshop. We also supplement this list of objectives with a brief package of background information describing the objectives in more detail, the fish species and life stages targeted for benefit, a concise summary of the information supporting the objective and a evaluation/monitoring approach. Due to time constraints, background information on some objectives may not be available until the workshop.

We would appreciate your suggestions and recommendations from a biological perspective regarding the objectives themselves (i.e., Are they appropriate?, Need they be modified?) and their priority order (i.e., relative their magnitude of benefit, certainty of result, level of need, etc.).

We hope to have comprehensive input from fishery biologists with expertise on the diversity of anadromous fish and habitats represented in this effort. While our time on October 30th will be limited, we encourage your follow-up input via phone calls, E-mail, letter or, as time and staff resources allow, individual meetings and additional workshops.

Broad, technical input from the interested parties is important in designing the appropriate list of flow and habitat objectives. The final fish flow and habitat objectives will be used by the CVP in coordination with the SWP to develop the operations forecast for the 1997 water year. The final list of objectives will reflect the relative desirability of all biological priorities (both in Delta and upstream actions). As noted in my letter of October 10th, the next CVPIA workshop on November 13th will present the process and initial results of developing the CVP's 1997 operational forecast. This process includes a variety of modeling efforts that are underway to estimate the water supply costs of implementing these actions.

We look forward to your participation on the 30th and your continued assistance in developing the 1997 operational forecast.

Sincerely,

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