

Commercial Fishermen's Association

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Lester Snow, Executive Director
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Re: Restoring California's Fisheries

Dear Mr. Snow:

Located at the mouth of the Elkhorn Slough on Monterey Bay is the commercial fishing village of Moss Landing, California's largest salmon port. Moss Landing Commercial Fishermen's Association represents these commercial fishermen, and our membership's livelihoods depend on the harvest of California's renewable resources.

For years, we watched our salmon resource dwindle due to water diversions and other inland habitat destruction. However, after waging an uphill battle, the voters have spoken. Californians want their salmon resources (and their rivers) protected for their benefit.

Across the Pacific Northwest, a move to **remove unnecessary dams** is gaining momentum. Secretary Babbitt has personally taken the first symbolic swipe at a dam slated for removal. We are, therefore, outraged that CALFED would even remotely consider building any new dams in the State of California, especially if all other water management possibilities have not been fully explored. Californians need to be educated—they live in a desert (or what used to be one), not a tropical paradise, and not a salad bowl. The solution to our water problems depends on conservation and reclamation, not further destruction.

Yours truly,

MOSS LANDING COMMERCIAL
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cc: W.F. "Zeke" Grader, Jr.