

Agenda: G.4  
Salmon Season

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re Recreational Salmon Fishing Season in California

To whom it may concern;

I am a lifelong resident of California. I have been salmon fishing on the Pacific coast, since I was a child. I currently keep a boat in the Santa Cruz, California harbor.

I have used my boat 50% less in the past two years, than I did previously. This is due primarily to the fact that I have been unable to fish for salmon.

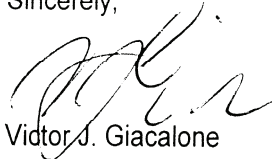
This means that the fuel dock and the bait store in the harbor have seen my expenditures in their establishments drop significantly. My situation is similar to that of thousands of boat owners in Northern California. This shortfall in spending affects not only the business owners, who depend on fishermen, but the State of California in terms of loss of sales' taxes – not to mention the many anglers, who have not purchased fishing licenses.

The combined hatchery and natural jacks counts, thus far, have allowed the experts to predict a season of 245,000 adults returning to spawn this year. This is well above the 122,000 conservation objective.

Overfishing is not depreciating the stocks dramatically. So, I would hope that you will vote to approve a recreational salmon season for 2010.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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