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Dear Pacific Fisheries Management Council,

I am writing to address the issue of the sudden decline in salmon in the Chinook Valley, in California. Recently, legislation was enacted banning the fishing of the salmon to preserve them. In my opinion, I believe that more action than a ban is needed to solve the problem. To get the Chinook Salmon fish population back up to a normal level, the source of the problem must be targeted.

The decline of Pacific Salmon has been predicted for some time now, at least as early as 1998, according to an article written by Nigel Williams of *Science* magazine. All predictions I found target global warming as the culprit behind the salmon's disappearance. Global Warming will increase the ocean temperature. Even a fraction of a degree in the average temperature difference can have drastic effects. Some problems include premature salmon eggs hatching due to warmer temperatures, water flow changes confusing salmon on where to lay eggs, and an increase in winter floods. The way to stop the salmon decline is in addition to the ban, pass more legislation slowing down Global Warming. The decline of the salmon is just another effect of global warming, one amongst many.

A copy of this letter has been sent to Governor Schwarzenegger to prompt further action.

From,

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