May 12, 1997

Robert C. Fletcher, Chair
Pacific Fishery Management Council
2130 SW Fifth Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97201

Dear Mr. Fletcher:

Your letter concerning the fisheries in the Sacramento, San Joaquin, and Trinity Rivers arrived at a very propitious time. We are in the final phases of a long and arduous process to obtain a factual base upon which to make the decision to carry out the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) and the Trinity River Restoration Act. We will keep in our minds your admonitions and your Council.

Sincerely,

John Garamendi
Deputy Secretary