A Comment

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RE: SALMON PREDATION DRAFT REPORT

TO PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS,

PLEASE GIVE THIS DRAFT REPORT YOUR ATTENTION. DON DODDS OF NORTH PACIFIC RESEARCH COMPILED THIS REPORT ON THE EFFECTS OF PREDATOR POPULATIONS ON SALMONIDS FROM EXISTING RESEARCH WITH A RESEARCH TEAM CONSISTING OF SOME 6 OR 7 PHD'S WHO DONATED THEIR EFFORT. THEY ARE ALL RETIRED OR SEMI -RETIRED RESEARCHERS. THE INTENT OF THE REPORT IS TO PROPOSE THAT CURRENT SALMONID RECOVERY PLANS MAY BE FLAWED IN THAT INCREASING PREDATOR POPULATIONS ARE NOT CONSIDERED IN RECOVERY EQUATIONS AND PROPOSALS.

THE FISHERMANS ALLIANCE OF CALIFORNIA IS REQUESTING THE COUNCIL CONSIDER FORMING A PANEL DEDICATED TO GIVING THIS VERY REAL PROBLEM THE FULL ATTENTION IT DESERVES. MR DODDS WILL BE IN MONTEREY THE LAST WEEK OF OCTOBER TO PRESENT THE REPORT TO THE RESEARCH AND FISHING COMMUNITIES HIMSELF AT MOSS LANDING MARINE LABS. SPECIFIC DATE AND TIME TO BE DETERMINED SOON. WE HOPE ANYONE INTERESTED WILL ATTEND.

THANK YOU FOR WORK ON BEHALF OF FISHERY INTERESTS

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