



Fwd: West coast ocean habitats

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Hi. I'm maybe a little belated in my awareness of these critical issues, but I served my country in the US Navy Hospital Corps @ San Diego & 29 Palms, & grew to love both of these fragile ecosystems. PLEASE don't let them be compromised, any more than they have been, by the big corporations who have laid waste already to many areas like these for the sake of money & ego. I'm sure you're aware of the eons of time that blessed us with such areas, & that it will take no time at all for them to be destroyed by greedy executives & their operatives. I'm imploring you, for the sake of ALL OF US who care, to be vigilant in protecting them.

Thank you.

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Thank you for your comments to the Pacific Fishery Management Council. Your comments have been received and will be forwarded to the appropriate staff member for processing.

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To promote the economic, social and environmental viability of Northern California by enhancing and preserving the water rights, supplies and water quality of our members.

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RE: Actions to Increase Survivability of Out-migrating Winter-run Chinook Smolts

Dear Senior Agency Personnel:

The Northern California Water Association (NCWA) concurs with the Golden Gate Salmon Association's recommendations in its January 29th letter that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) postpone the release of 173,000 winter-run Chinook salmon until forecasted precipitation increases the flow and turbidity in the Sacramento River. Any actions that will increase the likelihood of smolt survivability, including moving the release site downstream to take advantage of increased turbidity, would be helpful with the current drought conditions.

NCWA is committed to advance the economic, social, and environmental sustainability of the Sacramento Valley by enhancing and preserving its water rights, supplies, and water quality for the rich mosaic of farmlands, refuges and managed wetlands, meandering rivers that support fisheries and wildlife, and cities and rural communities in the region.

Over the past couple of decades, water managers in the Sacramento Valley have been actively engaged in programs and projects to enhance salmonid passage and habitat in the Sacramento River and its tributaries. Most recently, various water management entities have voluntarily implemented projects to reduce stranding, re-manage flows and make structural improvements to enhance instream habitat and change the timing of diversions to increase flows for migrating salmon.

The recommended actions to improve the survivability of out-migrating winter-run Chinook salmon will complement these past actions and help the species. We encourage USFWS to strongly consider these recommendations regarding the release of the winter-run hatchery smolts.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David J. Guy".

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