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Dr. Donald McIsaac
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Dear Dr. McIsaac:

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As you know, Chinook salmon from the Sacramento River are critical to the health and wellbeing of the Western United States' coastal communities and ocean economies with tens of thousands of jobs supported and multiple millions of dollars in revenue generated each year. The health of anadromous fish populations and the efficacy of water management policies are deeply intertwined, and with this in mind we write to request that the Pacific Fisheries Management Council provide thorough analysis and comments on the potential or apparent impacts of newly introduced legislation that could potentially affect salmon populations and habitat.

Specifically, S.2533, the California Long-Term Provisions for Water Supply and Short-Term Provisions for Emergency Drought Relief Act (Senator Feinstein) would likely significantly affect Delta salmon and the ecosystems on which they rely. As the entity charged with ensuring the sustainability of the West Coast's marine fisheries, we ask for your consideration and evaluation of this bill.

We thank you for your prompt and informative analysis of past drought-related bills and their potential impacts on Delta salmon as well as the Council's continued dedication to the preservation of marine fisheries in California and throughout the region. Your comments on S.2533 will continue to provide us with additional perspectives from multiple viewpoints that will allow us to more effectively evaluate Western drought legislation.

Sincerely,



JARED HUFFMAN
Member of Congress



MIKE THOMPSON
Member of Congress