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Pacific Fisheries Management Council  
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Council Members,

The Trinity River Fishing Guides Association Inc. represents 100 licensed, registered and permitted recreational fishing guides that fish the 110+ river miles of the Trinity River. We collectively average 10,000 client days per year fishing the Trinity River. The recreational sport fishing value of the Trinity River and its anadromous fishing spans a ten month fishing opportunity. It is one of the longest recreational inland sports fishing seasons of any West Coast river systems. It also contributes approximately \$4 million annually to the economies of Trinity and Humboldt Counties.

The TRGA requests that the Council direct NMFS to investigate and provide for an In-River Coho fishery for the Trinity River in northern California only.

The Trinity River Hatchery grows and releases 500,000 yearling Coho salmon per year. It only takes 1,000 adult Coho salmon to provide the necessary eggs to accomplish this. For the last 10yrs the TRH has had a return of 3,800 to 18,000 adult Coho salmon, more than enough to provide hatchery needs, an in-river fishery and spawning escapement. TRGA suggests that we start with a limit of 5 adult hatchery marked season to see if there is an effect to the fishery.

The TRH is a federally mitigated hatchery, run by CDF&G, to replace the spawning grounds lost by the dam. If we California sportsmen are paying for these fish why should we not be able to realize the benefits of these fish? Where do these fish go? They go out to sea to be caught and released by ocean sport fishermen and up to Oregon to be harvested by fishermen. Oregon has a Coho Salmon Season, why not California fishermen have an in-river fishery? This seems as a reasonable request for our license fees.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Respectful y submitted,

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