

Sharon Stohrer - Fwd: 303(d) Proposed Listings

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Craig,
As I mentioned to you, the proposed 303(d) listing of the Feather River, North Fork (below Lake Almanor) for Mercury and for Water Temperature has incorrectly identified the existing beneficial uses to include warm freshwater habitat. The North Fork Feather River is designated as having cold freshwater habitat and cold water spawning, but no warm water beneficial uses. Please note that edits need to be made to the Fact Sheets for this river segment (found in Volume III on pages 52, 53, and 56) to delete any suggestion of a warm freshwater habitat designation.

Please include this and my previous e-mail message in your record of comments received.
Thank you, Sharon

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Good Morning Craig,
I was reading through the 303 (d) fact sheets, and I see that the listing proposals for North Fork Feather River (below Lake Almanor) Temperature (Vol. III, p. 56) and Mercury (Vol. III, p. 52) impairments both suggest that the NFFR has a beneficial use of warm freshwater habitat. Please check the *Lines of Evidence* section on both of these proposals and compare to the Basin Plan.

To my knowledge, the NFFR has cold freshwater habitat and cold water spawning uses, but no warm water uses. Lake Almanor itself has both cold and warm freshwater uses, but the Beneficial Use table in the 1998 Basin Plan, 4th Edition, as ammended through 2004 does not designate warm water uses for the River. I am referencing the website posting of the Basin Plan... have I missed something?

I'd appreciate hearing from you on this, and discussion if necessary.
Thanks for your help. Sharon

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