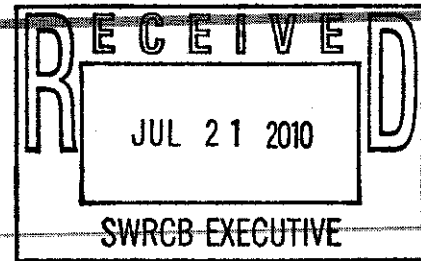


commentletters - Comment Letter - Klamath River - TMDLs

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Thank you very much for incorporating comments from the public on this matter.

I am the owner of a recreational business - fishing and family summer resort - on the Klamath in Orleans, CA and would like to offer these comments.

In general I would recommend that the state board adopt the mainstem Klamath TMDL .It seems like alot of thoughtful, scientific study has gone into it and it will help to restore the Klamath's resiliency and water quality. I would like to see an expansion of the thermal refugia protection policy by extending it to a year round policy. I am on the Board of the Mid Klamath Watershed Council and have personnally witnessed the incredible increase in both juvenile and spring chinook numbers after thermal refugia expansion and believe it offers one of the best protections for the salmon and steelhead continued survival in the Klamath River.

I have also witnessed the plummeting populations of Salmon and Steelhead over the last 18 years and think it is imperative to compel agricultural polluters to comply with water quality standards in the interim between TMDL adoption and development of a basin-wide agricultural waiver. Voluntary pollution reductions have had little success in other parts of the basin, such as the Scott and Shasta,so it is time to go one step further and mandate this action.

Other than that, as I said, I very much support adopting the Klamath TMDL as soon as possible.

Thank you very much.

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