



I would like to comment about the proposal to increase water flows in the central California rivers. I farm a small walnut orchard and am an avid fisherman of streams, reservoirs, and delta waters. The Water Resources Control Board proposal to increase water flows in the rivers is flawed. The effect on salmon restoration is highly questionable and the cost to agriculture and power customers too great for the benefit received. Most people that look at this salmon problem objectively conclude that the striped bass, a non-native fish, are responsible for the majority of the salmon fry that do not make it out of the delta. The State Dept. of Fish and Game has yet come up with a viable program to route salmon up to the rivers to spawn. Until a program can be instituted that is viable to all interests and considers economic costs to effected parties. the river flows should not change.

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