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**Subject:** Fish Numbers on the Big Sur River -- Early 1970s

Dear Mr. LeNeve,

I want to lend my support, in the form of this email letter, to the CSRA's efforts to help the State Water Board fully understand the sad condition of the fishery on the Big Sur River today. During the years my friends and I fished the Big Sur in the late 1960s through the mid 1970s, we each typically caught 4 to 5 trout in the 8-12" range. More could be caught using bait, but we preferred the challenge of using lures. The winter steelhead fishing was never easy, but the fish were there and you could at least see them. While some fisheries in California such as the Yuba River have actually improved since the 1970s, it is sad to see how the Big Sur River fishery has declined. I don't even bother fishing the Big Sur any more because I'd feel too guilty about taking what are probably the last two fish left in the river. None of the fisherman I know ever bother fishing it either, though we share fond memories of what a beautiful and healthy fishery it once was.

I hope the State Water Board will not permit activities that further contribute to the decline of the fish population in the Big Sur.

Sincerely,  
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