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Subject: Comment letter - AB2121 Policy

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am very concerned about AB2121, the proposed North Coast Instream Flow Policy and the impact it may have on The Sea Ranch's ability to have access to sufficient water during the summer season if it is implemented.

I am very supportive of efforts to improve conditions for the salmon in the Gualala River, but not at the expense of cutting off the water supply to Sea Ranch and to other local residents who depend on the river for our only source of water. Sea Ranch residents use much less water than the typical California resident and as a consequence there is very little ability for us to conserve water.

Also, it is my understanding that The Sea Ranch actually draws its water from an underground aquifer rather than from the river, so reducing our water allocation will not benefit the salmon.

Those of us who live on the coast are a long way from Sacramento and aren't always aware of changes being contemplated from afar. I hope that you will consider each river on a case by case basis and look at the impacts your policy will have on local residents before making any changes that would affect their ability to stay in their homes.

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