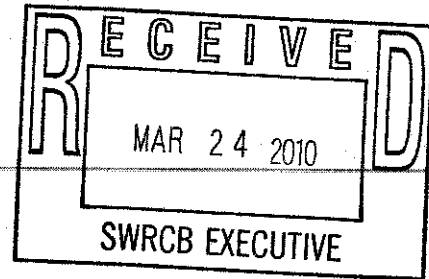


**commentletters - CA State AB2121**

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Dear Sirs or Madams:

Please do not restrict the water being taken from the Gualala River. Obviously, this has to do with fish.

If the State of CA would remove some of the tons of gravel (ask the local Bedrock Co to do this), the fish would not be in danger and the river would become the way it used to be with many many steelhead spawning. There would be deep pockets of water to keep the steelhead cool so they wouldn't heat up as they do now because there are no pockets of water for them.

In the days back in the 1950's, gravel was taken out of the river for just this event...to make it better for the fish. By denying the local gravel company in allowing them to remove this gravel from the river over the past fifty or so years, the gravel has built up and that is what is making it dangerous for the fish.

This is like the proverbial dog chasing it's tail! It IS environmentally safe to take the gravel out of the river and the local company knows how to do this so as not to destroy the riparian vegetation, etc. But, some of our locals, who are very new to the area and haven't lived here for years and years as I have, don't understand that there is a safe way to remove the gravel to safe the fish. Year after year the rains have brought down the rocks from upstream...and when the gravel is not removed, it is hazardous for the fish.

I don't think whoever wrote this bill understands that there is a much better way to save the fish...remove the gravel and there will be water for the fish.

How easy is this?

Thank you,

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