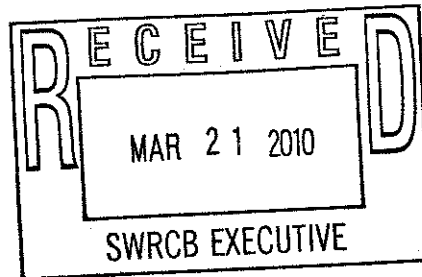


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4/27/10 Board Hearing
AB 2121
Deadline: 3/26/10 by 12 noon

Subject: Comment Letter AB 2121 Policy for Maintaining Instream Flows

These are my comments on the February 2010 revision of the Proposed Policy for Maintaining Instream Flows in Northern California Coastal Streams (Flow Policy).

I have concerns about steelhead and Coho salmon in the Russian River. Both fish have seen major declines in their numbers. One of the factors causing their decline is diversions that result in lack of water according to the Central Coast Coho Recovery Plan Chapter 10 on Recovery Actions for the Russian River.

The current draft of the Flow Policy has problems:

- It needs more monitoring for flows and policy effectiveness
- It needs to take into account the cumulative effects
- It needs an enforcement plan
- It needs to address existing diversions and new applications

The final policy must include provisions for recovery of listed fish in all circumstances and be enforceable.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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