

Barnes, Peter@Waterboards

From: Doug Neal <almanorfishingadventures@frontiernet.net>
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2015 3:51 PM
To: Barnes, Peter@Waterboards
Subject: Thermal Curtain

Mr. Barnes,

Doug Neal here.

I am a Lake Almanor resident and Almanor Fishing Guide.

I speak for many when I say "We don't want a Thermal curtain" it will ruin Lake Almanor.

Almanor is a proven fishery that's almost 100 years old. Almanor is a shallow lake, barley averaging 55 ft. deep, and only a very small percentage of its water is considered cold, about 6%.

If that 6% or more, gets removed, it would harm Lake Almanor,s eco system
Almanor has been warming slowly as it is.....and this drought is far from over.

A Cornell University study says we are in year 3 of a 10 year drought.

Taking out the only small amount of cold water we have will be harmful !! , believe me
"it wont help".

It would be like taking the life blood from the lake.

Brown Trout have been naturally spawning here for decades, We are not willing to risk that.

And for what? a roll of the dice? that Lake Almanor wont suffer? We cant take that gamble.

And for what? just to please a few fishermen down stream?

There's no assurances that this project will even work.

There's really no proof the waters downstream are any warmer now than they were 80 years ago.

Lake Almanor Trout and Salmon fishing suffers from a warm lake.

It will have negative effect the already struggling local economy.

Algae problems will become more frequent. Bait fish will die off, birds that have migrated here for almost a century will be impacted.

It's a boondoggle, a total waste of taxpayer money. Often referred to as "Pork Barrel" spending.

its bad enough be taxed, but to waste tax dollars on a project like this is unacceptable.

It would be a terrible mistake, and once its ruined it will take decades to fix.

Do the right thing! Be a hero, please do what you can to stop this insane project.
Douglas A. Neal.

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From: Doug Neal <almanorfishingadventures@frontiernet.net>
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2015 11:44 AM
To: Barnes, Peter@Waterboards
Subject: Thermal Curtain

Dear Mr. Barnes,

Under NO circumstances do I approve of the use of a thermal curtain to cool downstream water at Lake Almanor. It is unproven technology that will RUIN a proven fishery at Lake Almanor. Surely there are more inexpensive ways to cool downstream water, such as trees to provide shaded areas and better water release procedures. I am very upset that our government continues to shun the concerns of the people who live and recreate at Lake Almanor. Leave our lake alone! Do not ruin a great fishing and recreation area for the sake of government compliance. The proposed area is adjacent to Brown Trout spawning beds, these Browns have been spawning here for many decades. Dredging will not help, it will destroy.

Removal of cold water will be harmful to this great fishery in so many ways.

Did you see the article in Western Outdoor News? ...Your SWRCB is being blasted for this proposal.

It's just the beginning. News stations and Radio programs are all lining up against this Draft EIR.

I live here year round, and the grapevine/feel around the community is that staging that Chester meeting in the middle of winter has been sneaky and underhanded.

Have another meeting in Chester this summer, when thousands of other home owners are here..There will be 600 people there to greet you.

I will continue to fight the thermal curtain, as it is a waste of money and another government intrusion into the lives of those who enjoy the lake. I ask you to please consider other alternative solutions that will have the support of the Lake Almanor community, as opposed to the thermal curtain which is universally opposed by all residents and visitors of the Lake Almanor area. NO THERMAL CURTAIN!

Douglas A. Neal,
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