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**Subject:** Lake almanor thermal curtain

Mr. Barnes,

As an avid outdoorsman and fisherman, I am appalled about the adverse ecological, biological, and economic effects the proposed "Thermal Curtain" will have on Lake Almanor. I have fished Lake Almanor for over 25 years and know the Lake and its outstanding fish resources very well. The lake is a COLD WATER FISHERY! Draining off a large portion of its cold water via the thermal curtain will inevitably affect the quality of the fishing, particularly for the cold water species (Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, King Salmon, and Smallmouth Bass). As the water temperature rises, adverse vegetation including a variety of algae will "choke out" areas previously rich in their fishing resource. Finally, the economic viability of those resorts and businesses which depend on the outstanding fishing and recreational activities afforded by Lake Almanor will seriously suffer or disappear.

I hope you will use all of your expertise and influential decision making to oppose the thermal curtain and its attendant adverse effects on the survival of this valuable resource.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Joseph Patten