

Barnes, Peter@Waterboards

From: David Welch <dlnwelch@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 7:14 PM
To: Barnes, Peter@Waterboards
Subject: Against Thermal Curtain in Lake Almanor

Dear Mr. Barnes,

I have owned a house at Lake Almanor for over 20 years. Both my sons grew up fishing at Lake Almanor. I am retiring next year and looking forward to many hours fishing at the lake. I am aghast at the continued efforts to undertake a thermal curtain project. Under NO circumstances do I approve of the use of a thermal curtain to cool downstream water from 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. Do not ruin a great fishing and recreation area for the sake of government compliance. I will continue to fight the thermal curtain, as it is a waste of money and an unwanted 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.

Sincerely,

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From: David Welch <dlnwelch@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2015 11:20 AM
To: Barnes, Peter@Waterboards
Subject: Continuing concern re SWRCB position on Thermal Curtain at Lake Almanor

Mr. Barnes,

As an avid outdoorsman and fisherman, I am extremely concerned about the adverse ecological, biological, and economic effects the proposed "Thermal Curtain" will have on Lake Almanor. I have fished Lake Almanor on numerous occasions for over 25 years and know the Lake and its outstanding fish resources very well. The lake and fish resources are dependent on the deep cold water environment. 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 to a degree, 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,

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