Official Public Comment 1671

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Thank You,

Name: Gary Rolleman

Address: 3352 Goodway Ct

City/State/Zip: Soquel CA 95073

Official Public Comment 1672

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Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

David J. Banks
6171 Tollgate
Sisters, OR 97759

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Thank You,

Name: Barbara Bazan

Address: P.O. Box 178

City/State/Zip: Calpine Ca 96124

Postcards from Gary Rolleman, David J. Banks, and Barbara Bazan

1671-1 Please see thematic responses titled "Fisheries."

1672-1 Please see thematic responses titled "Fisheries."

1673-1 Please see thematic responses titled "Fisheries."

Postcards from William R. Nelson, Larry Kuticka, and B. Wensrich

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Thank You,

Name: William R. Nelson

Address: 7329 Del Cielo Way

City/State/Zip: Modesto, CA 95356

1674-1 Please see thematic responses titled "Fisheries."

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Thank You,

Name: Larry Kuticka

Address: 1625 Albemarle Way

City/State/Zip: Burlingame, Ca # 94010

1675-1 Please see thematic responses titled "Fisheries."

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Thank You,

Name: B Wensrich

Address: 9941 Crystal Creek Dr.

City/State/Zip: Sac, CA 95829

1676-1 Please see thematic responses titled "Fisheries."

Postcards from Neil Palmer, Andrew Kerfoot, and Jon Haumeder

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Thank You,

Name: Neil Palmer

Address: 1020 Angel Hts

City/State/Zip: Fortuna Ca 95540

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Official Public Comment 1678

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Thank You,

Name: Andrew Kerfoot

Address: 3310 Annette Ct.

City/State/Zip: Arcata CA 95521

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Official Public Comment 1679

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Thank You,

Name: Jon Haumeder

Address: 1121 14 St.

City/State/Zip: Arcata CA 95521

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Official Public Comment 1680

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Thank You,

Name: Joan Levy

Address: 40 Glendale Dr.

City/State/Zip: Arcata, CA 95519

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Thank You,

Name: Cunielle Rich

Address: 4916 Cutoff Rd.

City/State/Zip: Bayside, CA. 95524

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Thank You,

Name: Daniel Lee

Address: 5316 Anhinita Ct

City/State/Zip: Arcata CA 95521

Postcards from Joan Levy, Cunielle Rich, and Daniel Lee

1680-1 Please see thematic responses titled "Fisheries."

1681-1 Please see thematic responses titled "Fisheries."

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Postcards from Howard Freiman, Greg Jones, and Mya Rich-Zeeb

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Thank You,

Name: Howard Freiman

Address: 4496 Dubeault Rd

City/State/Zip: Bayside Ca 95524

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Official Public Comment 1684

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Thank You,

Name: Greg Jones

Address: 1414 23rd ST. #3

City/State/Zip: SACRAMENTO, CA 95816

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Address: 4496 Dubeault Rd

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Thank You,

Name: Stanley N. Roscoe, Ph.D.
Address: 2750 Sunnygrove Ave.
City/State/Zip: McKinleyville, CA 95519-7912

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Thank You,

Name: Jim Miller
Address: 2161 Parkridge Dr.
City/State/Zip: Riverbank CA. 95367

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Thank You,

Name: Zetta L. Graysover
Address: 15454 Orange Blossom
City/State/Zip: Oakdale Ca 95361

Postcards from Stanley N Roscoe, Ph. D., Jim Miller, and Zetta L. Graysover

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Thank You,

Name: Dennis Kellett

Address: 2033 Touraine Lane

City/State/Zip: Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

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Name: TED GRAUPNER

Address: 15454 Orange Blossom Rd

City/State/Zip: Oakdale, CA 95361

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Thank You,

Name: Wade Meier

Address: 802 E. Fairmont

City/State/Zip: Modesto Cal. 95350

Postcards from Dennis Kellett, Ted Graupner, and Wade Meier

1689-1 Please see thematic responses titled "Fisheries."

1690-1 Please see thematic responses titled "Fisheries."

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Thank You,

Name: KEN EUGENE

Address: 555 GLENWOOD AVE #A 208

City/State/Zip: MENLO PARK, CA 94025

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Thank You,

Name: LES JUNGE

Address: 2607 PONCE AVE.

City/State/Zip: BELMONT, CA. 94002-1540

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Thank You,

Name: ROGER SILBER

Address: 1059 S' ST.

City/State/Zip: NEWMAN, CA 95360

Postcards from Ken Eugene, Les Junge, and Roger Silber

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Name: Mike Wintroath

Address: 221 Laurel

City/State/Zip: Redwood Cit. Ca. 94062

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Name: Steve Corbin

Address: 262 Alameda

City/State/Zip: Redwood City Ca 94062

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Thank You,

Name: David Kruss

Address: 2053 Queens Ln

City/State/Zip: San Mateo, CA 94402

Postcards from Mike Wintroath, Steve Corbin, and David Kruss

1695-1 Please see thematic responses titled "Fisheries."

1696-1 Please see thematic responses titled "Fisheries."

1697-1 Please see thematic responses titled "Fisheries."

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Thank You,

Name: SHIRLEY PENPRAZE

Address: 9 FAIRVIEW PL.

City/State/Zip: MILLBRAE, CA. 94030

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Address: 2053 Queens Ln.

City/State/Zip: San Mateo, CA 94402

Official Public Comment 1700

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Thank You,

Name: GREG LEESON

Address: POB 1742

City/State/Zip: Colfax CA 95713

Postcards from Shirley Penpraze, Linda Kruss, and Greg Leeson

1698-1 Please see thematic responses titled "Fisheries."

1699-1 Please see thematic responses titled "Fisheries."

1700-1 Please see thematic responses titled "Fisheries."

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DEAR MR. POLOS,

I ASK THAT YOU DO ALL THAT YOU CAN TO RESTORE THE TRINITY TO THE MAGNIFICENCE IT ONCE HAD. PERHAPS OUR GRANDCHILDREN WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY THE BOUNTY OF A RESURRECTED RIVER. 1701-1

IT IS THE LEAST WE CAN DO.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS

Jim Lynch

Letter from Jim Lynch Dated November 30, 1999

1701-1 Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.

1702

Martha & Jerry Aikman
2205 Road H
Redwood Valley
95470

November 28,1999

Hon. Bruce Babbitt
Secretary of the Interior
c/o Mr. Joe Polos
Fish & Wildlife Service
1125 16th St., Rm 209
Arcata, CA 95521

Dear Secretary Babbitt and Mr. Polos,

Please restore at least 70% of the water flows to the Main stem Trinity River. The following are my reasons for urging you to take this action: 1702-1

1. **Trinity River Act of 1955**, authorizing the dams, specifically **mandated that the fish and wildlife of the basin not be harmed**. The Interior Secretary was directed to ensure that fish and wildlife in the basin were protected. However, since the dams were completed in 1963, **water diversions led to a nearly 90 percent decline** in the fisheries by the early 1990's. The coho salmon now is listed under the Endangered Species Act, and steelhead are a candidate for listing.

2. The federal government's **trust obligations to two Native American Tribes have gone unfulfilled** for more than 36 years because of excessive water diversions from the Trinity River. The time has come for the federal government to begin fulfilling its legally mandated responsibilities to the Hoopa Valley and Yurok Tribes. 1702-2

3. Two decades of study and scientific evidence have given us the needed information to make a good decision for the Trinity. While the science and study that produced the Flow Evaluation Report are sound, the recommendations were limited by an

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Letter from Martha and Jerry Aikman Dated November 28, 1999

1702-1 Please see thematic responses titled "Fisheries."

1702-2 Please see thematic response titled "Tribal Trust."

Letter from Martha and Jerry Aikman continued

Hon. B. Babbitt & Mr. Polos, pg. 2

assumption about the amount of water that could be available for the river. However, more water can be made available since the legislation creating the Trinity River Division, and later **legislation, clearly gives Trinity fish and wildlife priority over the diversion of any water** to the CVP.

4. When the Trinity is restored, the **commercial and sport fishing, rafting, and tourism** economies of the Northern California and Southern Oregon **will rebound.**

5. The Trinity River and its restoration program are completely independent of the CALFED process. Restoration of the Trinity River is mandated in the 1955 legislation authorizing construction of the Trinity River Division, the Trinity River Basin Fish and Wildlife Management Act of 1984, and the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA). **The CVPIA** reaffirms the Trinity's unique position within the Central Valley Project (CVP) and **clearly sets forth that restoration of the Trinity is to be considered independently from other California water issues.**

6. The **federal government's promise to maintain a healthy fishery in the Trinity River has been disregarded for the last 36 years**, and past legislation mandated a flow decision by the end of 1996. If these legislated promises are not finally fulfilled, why should we believe any promises developed through CALFED? A restored Trinity River will allow Californians to have faith that the ongoing CALFED negotiations will produce meaningful improvement in our state's water policies.

I respectfully urge you to restore a minimum of 70% of Trinity River water to the river, its fish and wildlife and to those of us who use the river for recreation and our livelihoods. Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Jerry Aikman

Martha Aikman Jerry Aikman

Martha Aikman

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1703

PAOLUCCIO
PAOLUCCIO
ASSOCIATES
ARCHITECTS ENGINEERS

Mr. Joe Polos
United States Fish & Wildlife Service
1125 16th Street, Room 209
Acarta, California 95521

Dear Mr. Polos:

The Trinity River is in terrible shape when compared to its pre dam beauty. I have fly fished this river since the middle 50s, and have seen a continuous decline in the fishery and the quality of the river. If you recall, just after the dam came a slow avalanche of sand. Pools on the river, including Indian Creek, were just smothered with sand. The dam killed the river, and it is difficult to overcome the problems it has created. The compromise is to increase flows. A flow of at least 70% of its natural flow rate is required to provide for a minimally healthy ecology and fishery. } 1703-1

I also remember the thousands of salmon on their spawning mission. A few salmon each year now spawn. This fact is a fundamental expression of our failure to understand river management and fishery control - an international problem. We can do better with your help.

I know this letter is late in getting to you, as I was in Morocco during the hearings. Morocco's rivers and the rivers throughout Europe are a precursor of how our rivers will look in a few years, if we act properly and responsibly now.

Your efforts in this direction are appreciated.

Best Regards,

Joseph P. Paoluccio

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Letter from Joseph P. Paoluccio Dated November 30, 1999

1703-1 Please see thematic responses titled "Fisheries."

1704

4-5

11-28-99

DEAR EIS/EIR TEAM MEMBERS

I SUPPORT A DIVERSION OF NO MORE THAN 30 PERCENT OF THE NATURAL WATER FLOW FROM THE TRINITY RIVER BASIN. WHILE I SUPPORT THE SCIENCE AND STUDY THAT PRODUCED THE FLOW EVALUATION REPORT, THE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE LIMITED BY AN ASSUMPTION ABOUT THE AMOUNT OF WATER THAT COULD BE AVAILABLE FOR THE RIVER. 1704-1

LEGISLATION CREATING THE TRINITY RIVER DIVISION AND ADDITIONAL LEGISLATION CLEARLY GIVES TRINITY FISH AND WILDLIFE PRIORITY OVER THE DIVERSION OF ANY WATER TO THE CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT (CVP).

THEREFORE, THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE DOES NOT GO FAR ENOUGH TO ACHIEVE LEGALLY

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Letter from Ronald A. Zuber Dated November 28, 1999

1704-1 Please see thematic responses titled "Fisheries."

Letter from Ronald A. Zuber continued

MANDATED RESTORATION OF THE ECOSYSTEM.

THANK YOU

RONALD A. ZUBER
4700 FAWN ST.
SHINGLE SPGS, CA. 95682

1705

11/29/99

Mr. Joe Polos
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Dear Sir,

I am writing you regarding the Trinity River Fisheries EIS/R. For the following reasons I believe the Trinity should be allowed to keep at least 70 percent of its flow: } 1705-1

1. Contrary to the mandate of the Trinity River Act of 1955, there has been a severe decline in the health of the river's fisheries;
2. Trinity River fish and wildlife have clear legal priority over the diversion of any water to the CVP;
3. Restoration of Trinity flows will greatly improve the economy of the area; and
4. It is time to end the federal government's neglect of its trust obligations to the Hoopa and Hurok tribes because of excessive water diversions. } 1705-2

Sincerely,

Bruce A Wray

5874 Quicksilver Rd.
Pollock Pines CA 95726

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Letter from Bruce A. Wray Dated November 29, 1999

1705-1 Please see thematic responses titled "Fisheries."

1705-2 Please see thematic response titled "Tribal Trust."

30 Nov 99

1706

Mr. Polos,

I am writing in response to the Draft EIS/EIR for the Trinity River Main Stem Restoration. I have reviewed the summary as well as much of the whole thing on CDROM.

Although I believe the goals of the preferred alternative are what's best for the Trinity River and the interests of the various stake holders, the draft appears short on detailed commitments. I am therefore concerned that without strong commitments added, the preferred alternative will be compromised to the detriment of the River, the fish, the tribes, and our nation. 1706-1

Our nation has been delinquent in our duties for the past 36 years with regards to the Trinity River. Please make sure the preferred alternative is amended to include stringent, enforcable, requirements that at least 70% of the Trinity's water stays in the river. 1706-2

Without such strong assurances, the only alternative I can support is the Dam removal option. This option should have been studied (as the Tribes noted) and I will have to support it if there are no other alternatives with strong commitments to river restoration. 1706-3

Thank you.

Joseph G. Petrofsky
P.O. Box 2413
Cupertino CA 95015

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Letter from Joseph G. Petrofsky Dated November 30, 1999

1706-1 Please see thematic response titled "Implementation Funding and Relationship to Repayment, Reimbursement, and the CVPIA Restoration Fund."

1706-2 Please see thematic responses titled "Fisheries."

1706-3 Please see Response 1389-4.

1707

Roger Lasich
3810 Milton Ter.
Fremont, CA 94555-2242

29 November, 1999

Joe Polos
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
1125 16th Street, Room 209
Arcata, CA 95521

Dear Mr. Polos:

SUBJECT: WRITTEN COMMENTS ON TRINITY RIVER FISHERIES RESTORATION ENVIORNMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND REPORT.

It has been almost forty years since completion of the dam on the Trinity River. The dam was authorized by the Trinity River Act of 1955, which also mandated that the fish and wildlife of the basin not be harmed; the Interior Secretary was chartered to ensure this protection. Unfortunately, the secretary has not fulfilled the public trust. Since that time, water diversions have lead to a ninety-percent decline in the anadromous fish including the presently listed *endangered* silver salmon. It is past time that a Secretary of the Interior lives up to the promise.

If there is a group of Americans that understand false governmental promises, it is surely the Native American population. The Yurok and Hoopa Valley Tribes were promised by the federal government that their economically, religiously and culturally important salmon would be protected---just another promise broken. It is past time that this promise is made good.

The twenty years of scientific study that went in to the Flow Evaluation Report, while sound, was limited by a false assumption about the amount of water that was available for the river. More water is available since the legislation creating the Trinity River Division and later legislation, clearly gives Trinity fish and wildlife priority over the diversion of any water to the Central Valley Project.

Since funding cuts for the mechanical restoration of the Trinity have been implemented, it is doubtful that the mechanical restoration will continue as mandated. Without adequate funding the Trinity cannot be restored; we therefore need to have some sort of reliable funding guaranteed. Also, the Preferred Alternative prescribed annual watershed runoff of forty-eight percent is insufficient. 1707-1

There can be no doubt of the positive effects of a healthy Trinity River on the depressed economy of Humboldt and Trinity Counties. Sport fishermen visit and spend money over a much longer period of time each year than any other group.

The Trinity River and its restoration program are completely independent of the CALFED process. Restoration of the Trinity is mandated in the 1955 legislation authorizing construction of the Trinity River Division, the Trinity River Basin Fish and Wildlife Management Act of 1984, and the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA). The CVPIA reaffirms the Trinity's

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unique position within the CVP, and clearly sets forth that restoration of the Trinity is to be considered independently of other California water issues.

At present negotiations are in progress in conjunction with the CALFED process that will determine how much water will be allowed to flow through the San Francisco Bay and Delta in the years to come. Since the federal government's promise to maintain adequate flows in the Trinity has been disregarded for nearly forty years, how can environmentalists bargain in good faith? If environmentalists are to have any faith at all in the process, the federal government must demonstrate some willingness to, finally, enforce the law on the Trinity.

Having attended a pubic comment hearing of the Trinity EIS/R two things became readily apparent to me. First, opponents are trying to delay the decision of the secretary because they see handwriting on the wall. Second, they are trying to make arguments to keep water that was never theirs to begin with. It seems that the federal government's failure to enforce the law has led them to believe that this water was always their right. It is truly a case of lack of enforcement leading to a virtual change of law. Thirty-six years is enough time, and it is time the federal government lives up to its obligations. No more delays for the illegal water users, and no more delay in assuring the legal flows in the Trinity will return.

Sincerely yours

Roger Lasich

Cc: Friends of Trinity River
Mr. Byron Leydecker

1708

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November 28,1999

Hon. Bruce Babbitt
Secretary of the Interior
c/o Mr. Joe Polos
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Dear Secretary Babbitt and Mr. Polos,

Please restore at least 70% of the water flows to the Main stem Trinity River. The following are my reasons for urging you to take this action: 1708-1

1. **Trinity River Act of 1955**, authorizing the dams, specifically **mandated that the fish and wildlife of the basin not be harmed.** The Interior Secretary was directed to ensure that fish and wildlife in the basin were protected. However, since the dams were completed in 1963, **water diversions led to a nearly 90 percent decline** in the fisheries by the early 1990's. The coho salmon now is listed under the Endangered Species Act, and steelhead are a candidate for listing.

2. The federal government's **trust obligations to two Native American Tribes have gone unfulfilled** for more than 36 years because of excessive water diversions from the Trinity River. The time has come for the federal government to begin fulfilling its legally mandated responsibilities to the Hoopa Valley and Yurok Tribes. 1708-2

3. Two decades of study and scientific evidence have given us the needed information to make a good decision for the Trinity. While the science and study that produced the Flow Evaluation Report are sound, the recommendations were limited by an

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4. When the Trinity is restored, the **commercial and sport fishing, rafting, and tourism** economies of the Northern California and Southern Oregon **will rebound.**

5. The Trinity River and its restoration program are completely independent of the CALFED process. Restoration of the Trinity River is mandated in the 1955 legislation authorizing construction of the Trinity River Division, the Trinity River Basin Fish and Wildlife Management Act of 1984, and the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA). **The CVPIA** reaffirms the Trinity's unique position within the Central Valley Project (CVP) and **clearly sets forth that restoration of the Trinity is to be considered independently from other California water issues.**

6. The **federal government's promise to maintain a healthy fishery in the Trinity River has been disregarded for the last 36 years,** and past legislation mandated a flow decision by the end of 1996. If these legislated promises are not finally fulfilled, why should we believe any promises developed through CALFED? A restored Trinity River will ~~allow~~ Californians to have faith that the ongoing CALFED negotiations will produce meaningful improvement in our state's water policies.

I respectfully urge you to restore a minimum of 70% of Trinity River water to the river, its fish and wildlife and to those of us who use the river for recreation and our livelihoods. Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Larry MacLeitch

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Sincerely,

Lucy MacLeitch

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Sincerely,

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Dear Secretary Babbitt and Mr. Polos,

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Sincerely,

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November 29, 1999

Mr. Joe Polos
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Dear Mr. Polos,

River management is an important part of maintaining healthy fisheries and ensuring adequate water supply to communities. **I am writing in support of restoring the Trinity River and its entire ecosystem by implementing a flow regime which allows the Trinity to keep at least 30 percent of its flow.** However, since the dams were completed in 1963, water diversions led to a nearly 90 percent decline in the fisheries by the early 1990s. The coho salmon now is listed under the Endangered Species Act, and steelhead are a candidate for listing. The decline of 90 percent of the fish population by the 1990's is cause to increase the flow of the Trinity River to at least 30% of its original capacity. 1712-1

The Trinity River Act of 1955, authorizing the dams, specifically mandated that the fish and wildlife of the basin not be harmed. The Interior Secretary was directed to ensure that fish and wildlife in the basin were protected. However, since the dams were completed in 1963, water diversions led to a nearly 90 percent decline in the fisheries by the early 1990s. The coho salmon now is listed under the Endangered Species Act, and steelhead are a candidate for listing.

Two American Indian tribes have been denied water rights to the Trinity River because of excessive water diversions to the Central Valley. **It is important that the federal government honor its trust obligations to the Hoopa Valley and Yurok American Indian tribes. The time has come for the federal government to begin fulfilling its legally mandated responsibilities to the Hoopa Valley and Yurok Tribes.** 1712-2

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Sincerely,

Kate Wilson

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1713

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November 28,1999

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Sincerely,

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November 30, 1999

Joe Polos
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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Dear Mr. Polos:

I write concerning the Trinity River Mainstream Fisheries Restoration Environmental Impact Statement and Report.

Coho salmon are now listed under the Endangered Species Act and steelhead are a candidate for listing.

Restoration of the Trinity River ecosystem cannot be achieved by endlessly moving around gravel by mechanical means in the mainstream or its tributaries.

Natural river flow must be returned to the mainstream of the Trinity River.

While it seemed appropriate to build big dams during the 1930s-the early 1960s, we now understand that many of these big dams will need to be removed during the 21st century. Increasing the flow from the dams down the Trinity River is desirable, if the flow is at least 70% of the annual flow, but that is not enough.

Decommission the dams and let the Trinity flows return to their natural regime. } 1714-1

Thank you,

Bill Devall

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1714-1 Please see Response 1389-4.

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Sincerely,

Roy Mason

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Sincerely,

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Mr. Joe Polos
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November 28, 1999

I am writing regarding flow regimes for the Trinity River. Two decades of study and scientific evidence have given us the information for a good decision on the Trinity. I urge you to adopt a flow regime that allows the Trinity River to keep at least 70 percent of its flow. 1717-1

- the legislation which authorized building Trinity Dam directed the Interior Secretary to ensure that fish and wildlife were protected (Trinity River Act of 1955). The fish need the freshwater flows.
- the economic benefits of restoring the Trinity are vast: expanded commercial and sport fishing, rafting, and tourism.
- the federal government has an obligation to fulfill its legally mandated trust responsibilities to the Hoopa and Yurok Tribes by maintaining the fisheries for them. This obligation has gone unfulfilled for 36 years and must be righted immediately. 1717-2

Sincerely,

Bruce Dassel

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- the legislation which authorized building Trinity Dam directed the Interior Secretary to ensure that fish and wildlife were protected (Trinity River Act of 1955). The fish need the freshwater flows.
- the economic benefits of restoring the Trinity are vast: expanded commercial and sport fishing, rafting, and tourism.
- the federal government has an obligation to fulfill its legally mandated trust responsibilities to the Hoopa and Yurok Tribes by maintaining the fisheries for them. This obligation has gone unfulfilled for 36 years and must be righted immediately. } 1718-2

Sincerely,

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Hon. Bruce Babbitt
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Dear Secretary Babbitt and Mr. Polos,

Please restore at least 70% of the water flows to the Main stem Trinity River. The following are my reasons for urging you to take this action: 1719-1

1. **Trinity River Act of 1955**, authorizing the dams, specifically **mandated that the fish and wildlife of the basin not be harmed.** The Interior Secretary was directed to ensure that fish and wildlife in the basin were protected. However, since the dams were completed in 1963, **water diversions led to a nearly 90 percent decline** in the fisheries by the early 1990's. The coho salmon now is listed under the Endangered Species Act, and steelhead are a candidate for listing.

2. The federal government's **trust obligations to two Native American Tribes have gone unfulfilled** for more than 36 years because of excessive water diversions from the Trinity River. The time has come for the federal government to begin fulfilling its legally mandated responsibilities to the Hoopa Valley and Yurok Tribes. 1719-2

3. Two decades of study and scientific evidence have given us the needed information to make a good decision for the Trinity. While the science and study that produced the Flow Evaluation Report are sound, the recommendations were limited by an

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assumption about the amount of water that could be available for the river. However, more water can be made available since the legislation creating the Trinity River Division, and later **legislation, clearly gives Trinity fish and wildlife priority over the diversion of any water** to the CVP.

4. When the Trinity is restored, the **commercial and sport fishing, rafting, and tourism** economies of the Northern California and Southern Oregon **will rebound**.

5. The Trinity River and its restoration program are completely independent of the CALFED process. Restoration of the Trinity River is mandated in the 1955 legislation authorizing construction of the Trinity River Division, the Trinity River Basin Fish and Wildlife Management Act of 1984, and the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA). **The CVPIA** reaffirms the Trinity's unique position within the Central Valley Project (CVP) and **clearly sets forth that restoration of the Trinity is to be considered independently from other California water issues.**

6. The **federal government's promise to maintain a healthy fishery in the Trinity River has been disregarded for the last 36 years**, and past legislation mandated a flow decision by the end of 1996. If these legislated promises are not finally fulfilled, why should we believe any promises developed through CALFED? A restored Trinity River will allow Californians to have faith that the ongoing CALFED negotiations will produce meaningful improvement in our state's water policies.

I respectfully urge you to restore a minimum of 70% of Trinity River water to the river, its fish and wildlife and to those of us who use the river for recreation and our livelihoods. Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Letter from Clint Kelley, Jr. continued

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28 November 1999

Dear Mr. Polos,

This letter consists of comments on the draft Trinity River Mainstem Fishery Restoration. I have had time to review the information and support the Preferred Alternative which I take to be the Flow Evaluation Alternative. The material was well presented and allowed for thoughtful analysis.

My choice is based on a premise that when the users of water can share their interests and not shut out each other then that makes for a reasonable alternative. It is abundantly clear that anadromous fish that use the Trinity river have been major losers since the two dams were built and water transferred to the Central Valley Project (CVP). A lot of years and fish runs have passed since the Trinity River Act of 1955. This is a serious matter, the protection of natural resources and endangered species, and I hope the decision makers in this case consider the body of knowledge that shows the current or "No Action" alternative is unacceptable.

The summary of impacts shows modest financial negatives for the CVP if I read the figures correctly. This I suggest is the cost of doing business in order to remedy problems created over many years by the current action.

I also have an interest in the issues related to hatchery versus wild fish in rivers. It doesn't appear that the draft addresses any of these. Let me suggest the standard that the percentage of hatchery to wild be no more than in Table ES-2, that all hatchery fish come from brood stock in the Trinity system, that hatchery fish be fin-clipped and wild fish be subject to catch and release but allow for harvesting of hatchery fish. I think I read that the Tribes are allocated 50% of the allowable harvest. 1720-1

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

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