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Interested party

Subject: Department of Fish and Game Minimum Instream Flow Recommendations for Butte Creek, Butte County, Pursuant to Public Resources Code 10001-10002

Pursuant to the Public Resources Code sections 10001-10002 the Department of Fish and Game (Department) is consulting with the local government and interested stakeholders on the attached recommended stream flows identified by the Department for Butte Creek, Butte County. The Department has interest in assuring that water flows within streams are maintained at levels which are adequate for long-term protection, maintenance and proper stewardship of fish and wildlife resources.

Butte Creek is a significant watercourse for which minimum instream flow levels need to be established in order to assure the continued viability of stream-related fish and wildlife resources. Butte Creek was selected for development of flow recommendations because it is a significant watercourse with high resource value, and because it is one of only three streams (in addition to Deer and Mill Creek) that harbor a genetically distinct, sustaining population, of Spring Run Chinook Salmon (SRCS), *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*.

The Department intends to transmit the completed flow recommendations to the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board). The Water Board will consider the Department's flow recommendations for Butte Creek as set forth in 1257.5 of the Water Code.

The draft flow recommendations report for Butte Creek can be accessed at: <https://nrmsecure.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=10149>. Please respond with any written comments by February 16, 2009 addressed to: Robert Holmes, Instream Flow Coordinator, California Department of Fish and Game, Water Branch, 830 "S" Street, Sacramento, CA 95811.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carl Wilcox".

Carl Wilcox

Chief, Water Branch

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