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Subject: Draft Report Quantifiable Biological Objectives and Flow Criteria for Aquatic and terrestrial Species of Concern Dependent on the Delta

Dear Sir: The Draft Report fails to address the needs of Striped Bass. Historically Striped Bass were recognized as the measure of the health of the San Francisco Bay -Delta Estuary. Prior Water Right Decisions contained specific criteria for the protection of Striped Bass and the Central Valley Project Improvement Act contains specific requirements for restoration of Striped Bass and other anadromous fish. The CVPIA requirement is that natural production will be sustainable on a long term basis at levels not less than twice the average levels attained during the period of 1967-1991. At the Stockton meeting it was explained that the requirements for other species will also help Striped Bass and I would agree that they should. The issue is however whether the criteria are sufficient to restore and sustain fish species including Striped Bass to acceptable levels which at a minimum should be those in the CVPIA. Your Department's specific findings that such is the case should be a part of this recommendation. During the 1950s and 1960s I fished in the Delta for Striped Bass. Fishing for Striped Bass was very popular and appeared to be source of most of the recreational use of the Delta. There were numerous marinas which are no longer in existence which were sustained by rentals and sales for fishing Striped Bass. There appeared to be relatively high populations of both Striped Bass and Salmon. My recollection is that the Striped Bass started to decline shortly after commencement of the operation of the SWP. Late 1960s/early 1970s. My other area of concern with the Draft Report is the lack of emphasis on Delta outflow extending into the summer months. Except in the most critical of the critical years pre-project Delta outflow extended at relatively high levels well into July. The emphasis used to be on maintaining suitable water conditions in Suisun Bay (the null zone) to sustain fish species of concern. Respectfully submitted, Dante John Nomellini Sr, Manager and Co-counsel for the Central Delta Water Agency.

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