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Interested party

Subject: Department of Fish and Game Instream Flow Recommendations for Scott Creek, Santa Cruz County, Pursuant to Public Resources Code 10002

Pursuant to the Public Resources Code Section 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 Scott Creek, Santa Cruz 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.

Scott 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. Scott Creek was selected for development of flow recommendations because it is a significant watercourse with high resource value, and it is critically important for viability of California central coast steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) and coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) populations.

After reviewing comments from this request, the Department intends to transmit the completed flow recommendations to the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board), which will consider the Department's flow recommendations for Scott Creek as set forth in 1257.5 of the Water Code.

The draft flow recommendations report for Scott Creek can be accessed at: <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=57461>. Please respond with any written comments by January 5, 2013 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 black ink that reads "Scott Cantrell".

Scott Cantrell
Chief, Water Branch