

Allied Fishing Groups

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Black Bass Action Committee / Bass Classics of Santa Clara / California Fly Fishers Unlimited
California Sportfishing Protection Alliance / California Trout / California Striped Bass Association
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United Anglers of California / United Pier & Shore Anglers of Calif. / USA Fishing / Wilderness Fly Fishers

Predation Workshop 7.23 & 7.24

My name is John Beuttler. I'm here on behalf of the Allied Fishing Groups comprised of some 38 sportfishing groups dedicated to the recovery and restoration of the Bay-Delta estuary and its once abundant fishery resources. We have consistently advocated and supported the use of science in the management of the public's fishery resources over the past forty years.

We highly recommend that you give careful consideration to the critical human context surrounding the predation issue in the estuary. We urged the following information be provided for your understanding of this context and were told that would be done.

- 1. The Section 10 Permit** developed by the National Marine Fishery Service, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and issued in 1983 to the California Department of Fish Wildlife (CDW&F) for the Striped Bass Management Plan.
- 2. The litigation filed against the CDF&W** by Citizens for a Sustainable Delta (CSD). In 2010 U.S. District Federal Court 2nd Summary Judgment ruled against the plaintiff's allegations that striped bass management was in violation of the ESA due to the significant impacts it caused to listed Central Valley salmon.

- 3. The 2010 State legislation authored by Assembly Member Fuller and supported by "Citizens for a Sustainable Delta" to destroy the striped bass fishery by making it a non-game species.**
- 4. The 2010-11 Settlement Agreement by the CDF&W and the CSD that required the CDF&W to propose regulations to the California Fish and Game Commission that would devastate the little that remains of the public's striped bass fishery.**
- 5. The Allied Fishing Groups presentation of 1.16.12 to the California Fish & Game Commission in opposition to the regulation proposal;**
- 6. The unanimous decision by the Commission denying the CDFW's proposal.**
- 7. The AFG document by Tom Cannon, Don Stevens, and David Kohlhorst refuting the DFG Arguments submitted to the Commission.**
- 8. The National Academy of Sciences and the Scientific Panel convened by the State Water Resources Control Board agreed that predation is the lowest level stressor in the system and does not have a population level impact to any of the fisheries listed under the ESA.**

* (U.S. Dist. Court' Summary Judgment Decision, Re: Plaintiffs Summary Judgment Motion 1 : 08 -cv - 00397 OWW SKO Document 168 7/10/2010). See pages 87-93 .