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Mr. Charles H. Michael, President
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Dear Mr. Michael:

This is in response to your letter of March 25, 1992 suggesting that the Department of Water Resources take the lead in preparing and implementing a plan to exclude adult Chinook salmon from the Colusa Basin Drain. I apologize for the delay in responding.

Although I recognize the need for such an exclusion system, the lead should be with the Department of Fish and Game or the National Marine Fisheries Service. These agencies have fish screening specialists and have approval authority over what is "demonstrated (proven) screen technology". At this time, electrical barriers are not considered to be proven technology by neither the DFG nor NMFS.

I suggest that you contact Boyd Gibbons, Director of the California Department of Fish and Game, and ask them to take the lead in this project. DWR can provide some technical, and perhaps financial support, in the event a project is developed. Our financial participation would depend partly on the potential for widespread application of the technology being demonstrated.

If you have any questions, please call me at (916) 653-7007, or contact Randy Brown of my staff at (916) 322-7165.

Sincerely,

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