

# CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

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August 18, 2016

Mr. Eric Sklar  
Commission President  
California Fish and Game Commission  
P.O. Box 944209  
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

**Re: Petition to California Fish and Game Commission to Address Predation**

Commission President Sklar:

We are writing to urge your support of the petition to the California Fish and Game Commission to address predation of at-risk fish native to the Delta by non-native predators. As salmon and smelt continue to decline, it is increasingly important for the Commission to take all appropriate action to address predation.

Predation of endangered and threatened fish, including Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon, Central Valley steelhead, delta smelt, and Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon, by non-native striped bass and black bass is well documented. Yet, predation in the Delta has gone unaddressed. This modest proposal is a reasonable step for the Commission to begin identifying methods to limit predation on native species in the Delta.

While California is often at the forefront of environmental protection, state regulators have lagged behind on this issue. Other western states, such as Washington, Oregon, and Utah, have implemented similar strategies to protect endangered fish from non-native predators as part of comprehensive species conservation efforts. California should do the same.

We greatly appreciate your consideration of this important effort to protect and restore endangered fish species in the Delta.

Respectfully,



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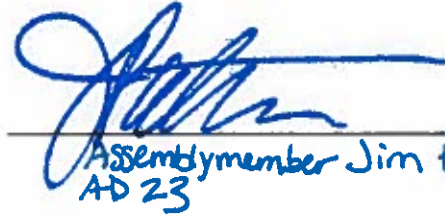
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