

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 89-61

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN
FOR THE NORTH COAST REGION INCORPORATING A POLICY ON THE
REGULATION OF FISH HATCHERIES, FISH REARING FACILITIES,
AND AQUACULTURE OPERATIONS

WHEREAS:

1. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (North Coast Regional Board) adopted the revised Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) for the North Coast Region on April 28, 1988, and the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) approved it on November 15, 1988.
2. Section IV of the Basin Plan entitled Implementation Plan Point Source Measures specifies waste discharge prohibitions where the point source discharge of waste or certain types of waste will not be permitted.
3. Waste discharge prohibitions are specified for inland surface waters of the North Coast Region either on a seasonal or year-round basis.
4. There are numerous fish hatching, fish rearing, and aquacultural facilities operating within the North Coast Region which discharge large quantities of water.
5. The North Coast Regional Board has regulated the discharges from fish hatcheries, fish rearing facilities, and aquaculture operations through Waste Discharge Requirements and/or NPDES permits or waivers thereto.
6. At the time of the adoption of the Basin Plan, no consideration was given to discharges resulting from fish hatcheries, fish rearing facilities, and aquaculture operations and their relation to waste discharge prohibitions.
7. The North Coast Regional Board must ensure that all applicable sections of the Basin Plan are complied with before taking actions pertaining to the issuance, waiver, or renewal of any waste discharge permits.
8. To rectify the inconsistency between the Basin Plan waste discharge prohibitions and ongoing and proposed regulated discharges from fish and aquaculture facilities, the North Coast Regional Board proposes to amend the Basin Plan by incorporation of the Policy on the Regulation of Fish Hatcheries, Fish Rearing Facilities, and Aquaculture Operations and by incorporating clarifying language in the waste disposal prohibition provisions of Section IV of the Basin Plan.

9. The Regional Board held a public hearing on May 24, 1989 and considered all testimony and comments received on this matter and determined that adoption of the proposed Basin Plan amendments will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment.
10. The proposed Basin Plan amendments are consistent with the requirements of Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq. (California Environmental Quality Act).
11. Basin Plan amendments do not become effective until approved by the State Board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the State Board approves the amendments to the Basin Plan for the North Coast Region incorporating the Policy on the Regulation of Fish Hatcheries, Fish Rearing Facilities, and Aquaculture Operations and incorporating clarifying language into Section IV Point Source Measures--Waste Discharge Prohibitions as adopted by the North Coast Regional Board Resolution No. 89-69.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Administrative Assistant to the State Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on July 20, 1989.


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