

Roger Briggs
Exec. Director
Central California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Dear Mr. Briggs,

The Recreational Fishing Alliance is grateful for the opportunity to comment on Item# 15 on the Central California Regional Water Quality Control Board agenda on Friday, Sept. 9, 2005 in San Luis Obispo.

The RFA supports the California Department of Fish and Game recommendations for mitigation for entrainment of marine larvae by PGE's Diablo Canyon Power Plant. We support funding of artificial reefs as an appropriate mitigation. We support numerous hatchery programs.

Proposals to use these funds for the expenses of the Regional Stakeholder Group process within the Marine Life Protection Act process are inappropriate because:

- The MLPA Initiative will only produce recommendations and advice to the CA Fish & Game Commission on changes to California's network of marine protected areas. The Commission is under no obligation to accept that advice. Advice to the Commission is not a mitigation for entrainment of larvae.
- These recommendations are scheduled to be delivered to the F&G Commission within the next three months; by the time any agreement is reached with PG&E, the regional MLPA public process will be complete.
- Recreational fishing would lose twice: once when the cooling plant kills fish, and again when we are closed off our fishing grounds, if staff recommendations are followed.

Recreational anglers and divers have a strong interest in a healthy coastline. Please don't hesitate to contact the RFA if you have any questions about this issue.

Sincerely,

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PG&E Diablo Canyon Power Plant
