

## **Barnes, Peter@Waterboards**

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**From:** Travis Geddes [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2013 9:03 PM  
**To:** Barnes, Peter@Waterboards  
**Subject:** Pit 1 Releases

Dear State Water Resources Control Board,

My name is Travis Geddes, a 25 year old California resident and whitewater enthusiast. I am writing to express to you why I value the annual summer and fall releases on the Pit 1 reach of the Pit River near Fall River Mills, Ca.

For the last two years, I have made the pilgrimage to the Pit river for the fall releases on Pit 1. The whitewater and scenery in the Pit River Canyon are absolutely wonderful. My skills as a kayaker and my enjoyment of California whitewater have increased tremendously from the opportunity to paddle the Pit 1 reach twice each fall.

I have had the privilege of taking several less experienced kayakers down that canyon and the challenges of the rapids, beauty of the canyon, and majesty of Pit Falls are memories we will all share for the rest of our lives.

I beseech you to thoroughly consider the ramifications of cancelling the annual releases in the Pit 1 canyon. Not only would it force veteran Pit 1 boaters to find an alternative place to paddle in the fall, but it would prevent countless others from experiencing the beauty and excitement of that particular canyon.

It is my opinion that there is no other river in California that provides the opportunity for intermediate boaters to experience the magic that comes from

paddling off a large waterfall into a large pool where adequate safety can be set.

The Pit 1 reach is a classic destination for California boaters; Please help keep it that way!

The questions that I would request the CSWRCB please consider before making any permanent decisions regarding the Pit 1 releases are:

1. How are the releases causing the numbers of Shasta Crayfish to decline?
2. What were the methods used to gather the data about the dwindling crayfish numbers?
3. How does the state of the Shasta Crayfish population in the Pit 1 reach compare to Shasta Crayfish populations in other areas of the Pit

Thank you very much for considering the perspective of a recreational river user who values the beautiful natural environment of Northern California.

Sincerely,

Travis Geddes

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