

February 16, 2007

Central Valley Regional Quality Control Board
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Dear Chairman Longley,

My name is David Vang-Shimoum. I work with Lao Khmu Association, Inc. in Stockton City, San Joaquin County. For the past 2 years, I, *Lao Khmu Association, Inc.* have / has served as an advisor to the Delta Watershed Fish Project of the California Department of Health Services. Together we develop public health messages and provide education to my community on how to eat Delta fish safely.

People in my community regularly catch and consume fish from the Delta. Fishing in my culture is important for the following reasons: Lao, Khmu, Hmong, Mien, Cambodian, Vietnam

(Communities). People commonly eat Striped, Sturgeon and Catfish, that they catch in the Delta. We know from experience that it is very difficult for people in my community to eat only 1 meal a week of fish. Sometimes they eat fish from the Delta up to several times a week or every day. For this reason, we urge you to consider a TMDL that will allow future generations to safely consume more than 1 meal a week of fish from the Delta.

Sincerely,



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Dear Chairman Longley,

My name is Lan Doan. I work with Vietnamese Voluntary Foundation, Inc in Stockton (San Joaquin County). For the past 2 years, VIVO have / has served as an advisor to the Delta Watershed Fish Project of the California Department of Health Services. Together we develop public health messages and provide education to my community on how to eat Delta fish safely.

People in my community regularly catch and consume fish from the Delta. Fishing in my culture is important for the following reasons: 1- Fish is good nutrition, 2- Fish has less fat than meat (beef, pork), 3- we love to eat the fresh fish that we catch. 4- Vietnamese used to eat fish more than meat and fish is the main food for most Vietnamese in Stockton. 5- Fishing is fun for the family, for elderly and the younger too. 6- We don't want to buy fish from the super market. People commonly eat Bluegill and Striped Bass that they catch in the Delta. We know from experience that it is very difficult for people in my community to eat only 1 meal a week of fish. Sometimes they eat fish from the Delta up to several times a week or every day. For this reason, we urge you to consider a TMDL that will allow future generations to safely consume more than 1 meal a week of fish from the Delta.

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