

State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Water Quality  
Water Quality Certification Program

## **Public Notice Of Application for Water Quality Certification**

Pursuant to federal law (Title 33, United States Code, Section 1341; Clean Water Act Section 401), applicants for a federal license or permit for activities which may discharge to waters of the United States must seek Water Quality Certification from the state or Indian tribe with jurisdiction. Such Certification is based on a finding that the discharge will meet water quality standards and other applicable requirements. In California, Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Board) issue or deny Certification for discharges within their geographical jurisdiction. The State Water Resources Control Board has this responsibility for projects affecting waters within multiple RWQCB jurisdictions. The following information is provided in satisfaction of the public notice requirements of Section 3858, Title 23, of the California Code of Regulations, which govern the State's Certification Program.

**Applicant: Department of Fish and Game**

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**Project Name: Department of Fish and Game-2008 Fisheries Restoration Grant Program Project**  
**Date of Application: 5/16/2008**

**Affected Regions: Region 1 (North Coast), Region 2 (San Francisco Bay), and Region 3 (Central Coast)**

### **Public Notice for Water Quality Certification and/or Waste Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects)**

California Department of Fish and Game – Year 2007 – Fisheries Restoration Grant Program

The State Water Board proposes to certify, with technical conditions, the discharge of dredge and fill materials from 64 projects funded by the Department of Fish and Game's Fisheries Restoration Grant Program. The projects are located throughout the north and central coast of California. The purpose of the projects is to restore and improve anadromous fisheries habitat in non-title reaches of rivers and streams. The main restoration activities include fish passage construction, bank stabilization, upslope road decommissioning or repair, and culverts replacement or modification. Proposed structures would provide predator escape and resting cover, increase spawning habitat, improve upstream and downstream migration corridors, improve pool to riffle ratios, and

add habitat complexity and diversity. Some structures would be designed to reduce sedimentation, protect unstable banks, stabilize existing slides, provide shade, and create scour pools.

Water Board staff are proposing to regulate this project pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341) and/or Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act authority. In addition, staff will consider all comments submitted in writing and received at this office by mail during a 21-day comment period that begins on the first date of issuance of this letter and ends at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. If you have any questions, please contact staff member Darren Bradford at (916) 341-5558, or at [dbradford@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:dbradford@waterboards.ca.gov), or Bill Orme at (916) 341-5464, or at [borme@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:borme@waterboards.ca.gov) within 21 days of the posting of this notice.

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**Note: No regulatory decision on the application is implied or intended in this public notice.**