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May 23, 2007

Mr. Jim Pedri

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Via E-Mail

Re: California Department of Fish and Game Lake Davis Pike Eradication Project; Plumas County

Mr. Pedri:

This is in response to the public notice from the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board requesting comments from the public concerning water quality regarding the proposed California Department of Fish and Game's Lake Davis Pike Eradication Project in Plumas County. The deadline date is May 25, 2007.

The following are the comments of the Anglers Committee to the Water Quality Board and its staff:

1. We are requesting the trout fishery (all life stages and their habitat) below Lake Davis in Big Grizzly Creek is protected at all times (Fish and Game Code 5937) as a result of the proposed project. Protection means with adequate hourly and daily flows (water) and adequate and meaningful water quality protection measures.
2. We are requesting the Department of Fish and Game monitor all effects to the trout fishery below Lake Davis in Big Grizzly Creek and also in the Middle Fork Feather River below Big Grizzly Creek. Monitoring means fulltime monitoring throughout the watershed and the main river and documenting all direct and cumulative harm and effects that may occur to the trout fishery and aquatic resources resulting from reductions in flows (hourly - daily) and water quality impacts (water temp, chemicals, et al). Because of the low water year type, flows in the Middle Fork Feather River may be extremely low and the effects from reducing flows in Big Grizzly Creek could cause harm and damage to the fishery and aquatic resources of the Middle Fork Feather River below the confluence of Big Grizzly Creek and the MFFR. We recommend that DWR be require to release additional flows from Frenchmen Reservoir via Little Chance Creek into the MFFR to supplement reductions in any hourly and daily flow reductions from Lake Davis into Big Grizzly Creek.
3. In the event the trout fishery is adversely harmed, in part or wholly, we recommend to the Water Quality Board that fines and mitigation measures should be imposed against the DFG. In the event fines are imposed, license money should not be used to fund fines for damage and harm to the trout fishery of Big Grizzly Creek below Lake Davis. The State of California must find other sources of money other than the license money from California anglers to mitigate for any damage to the trout fishery of Big Grizzly Creek and the MFFR as the result of a mistake. i.e. Pike Eradication Project in 1997. i.e. fines and dead trout fishery.
4. Because of a lawsuit against the Department of Fish and Game for the planting of rainbow trout into the state's waters and a proposed EIR, we believe the DFG should rescue native rainbow trout from the upper Big Grizzly Creek watershed before the treatment of the lake, rear them at another location, and plant the native rainbow into Big Grizzly Creek below Lake Davis following the treatment when it is safe. This issue

was not disclose and evaluated in the EIR/EIS for the project because the court ruling has just occurred. However, we also support the planting of Eagle Lake Trout into Lake Davis following the treatment of the lake when it is safe, provided Eagle Lake Trout are available, does not affect Eagle Lake, and the courts do not deny said planting. Eagle Lake Trout have been planted into Lake Davis in past years.

5 To protect the people's water and water quality in Lake Davis following the treatment of the lake, cattle grazing should not be allowed near the lake to protect water quality. As I recall the body waste of one (1) cow is equal to more than 10 human beings or more. Water and its quality flows down Big Grizzly Creek thence the Wild and Scenic Middle Fork Feather River thence Oroville Reservoir, a major public drinking and water supply reservoir, in conjunction with about 67 proposed cattle grazing allotments and managements areas in the Plumas National Forest. i.e. cumulative effects to the people's water quality and the people's water.

6. Please forward the terms and condition to me that will be recommended by the Water Quality Board for said project.

7. Please consider our comments and place them into the records. Thank you.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments to the Board and you.

Respectfully Submitted

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