

Public Comment  
Once Through Cooling  
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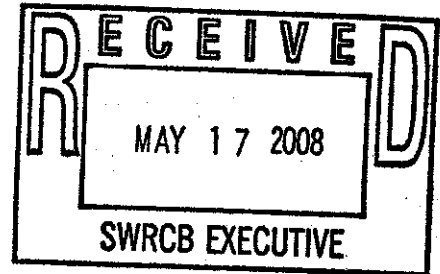
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RE: Comment Letter – Once Through Cooling

Dear Sirs:



United Anglers of Southern California (UASC) is a volunteer driven non profit organization dedicated to the enhancement of fishery resources through management, conservation, and education in order to pass the sport of fishing on to future generations. In other words, we are recreational fishermen who believe that a healthy environment must be coupled with access for our sport to survive.

Our sport, our passion, is impacted by once through cooling's impingement and entrainment of fish and larvae. Although restoration and mitigation is not BTA under the *Riverkeeper II* decision, UASC agrees with the report's conclusion that restoration is valuable and should be encouraged as an offset during the interim until BTA is fully complied with. We, however, want to stress that such programs should increase fish stocks and public access, not limit the public's ability to enjoy the state's resources. The Carlsbad white seabass hatchery, financed through SONGS mitigation funds, has proved an important element in the rebound of the once troubled white seabass fishery. The continued support of such critical programs is an important component of ecosystem approach to a vibrant healthy ocean.

Sincerely,

Tom Raftican, President  
United Anglers of Southern California