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Subject: State Water use of San Joaquin River and protecting salmon

I am a resident of Modesto and a farmer. The state mandated increased river flow and reduction in water availability in my area is personal.

The State Water Board claims to need harsh use limits and to require significant river flow increases with the goal of helping delta salmon.

With such concern for the delta salmon, it would seem prudent to start with the easiest, most effective and most obvious solution; remove all limits on striped bass fishing and stop the release of all hatchery striped bass. Our goal should be to eradicate this invasive non-native species from the Delta.

Striped Bass are a relatively recently introduced species, only arriving in California in 1879 and are known to be voracious predators of juvenile salmon. The current daily limit on Striped Bass is 2 fish of 18" or more in length. This current protectionist policy toward a known salmon predator is in opposition to the goal of protecting juvenile salmon.

If the State Water Board is serious about protecting salmon, I challenge you to immediately arrange a permanent open season on Striped Bass, perhaps even a bounty for each reproductive age Striped Bass caught.

By reducing the population of the predatory, non-native Striped Bass we should see an immediate, significant and prolonged increase in the delta salmon population.

If however, the State Water Board's actual goal is to steal water from Northern and Central California to keep voters in Southern California happy, improving survival chances of delta salmon will make no difference.

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