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Chairman Charles Hoppin  
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Re: Russian River Frost Protection Draft Regulation for January 19th Workshop

Dear Chairman Hoppin and Board Members,

Your draft regulation is a perfect example of the reason the states finances and fisheries are in a shambles. You have taken the “excuse” provided by National Marine Fisheries concern regarding the effects of frost protection on salmonids, and converted that into a power grab of water control. Somewhere in the process while worrying about groundwater control and millions of data points, you forgot the fish. You would divert time, effort, taxpayers money and our money creating, enforcing, and modifying regulations and interpreting data from the office. You obviously do not realize or understand the power that exists in working together to solve a problem.

I have in previous comments stated that farmers are willing to cooperate and work towards the goal of limiting impacts to fisheries, I still hold that belief.

Given the proposal at hand, I see little benefit towards improving fisheries, and an attack on my Constitutional and property rights. Let’s see if we can try again and get it right, the subject is fish and farming.

Ever hear of Occam’s Razor, a 14th century thing, “the simpler the explanation, the more likely it is to be correct”.

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