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Dear Ryan Wulff, NMFS & Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP),

Regarding the Bay Delta Conservation Plan with the Central Valley Project and State Water Project water diversion tunnels, please extend public comment to allow our comments to be heard when there is a proper financing commitment, so we can ensure proper care of the delicate delta ecosystem will be addressed.

Please address whether any further diversion of fresh water from the delta would put our wild delta marshlands at risk by too much saline saturation. How will the added salinity affect the deltas natural flora and fauna?

Please address whether the additional saline in the delta resulting from the fresh water diversion tunnels would create an attractive nuisance for more seals, whales, and other salt water animals (potentially sharks) to travel into delta areas and compete for food with the animals indigenous to the delta ecosystem and create potential dangers to the water sport enthusiasts?

Regarding the implementation structure of the water diversion tunnels, beyond the agencies who move water and contractors who buy it, how is the governing body handling environmental concerns for the delicate delta ecosystem and its animals that are endangered or at risk of being endangered by allowing 50-year plan "take" permits? What provisions are in place to truly protect the delta species? What protection measures are addressed to make sure the Chinook salmon have cool enough water flow to encourage their natural progression to spawning streams? What protection measures are addressed to make sure they are not sucked into the tunnel intakes valves and killed or displaced? How are the projected and large scale conservation strategy funds secured when California is struggling financially to fortify and maintain it's levee systems from collapsing during winter floods and threatening lives and homes? How is a diversion of funds justified?

Please address if the proposed Tidal Mudflats are a result of less fresh water, so we are left with mud?

Please address if the increase of 26,754 acres of tidal perennial aquatic natural community in the Plan Area is a result of salt water migrating to those 26,754 acres creating the tidal perennial aquatic natural community and displacing the fresh water ecosystem that is currently residing in those same acres.

Please address whether the proposed composition of the Adaptive Management Team should be expanded and better balanced to meet the coequal goals of water supply reliability and ecosystem restoration and maintenance.

Please be sure that the EIR and the project has fully addressed the impact the water diversion tunnel project will have on the activities of water sports in the area and the businesses that rely on them.

What provisions on the water release are in place when California is in a drought? Have studies been made to ensure Southern California who is already receiving a lot of our Northern California water is under strict water retention and use guidelines. Are measures and equipment in place to conserve water? Are restrictions on frivolous water use enforced to make sure they are mindful to use it sparingly, so it can be spread out and the taxation on our Northern California delta waterways minimized? What funding and research has been done to develop more efficient irrigation procedures?

Thank you for your consideration,

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