

My name is Dave Bitts; I have been a commercial salmon and crab fisherman based in Eureka for the past 40 years. I also served as CA troll representative on the Klamath Fisheries Management Council and the Klamath River Task Force for too many years, and have been president of the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations since 2008. I'm currently the CA troll salmon advisor to the Pacific Fisheries Management Council. I need to get a life.....I'll be talking briefly today about some salmon issues that may be of interest to the Legislature.

1) Winter run crisis: how to respond

- failure of juvenile survival for past two years
- kudos to L. Stone Hatchery for their response
- agency efforts otherwise unsuccessful
- hey, they're listed

2) Status & future of Klamath agreements

- Congressional failure to act
- parties still pushing for dam removal, water agreements
- path forward and prospects
- what the State can do

3) A modest proposal

- inadequacy of current water policy
- need for new thinking: Delta can't meet current demand, let alone growth
- a modest step to push everyone towards a sustainable future