



## ***"The New Voice of Salmon"***

October 14, 2015

The Honorable Mike McGuire  
California State Senate  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Jim Wood  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### **Re: Increasing Salmon Hatchery Production in Response to the Drought**

Dear Senator McGuire and Assemblyman Wood:

We are writing, on behalf of California's commercial and recreational fishing industries, to thank you for your critical role in responding to the devastating impacts on Central Valley salmon runs. In particular, we are writing to report that the Salmon Stamp committee and the Department of Fish and Wildlife have reached agreement to increase production at the Feather and Mokelumne river hatcheries by a total of two million fish. Half of the cost will come from Salmon Stamp funds and half from CDFW.

Thank you again for advocating the inclusion of this item in the state budget. As you will recall, we asked the legislature to drop this item from the budget when CDFW offered to find an administrative solution. We're pleased that, with this agreement, CDFW has delivered that solution.

We also want to thank you for highlighting the plight of salmon at the Joint Committee hearing in July. Those two efforts jump started an effort to use our hatcheries to respond to the devastating impacts of the drought – and water mismanagement – on Central Valley salmon runs.

The coming several years will be tough on salmon and salmon fishermen. However, your work has helped give our salmon runs and our industry a fighting chance.

Thank you for your support and your leadership. We look forward to working with you in the coming several years.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John McManus".

John McManus  
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barry Nelson".

Barry Nelson  
Legislative Representative

