



Northern California Council of
the Federation of Fly Fishers, Inc.



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California Fish and Game Commission
1416 Ninth Street
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

Re: Support for proposed regulatory changes for the Nacimiento River and Alameda Creek

Members-In-Session:

The Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers, Inc. (NCCFFF) is dedicated to the sport of fly fishing and fish conservation. We have more than 1,000 regular members with about 6,000 members in 31 affiliated clubs throughout northern California. I respectfully request that you consider my comments on behalf of the NCCFFF.

The NCCFFF supports changes to the California Code of Regulations regarding the Nacimiento River (Subsection (b)(128), Section 7.50, Title 14, CCR) and Alameda Creek (Subsection (b)(1.5), Section 7.50, Title 14, CCR), as submitted by the California Department of Fish and Game.

Nacimiento River

Reinstating angling below Nacimiento Dam with restrictions for a zero bag limit and artificial lures with barbless hooks should not have a significant impact on the wild steelhead population. This is a tail water fishery with flows generally exceeding 200 cfs during the proposed season. It is unlikely that juvenile or adult steelhead would become concentrated or trapped in a situation where catch and release angling would threaten the population.

Alameda Creek

We fully support the proposal for closure of Alameda Creek and tributaries downstream of San Antonio, Calaveras, and Del Valle Reservoirs as proposed by California Department of Fish and Game. NCCFFF has requested the same closure as a part of a larger request for closure in other streams in South San Francisco Bay (Submitted July 7, 2009). Restricting angling on Alameda Creek will complement other conservation efforts in the watershed and greatly aid in the recovery of the wild steelhead population.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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