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Reference: Comments on First Draft Interim Plan

Dear Council Members:

This letter is submitted on behalf of the California fishing and boating industries that are dependent on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta for their economic well being and survival. The first draft of the Interim Plan leaves these two industries out of the Plan as interested parties and stakeholders in the definitions of the "Delta as a Place". We are requesting that this be corrected. The language on page 9 and 10 of the draft outlines the primary and secondary zones of the Delta. Some of these are geographic and some are economic. The fishing and boating industries are very large economic activities dependent on the Delta and should be recognized as a secondary party in the "Delta as a Place"

The recreational and commercial salmon industry of California is highly dependent on the Delta for its operations and income. The shutdown of this industry for 2008 and 2009 was primarily caused by the collapse of the Delta ecosystem. The cost of this shutdown was \$1.4 billion annually with a loss of 23,000 jobs. This industry is often ignored in Delta considerations because most of the participants do not live or work in the Delta.

The California salmon industry consists of 1,200 commercial boats, 500,000 recreational salmon fishermen, 11 equipment manufacturers, 904 retailers, 131 commercial charter

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boats, 150 Sacramento River fresh water guides carrying 60,000 fishermen annually and 74 marinas along the coast from Morro Bay to Crescent City. All of these activities depend on the Delta.

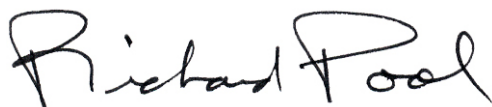
The California fresh water boating industry is equally dependent on the Delta. There are 169,000 annual fishing trips in the Delta. There are many thousands more in the rivers and tributaries feeding the Delta. There are 95 marinas in the Delta holding 11,674 permanent boat slips. Recreational fishing and boating in the Delta generates \$378 million in economic impact.

We request that the following paragraph be added on page 10 of the draft recognizing the fishing and boating industries as significant stakeholders in the “Delta as a Place”. Much of the Council’s ecosystem restoration activities will need to be targeted to the recovery of the Central Valley salmon and steelhead populations and these industries need to be part of the process.

“Secondary Delta zones also include the boating and salmon fishing industries. The primary operations of the \$1.4 billion salmon industry occur outside the Delta but are highly dependent on the Delta ecosystem. The Delta itself supports \$378 million in fresh water recreational boating and fishing activity.”

The salmon industry is working on over 100 specific actions we believe are necessary to restore the Delta ecosystem and recover the fisheries. We will submit these to the Council as soon as they are ready.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Pool". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard B. Pool
President

cc. Salmon Fishing Industry Coalition
California Delta Chambers