

4/7/2010

California Region Water Quality Control Board  
Central Valley Region  
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Re: Proposed Basin Plan Amendment for Control of Methyl and Total Mercury in the  
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary

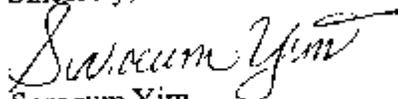
Dear Members of the Board,

This letter is to inform the Board that the materials submitted to the Board in this fax transmittal are intended by United Cambodian Families to constitute a written response which we desire to be part of the final administrative record for any board action to be taken on the Proposed Basin Plan Amendment for Control of Methyl and Total Mercury in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary.

These materials are a written response to the section of the amendments to the TMDL which states *all dischargers should implement methylmercury management practices ASAP, but are not required until after the Regional Board has completed their review of plans and developed tributary mercury controls.* This is entirely too long to begin implementing measures – this leaves fish eating populations vulnerable and poses an unacceptable risk.

The materials include letters indicating the current fish consumption levels of community members served by United Cambodian Families. Please consider these letters in any actions on the TMDL you might take. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Saroem Yim  
Health Case Manager  
United Cambodian Families

4/01/2010

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Printed Name or Signature	Ethnicity	City	Phone #	Avg. no. of 4-oz servings per week of fish caught in Delta which I consume
1. <i>[Signature]</i>	CAMBODIAN	STOCKTON	289-507-1380	
2. <i>[Signature]</i>	CAMBODIAN	STOCKTON	909-573-2880	3x4oz
3. Stephanie Boni	Hispanic	Tracy	1509-586-6998	3x4oz
4. <i>[Signature]</i>	Cambodian	Stockton	(209) 477-1982	1/2 fish
5. <i>[Signature]</i>	Cambodian	Stockton	911-471-5010	4x4oz
6. <i>[Signature]</i>	LAOS	STOCKTON	477-8900	4x4oz
7. <i>[Signature]</i>	Cambodian	Stockton	951-8074	4x4oz
8. <i>[Signature]</i>	Viet	Sacramento	916-823-4861	4x4oz
9. <i>[Signature]</i>	Cambodian	Stockton	457-8015	6x4oz
10. <i>[Signature]</i>	Cambodian	Stockton	473-2814	4x4oz
11. <i>[Signature]</i>	Cambodian	Stockton	" "	4x4oz
12. <b>DETH NING</b>	CAMBODIAN	STOCKTON	474-2889	6x4oz
13. <i>[Signature]</i>	"	"	" "	6x4oz
14. <i>[Signature]</i>	"	"	" "	3x4oz
15. <i>[Signature]</i>	Cambodian	STN	" "	4x4oz
16. <i>[Signature]</i>	Cambodian	Stockton		8x4oz
17. <i>[Signature]</i>	Cambodian	Stockton		4x4oz
18. <i>[Signature]</i>	Laos	Stockton		8x4oz
19. <i>[Signature]</i>	Laos	Stockton		8x4oz
20. <i>[Signature]</i>	Laos/Cambodian	Stockton		8x4oz
21. <i>[Signature]</i>	Cambodian	Stockton	389-9681	4x4oz
22. <i>[Signature]</i>	Cambodian	Stockton	473-6841	4x4oz

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|-----|------------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 21. | Gregory Hbe      | German    | Stockton, CA | 303-408-4414 | 2-3               |
| 22. | Bely Oach        | Cambodian | Stockton, CA | 209 688-3765 | 12 ounces         |
| 23. | Chang Le         | Amoy      | Stockton, CA | 95910        | 2 Fish = 16 oz    |
| 24. | <del>Sp...</del> | Cambodian | Stockton, CA | (917) 577    | 5 1/2 fish = 8 oz |
| 25. | Brian Lek        | Cambodian | Stockton, CA |              | 4 fish = 3 oz     |
| 26. | Patra So         | Cambodian | Stockton, CA |              |                   |
| 27. | Angelita B.      | LAOS      | Stockton, CA |              |                   |
| 28. | Saphana Lek      | C-Time    | Stockton, CA |              | 7 fish = 8 oz     |
| 29. | Jonathan So      | Cambodian | Stockton, CA |              | 1 fish = 8 oz     |
| 30. | Ly So            | Cambodian | Stockton, CA |              | 5 fish = 40 oz    |
| 31. | Somrath Tuon     | Khmer     | Stockton, CA | 323-5216     | Fishsticks        |

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1. Huan Huan	Huan Huan	CAMBOD		Stockton, CA	18 02 per wk
2. NIATENGUM NIATENGUM		CAMBOD		Stockton, CA	18 02 per wk
3. PRASITH PRASONGY	Prasith Prasongy	LAD		Stockton, CA	24 02 per wk
4. SODIPER BOUATHONG	Sodiper Bouathong	LAD		Stockton, CA	24 02 per wk
5. VIEUTH VORN	Vieuth Vorn	CAMBOD		Stockton, CA	22 02 per wk
6. POV ENG AVENG	Pov Eng Aveng	CAMBODIAN		Stockton, CA	22 02 per wk
7. BOB BOUANG	Bob Bouang	Khmer		Stockton, CA	22 02 per wk
8. Saphat Gy	Saphat Gy	Cambodian		Stockton, CA	26 02 per wk
9. HEN TO HEN TO		CAMBOD		Stockton, CA	26 02 per wk
10. THOU KEO	Thou Keo	Cambodian		Stockton, CA	22 02 per wk
11. YEE LIM	Yee Lim	Cambodian		Stockton, CA	26 02 per wk
12. THONG THAL ENG	Thong Thal Eng	Cambodian		Stockton, CA	30 02 per wk
13. SUM HONG	Sum Hong	Khmer		Stockton, CA	22 02 per wk
14. VANO VAO	Vano Vao	Khmer		Stockton, CA	40 02 per wk
15. SY SIM	Sy Sim	Cambodian		Stockton, CA	40 02 per wk
16. DOM CHAN	Dom Chan	Cambodian		Stockton, CA	20 02 per wk
17. KAN TOUCH	Kan Touch	Cambodian		Stockton, CA	36 02 per wk
18. KOT TOUCH	Kot Touch	Cambodian		Stockton, CA	26 02 per wk
19. PAUL SAM	Paul Sam	Cambodian		Stockton, CA	40 02 per wk
20. KATY LIM	Katy Lim	Cambodian		Stockton, CA	30 02 per wk

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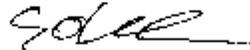
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1.	<i>Mon Ock</i>				20
2.	<i>Phiccho etea</i>			465-3044	30
3.	<i>Kim Seng Phure</i>			946-0269	60
4.	<i>ROEUM RIM</i>			390 6000	70
5.	<i>Sum Rann</i>			464-2812	30
6.	<i>Pen Non</i>				40
7.	<i>Mon Yos</i>			462-2151	40
8.	<i>MOM Cheun</i>			932-9018	20
9.	<i>Sum Run</i>				40
10.	<i>Xik Yi</i>			467-2465	20
11.	<i>Mah Ying</i>			946-4207	40
12.	<i>Choburn Srang</i>			462-2928	20
13.	<i>Loon Maek</i>			467-8014	50
14.	<i>ENG LY KIOK</i>				30
15.	<i>NHAN BING</i>			4620560	70
16.	<i>VOEUV THON</i>				45
17.	<i>SOMOT SOM</i>				2.2 ounces/wk
18.					
19.					
20.					

03/30/2010

To whom this my concern:

My name is Sokhanary. I live in Stockton, Ca. I am Cambodian. I eat fish that is caught in the delta twice a week. I would like to kindly ask the water board to provide some support to community based organization such as United Cambodian Families with getting the waters in the delta cleaned up, so I don't have to worry about getting ill from eating something that I enjoy and is supposed to be healthy for me. Stockton is surrounded by water everywhere, and it is just much easier to catch fish from the delta. I thank you very much for any supports you may offer. Thank You.

Sincerely



915-8881

3/31/2010

To Whom It May Concern:

I am Engly Khok and I am a Cambodian who eats fish. I like to eat fish because it taste good. It is also cheap. I was told that the fish here is not healthy for me because the water is not clean and that I should stop eating fish. I don't want to stop eating fish. Fish is an important part of my everyday life. Please clean the water because I do not want to stop eating fish.



Engly Khok

3/31/2010

To Whom It May Concern:

I am Voeun Thom and I eat fish. I am also Cambodian. I do not want to stop eating fish because it is important to me. I know that I can always eat fish when I want to because it is cheap and easy to make. I eat fish 7 times a week because I can afford it. Without fish, I would have to eat less everyday. I do not want to eat less everyday. Please clean up the water so I do not have to stop eating fish.

Voeun Thom

VOEUN THOM

3/31/2010

To whom this may concern:

My name is Phicchoy Chea. I am Cambodian. I want the water to be cleaned because I eat a lot of fish. I eat 3 fish a week. Fish is very important because it is cheap and easy to make. It makes me sad to know that the fish that I eat are not healthy for me. I don't have anything else I can eat beside fish. Please clean the water so I can keep eating fish and not worry about getting sick.

Phicchoy Chea

*Phicchoy Chea*

3/31/2010

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Sorn Meaul. I am a cambodian. This letter is to ask you to clean the water because bad water means bad fish. I like to eat fish but I do not want to eat bad fish. That is why I want clean water. Fish is cheap and it taste good. I also think that eating fish is more healthy than some other food. It should be healthy, but the water makes the fish unhealthy. I do not want to stop eating fish. Please clean the water.

Sorn Meaul

*Sorn Meaul*

x 3/31/2010

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Kim Seng Phune. I am Cambodian. Almost everyday I eat fish. It is cheap and easy and that is why I eat it a lot. When I heard that the fish are not good for me I felt sad because fish is important to me. I cannot afford to spend a lot of money on other food like steak. I do not want to stop eating fish. Please clean the water because I do not want to get sick.

*Kim Seng Phune*

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To whom this my concern:

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Sincerely

Mach

my

430-0424

3/31/2010

To Whom It May Concern:

I am Meth Ying and I am Cambodian. I am worried because I heard the fish I eat can make me sick. I cannot stop eating fish because it is not expensive so I save money. I do not want to spend a lot of money everyday to go buy something else I like fish. Please clean the water so I can keep my money. I can't afford to keep spending more money on some other food when I can buy a lot of fish with what I have.

*Meth Ying*

Meth Ying

3/31/2010

To Whom It May Concern:

Hello, I am Cambodian and my name is Yin Ti. I eat fish four times a week. I like fish because it is very easy and cheap. I need the water cleaned because I know I will get sick if it is not cleaned. I do not want to stop eating fish. Please clean the water.

Yik Yi

Yin Yik

3/31/2010

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Samrann and I am Cambodian. I depend on fish a lot. It is more important than beef or pork or whatever. Without fish I would have nothing to eat. I eat fish everyday, 7 times a week. If the water is not cleaned up, I will get sick and I don't want to get sick. Please I need the water cleaned.

SAMRANN V T H H H

Samrann

3/31/2010

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Roeum Rim. I am Cambodian. I need that water to be clean because I always eat fish. I eat it almost everyday. I have it 6 to 7 times a week. I do not know what I would do without fish. Fish is not expensive and it does not take a long time to cook. You can make a lot of different type of fish. That is why I like fish so much. That is why I need the water to be cleaned. Please clean the water.

Roeum Rim

ROEUM RIM

3/31/2010

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Mom Cheoun. I like to eat fish and I am Cambodian. Sometimes I don't eat fish, but that is only 3 times a week. I eat fish 4 times a week. I do not want to get sick. That is why I want the water to be clean. Clean water means clean fish which means no more getting sick. Please clean the water. I want to keep eating fish and live a long life.

Mom Cheoun

*MOM Cheoun*

3/31/2010

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Mon Yos. I am Cambodian and I like to eat fish. I eat it 4 times a week. Sometimes I have it more or less times. Either way, I eat fish weekly. Fish is supposed to be healthy for people. It's not meant to make people sick. Clean the water so people will not get sick. So I will not get sick.

Mon Yos

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mon Yos', with a stylized flourish at the end.