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Before diverting more water to restore salmon populations, several less wasteful measures must be taken:

1. Permanently remove all seasons and limits on fishermen for take of non-native predator fish (stripers) in the rivers and Delta waters.
2. Restore all spawning habitat, river bottoms, destroyed by gold dredging using monies previously designated for water diversion projects.
3. Shock-kill all fish in the rivers below the last dam on each river using funds acquired from fishing license sales.
4. At the seasonally correct time deposit fertilized salmon eggs, not smolt, in the restored spawning beds.
5. After smolt migrate to the ocean, restock rivers with the appropriate species of native trout.

After all of the above has been accomplished, reevaluate the salmon production before further diversion of water from farming.

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