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Jeanine Townsend, Clerk of the Board,

State Water Resources Control Board

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Dear Jeanine Townsend,

I am writing to weigh in on the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan. I am a Junior at UC Berkeley with an interest in the environment. Even though I have not lived in California for long I am very invested in this issue. I have really loved my time in San Francisco and the Bay Area, the area had helped grow my interests surrounding water activity (such as wildlife/hiking/sports) and I really do consider them to have been sparked by my move. Moreover, I have an avid interest in fish conservation. This is something which is of large concern for me.

As I am sure you are aware, the number of fish in the San Joaquin River Basin has been massively reduced in the past few years. The numbers of salmon, especially, have taken an extraordinary hit. Spawning salmon numbers had reportedly previously reached upwards of 400,000 and we are now seeing significantly decreased figures - to the few thousands. For me this comes as a massive wake up call, given the importance of fish in our environment. *We must restore our ecosystem* and to do so salmon must be conserved.

Given this reason amongst others, I argue that the proposal of at least 30% of the flow of the San Joaquin reaching the Delta to be insufficient. It would be an insufficient amount to restore the salmon and consequential habit and ecosystems of the Bay-Delta. I suggest that this amount should be increased so as to aid the fish habitat and industry in the Bay. This would see benefit in other areas of fish related activities and industry.

I appreciate the State Water Resources Control Board's care for my email.

Yours Sincerely,

Harriet Whitehead