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SUBSTITUTE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FOR THE NORTH COAST INSTREAM FLOW POLICY

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Your input is important to us; please use this sheet to submit written comments concerning policy alternatives, significant effects, and mitigation measures that should be included in the Substitute Environmental Document (SED). Your comments will assist in preparation of the SED. Please be sure to provide your name and address, below.

The Salmon Creek Watershed Council's goal is to restore Salmon to Salmon Creek. The last Coho was sighted in 1996. We have obtained grants from DFG (stream assessment) and The Coastal Conservancy (Estuary study) and DFG has habitat typed the 18 mile creek and its tributaries. Basically the creek is pretty healthy (viable steelhead population) but the estuary study conducted aquatic, water quality morphology + hydrodynamics, fisheries and upstream factors. The conclusion was that the estuary + creek cannot support salmon because of diminished flow. Flow is the limiting factor.

I heartily support the NMFS/DFG Draft guidelines and strongly suggest that you withhold all appropriative permits applications (previously given out in the past) until your instream flow policy is implemented.

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Please submit your comments at the Comment Station or send your comments to:

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To ensure that your comments are considered in the SED, written comments must be received by August 25, 2006.