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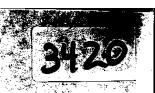
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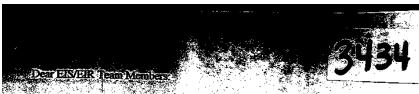
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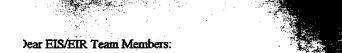
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Christine Ambrose P.O. Box 818 Arcata, CA 95518 3438

December 20, 1999

Mr. Joe Polos USFS 1655 Heindon Road Arcata, CA 95521

Dear Sir.

This letter is in reference to the Trinity River EIS. While I support the preferred alternative, it does not provide sufficient water for the Trinity River. Trinity River Act of 1955, authorizing the dams, specifically mandated that the fish and wildlife of the basin not be hanned. The Interior Secretary was directed to ensure that fish and wildlife in the basin were protected. However, since the dams were completed in 1963, waterdiversions led to a nearly 90 percent decline in the fisheries by the early 1990's. The coho salmon now is listed under the Endangered Species Act, and steelhead are a candidate for listing.

Two decades of study and scientific evidence have given us the needed information to make a good decision for the Trinity. While the science and study that produced the Flow Evaluation. Report are sound, the recommendations were limited by an assumption about the amount of water that could be available for the river. However, more water can be made available since the legislation creating the Trinity River Division, and laterlegislation, clearly gives Trinity fish and wildlife priority over the diversion of any water to the CVP.

Continued funding for mechanical restoration projects is at best sureliable, and little evidence supports that these measures are effective mitigation for reduced flows. We need more than the 48 percent of the annual watershed runoff prescribed in the Preferred Alternative to easure that the river will have sufficient flows to restore Triaity's fisheries and wildlife as prescribed by law. The preferred alternative does not go far enough in providing sufficient flows; more water should be returned to the Trinity River.

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The Trinity River and its restoration program are completely independent of the CALFED process. Restoration of the Trinity River is mandated in the 1955 legislation authorizing construction of the Trinity River Division, the Trinity River Basin Fish and Wildlife Management Act of 1984, and the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA). The CVPIA reaffirms the Trinity's unique position within the Central Valley Project (CVP) and clearly sets forth that restoration of the Trinity is to be considered independently from other California water issues.

The federal government's trust obligations to two Native American Tribes has gone unfulfified for more than 36 years because of excessive water diversions from the Trinity River. The time has come for the federal government to begin fulfilling its legally mandated responsibilities to the Hoopa Valley and Yurok Tribes.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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#### Letter from Christine Ambrose Dated December 20, 1999

3438-1 Please see thematic responses titled "Fisheries."

3438-2 Regarding tribal trust, please see thematic response titled "Tribal Trust."

P.O. Box 16057 Stanford CA, 94309 Decmeber 18, 1999

Joe Polos U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 1125 16<sup>th</sup> St., Room 209 Arcata, CA 95521

Dear Joe Polos,

I am writing to you regarding the Trinity River Mainstem Fisheries Restoration Environmental Impact Statement and Report (EIS/R) which addresses flow diversions from the Trinity River. The Preferred Alternative advocated by this EIS/R still allows over half the water to be diverted from the basin, keeping only 48 percent in the river. However, recent studies have determined that a river needs at least 70 percent of its flow to maintain a healthy fishery, and a separate Trinity River Flow Evaluation Report also recommended higher flow rates than advocated in the EIS/R.

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The Trinity River Act of 1955, which authorized the construction of the Trinity and Lewiston Dams, specifically mandated that the fish and wildlife of the basin not be harmed by flow diversions. This act and more recent legislation gives Trinity fish and wildlife priority over the diversion of any water to the Central Valley Project. However, the available data suggest that number of anadromous fish returning to the river by the early 1990's had declined by as much as 80 to 90 percent since construction of the dams.

It is obvious from this information that flow diversions have had a tremendous negative impact on fish populations in the river and violate the legislation that allowed for their initiation. Not only do the fish and wildlife in the basin have priority over the diversion of water, but they are also a much more valuable resource to the State of California than the crops that are grown in the western San Joaquin Valley using Trinity River water. A restored Trinity River will provide an enormous boost to the sport fishing, rafting, and tourism economies of Northern California and Southern Oregon.

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The federal government's promise to maintain a healthy fishery in the Trinity River has been disregarded for the last 36 years, and past legislation mandated a flow decision by the end of 1996. The time has come to face the reality of the current situation. The federal government is disregarding its own legislation that was put in place to protect the fish and wildlife in the Trinity Basin from the kind of degradation that has occurred since 1963. Ladvocate the retention of 70 percent of the water in the Trinity River basin, and believe that any flow diversions greater than those recommended in the Trinity River Flow Evaluation Report would be irresponsible and show a lack of regard for the fish and wildlife that you are charged with protecting.

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Sincerely.

Michael L. MacWilliams

#### Letter from Michael L. MacWilliams Dated December 18, 1999

3439-1	Please see thematic responses titled "Fisheries."
3439-2	Please see Section 3.8 Recreation for a summary of recreation benefits on the Trinity River for each of the alternatives.
3439-3	Please see thematic responses titled "Fisheries."

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Legislation creating the Trinity River Division and additional legislation clearly gives Trinity fish and wildlife priority over the diversion of any water to the Central Valley Project (CVP). Therefore, the Preferred Alternative does not go far enough to achieve a legally mandated restoration of the ecosystem.

Thank You

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#### **Postcard from Linda Nishimoto**

3440-1 Please see thematic responses titled "Fisheries."

36 Lisa Court Alamo, CA 94507 December 2, 1999

EIS/EIR Team Members c/o Mr. Joe Polos US Fish & Wildlife Service 1125 16th Street, Room 209 Arcata, CA 95521

#### Dear EIS/EIR Team Members:

I have been reading about water flow issues in the Trimity River Basin. My understanding is that the Trimity River Division may adopt a plan (the Preferred Alternative) to divert a significantly large (in excess of 30%) of the natural water flow in the Basin. I'm concerned that insufficient water will be available at critical times to support and restore the ecosystem. I'm especially concerned about negative effects of such a plan on populations of already endangered or threatened salmon and trout.

The Trinity River Act of 1955, authorizing the existing dams, specifically mandated that the fish and wildlife of the basin not be harmed. The Interior Secretary was directed to ensure that fish and wildlife in the basin were protected. However, the dams and associated water diversions have led to a nearly 90 percent decline in the Trinity's fisheries. Sad, but readily reversible by sound water management in which the fisheries have survival-level priority. Again, if the proposed plan does not guarantee restoration of this once vital fishery, then it is obviously not the Preferred Alternative.

Very sincerely,

Ted Shapas

#### Letter from Ted Shapas Dated December 2, 1999

3441-1 Please see thematic responses titled "Fisheries."

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# Letter from David Schneider, O.D. Dated December 15, 1999

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DEAR JOE POLOS-

I was the USF+W to

SUPPORT A FLOW REGIME THAT Allows

Me TRIVITY to Very At ICAST 70%

of its flow

Sincerely -

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3442-1 Please see thematic responses titled "Fisheries."

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Richard Izmirian 2215 Faton Avenue San Carlos, CA 94070

15 December 1999

Mr. Joe Polos Fish & Wildlife Service 1125 16th Street, Room 209 Arcata CA 95521

Re: Trinity River Flow Evaluation Draft EIS/R

Dear Mr. Polos:

Implementation of the recommendations of the Trinity River flow evaluation study could reverse nearly four decades of bad faith with the people of California. It is also a test case for those of us who are looking cautiously at the assurances being proposed for the CALFED Bay/Delta Program.

Restoration efforts in the Trinity River watershed have made it clear that fish respond better to water than to money. The science based, rather than politically based, approach to river flows is essential to a restored river with a robust fishery.

Questions remain as to the adequacy of the recommended flows. Monitoring and continuing evaluation of the flows, geomorphologic effects, salmon response in all life stages, steelhead response in all life stages, invertebrate response, avian response, and other wildlife effects must condition an adaptive protocol for determining and implementing optimum stream flows.

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The public has paid an enormous price from the over appropriation of the Trinity River. Not only has a valuable resource been devastated, the taxpayer has picked up a tab for restoration work that should be paid by the beneficiaries of the exported water.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Richard Izmirian

#### Letter from Richard Izmirian Dated December 15, 1999

3443-1 Regarding the adequacy of the recommended flows, please see thematic responses titled "Fisheries." Regarding Adaptive Environmental Assessment and Management (AEAM), please see Responses 3874-19, 5103-9, and 5302-6. Regarding funding, please see thematic response titled "Implementation Funding and Relationship to Repayment, Reimbursement, and the CVPIA Restoration Fund."

12/15/99

Mr Joe Polos U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 1125 16<sup>th</sup> ST Room 209 Arcata, CA 95521

Dear Mr Polos,

#### Subject:Trinity River Flows

For years I have been distressed over the Trinity River water diversion situation. Legislation creating the diversion was specific in giving priority to fish and wildfile within the watershed. Additionally, water extractions have fix surpassed those intended from the legislation that approved the original project. As a scientist and teather of many years, I am in full support of the science and the study that produced the Flow Evaluation Report. It is thus clear that the Printerred Alternative does not go fix enough to achieve the legislity mandated restoration of the ecosystem. In fact, any restoration attempted under the preferred alternative is destined to fail (and water infilions of my tax payers' dollars—as all the work done to this point has been wasted.) It should be taken as a given that no more than 30% of the water should be diverted south but I'll go further and suggest removal of that disgusting dam altogether?

3444-1

Respectfully

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## Letter from Mark Bailey Dated December 15, 1999

3444-1

Please see thematic responses titled "Fisheries." Regarding the adequacy of the Preferred Alternative, please see thematic response titled "No Action Alternative/Existing Conditions Scenario and Range of Alternatives." Regarding dam removal, please see Response 1389-4.



#### **Postcard from James Goodman**

3445-1

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Thank You

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