

June 22, 2010

**ALL COMMERCIALY LICENSED SALMON FISHERMEN:**

**Subject: EFFORTS TO DECLARE THE 2010 SALMON SEASON  
A CONTINUED FISHERY FAILURE**



We wanted to let you know that efforts are underway to seek a continuation of the 2008 and 2009 fishery failure for the 2010 salmon season. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger issued a letter on June 8 to Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke requesting him to use his authority under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) to declare a continued fishery failure which clears the way for economic assistance should Congress enact legislation. The Gubernatorial declaration of disaster in 2008 and 2009 still remains in effect.

During this time of uncertainty we have become aware of industry speculation of what the criteria could be if disaster assistance is enacted. Please be aware there are no criteria under consideration at this time. We believe it is unfair to believe that landing a salmon during the eight day open season or the quota fishery in Fort Bragg in 2010 would be adopted as a criteria for economic assistance. Commercially licensed fishermen are independent operators and need to make decisions based on sound information. Due to limited fishing opportunities and hearsay of unfounded rumors, we both felt the need to express our opinion that **2010 landings will not be recommended as a criterion for economic disaster relief should Congress pass legislation.**

Both the California Department of Fish & Game and the California Salmon Council are working on behalf of all sectors of the salmon fishery for economic relief.

Sincerely,

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John McCamman, Director  
California Department of Fish & Game

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David J. Goldenberg".

David J. Goldenberg, CEO  
California Salmon Council