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Dear President Kellogg and Commissioners:

On behalf of [insert organization name], I urge the California Fish and Game Commission to approve the proposed changes to striped bass fishing regulations in the Delta that have been jointly recommended by the California Department of Fish and Game, the National Marine Fisheries Service, and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

As you know, striped bass are a non-native species to the Bay-Delta Estuary that prey on native endangered species such as winter-run Chinook salmon and delta smelt. The changes to striped bass fishing regulations proposed by the state and federal wildlife agencies are a responsible, balanced, and common sense step toward addressing a known stressor to the Delta's troubled ecosystem. Experts from the Department of Fish and Game, the National Marine Fisheries Service, and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service all agree that striped bass predation has a significant, negative impact on native endangered species in the Delta. Those experts have developed a science-based and balanced approach that seeks to protect the Delta environment and the state's economy. Importantly, the proposal includes adaptive management and ongoing research components to allow for evaluation of the effects of the proposed changes on both the populations of striped bass and listed species and informed adjustments to the regulations in the future.

Organizations, public agencies, and leaders on the local, state, and federal levels have been working diligently toward solving the Delta crisis on a number of fronts. As part of a comprehensive, long-term solution, every significant stressor in the Delta must be addressed. While the proposed striped bass regulations will by no means solve all of the

Delta's woes, they are a positive step forward in addressing one of the many stressors in the troubled estuary.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[Insert Name/Title/Organization]