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Chairman Charlie R. Hoppin
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Dear Chairman Hoppin,

Please enact legislation mandating changing the cooling technology of those power plants using "once-through cooling" (OTC). The death of fish and other ocean life resulting from the use of this cooling technology is avoidable. The use of better methods must be mandated.. An estimated 79 billion fish and other marine life are killed every year by OTC.

The State Water Board should reject the presently proposed OTC policy amendments that DO NOT HELP AVOID the present slaughter. The OTC policy needs to ENSURE that these facilities use the best technology available and that they move toward this swifty..

Old Once Through Cooling technology must be abandoned, and new technology mandated to better protect the environment and fishing industry. Stalling on real change will be far more costly to everything in the end.

Sincerely,

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