

My name is Paul Garrido. I am here representing the Almanor Fishing Association and it's over 300 members. I would like to share our concerns regarding the proposed Thermal Curtains in Lake Almanor and Butt Valley Reservoir. This project is certain to have a negative environmental impact on the health of Lake Almanor and cause serious damage to Butt Valley Reservoir and their respective fisheries. The proposal to remove 50% of the cold water from Lake Almanor to decrease the temperature a few degrees to enhance the fishery between Belden and Rock Creek/Cresta is highly unlikely when you consider the distance the water must travel through Butt Valley Reservoir, PG&E forebays and power houses.

If 50% of our cold water is removed in early summer, the west shore of Lake Almanor would quickly warm, driving the fishery deeper and exposing them to cocopods (bottom lice) which attach themselves to the trouts' bodies and gills which can result in the death of the fish. Also, the effects of removing the cold water in the spring will drive the fishery into known spring areas earlier in the summer thus creating competition for food and dissolved oxygen. This water removal would disrupt the many different insect hatches including the very popular hexagenia hatch "hex hatch" which usually starts on the west shore of the lake in early spring.

We believe this approach to correcting the current problem of the North Fork of the Feather River should be further explored before PG&E spends millions of dollars on the installation of Thermal Curtains on these pristine lakes. This area of the North Fork of the Feather River would best be served by Alternative D. Stream restoration and other proven methods of stream cooling would vastly improve the Rock Creek/Cresta areas. In addition, removal of obstructions such as trash racks which have been built over the years would allow cooler water to enter the streams in the spring and early summer.

Due to the increase in local population, tourism, fishing and boating pressure on these lakes, we should be thinking about **improving** the environment of Lake Almanor and Butt Valley Reservoir instead of damaging it.

Once again, I ask on behalf of the Almanor Fishing Association that you consider other alternatives especially Alternative D to the installation of Thermal Curtains in Lake Almanor and Butt Valley Reservoir.

Thank you,

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