

The Salmon Stamp Committee – 2015

Report for the 2016 Fisheries Forum.

- 1) Please give some history of Salmon Stamp, how and why we chose to tax the fishermen, and why the committee was formed.
- 2) We want to thank all, for the help and support during the last reauthorization of the Salmon Stamp Committee. With your help and Zeke Grader, you were able to clean up the spending authority for the Salmon Stamp Funds.
- 3) We would also like to Thank All of You, for your help and support with increasing the amount of Enhancement Salmon raised last year to (4) million fish. This brings it back to traditional levels.
- 4) With salmon catches down to as low of levels as they are, the revenue into the Salmon Stamp Funds in the near future will not be much. We hope that you will be able to find funding to keep this 4 million Enhancement Fish level into the future.
- 5) It also has been talked about at the Salmon Stamp Committee, to move to a flat fee of around \$200 per year for the Salmon Stamp. Rather than the floating fee, on the previous season catch. With the average catch of 1.6 million pound seasons, since the collapse in 2006 when Salmon Stamp truly needs funds to help improve the amount of salmon being caught by the salmon trollers of California. We have very little revenue coming in.
- 6) We would like to thank the Department of Fish and Wildlife for their help in working out the new Alternative Release Site Schedule. This will help in releasing our trucked fish. This will spread out the releasing of the baby salmon, to different sites more often and at different times of the day to improve survival.
- 7) We would also like to thank the Dept. for using the extra million Enhancement Fish (That you helped us get) with a project that will feed these fish with a super food weeks before releasing them. We have high hopes that this will help solve some of the predation loss in our Central Valley System.
- 8) We still would like to truck 60,000 baby Winter Run Salmon to the Golden Gate Bridge. This would give us a chance to better understand the Mortality Rate of fish going down river. With a better understand of the system that would help us manage the recovery of fish, and also help to manage Ocean Salmon Fishing Seasons.