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March 10, 2014

President Mike Sutton  
California Fish and Game Commission  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear President Sutton:

As a result of the California Fish and Game Commission's Workshop on Strategic Improvement in California's Anadromous Hatcheries on February 4, 2014, I have introduced AB 2684 which will require all hatchery salmon stocked in California waters be coded-wire tagged prior to their release. I am pleased that Assemblymembers Ken Cooley and Paul Fong and Senator Noreen Evans have agreed to co-author this important measure.

AB 2684 supports the science established by the California Scientific Hatchery Review Group's (CSHRG) report which was released in June, 2012, entitled the California Hatchery Review Report (CHRR). This work was funded by the federal government to evaluate the effect of hatchery salmon and steelhead on California's wild stocks. One of the key recommendations of the CHRR is identification of hatchery fish so they can be easily differentiated in real time from wild salmon. It is important to note that the CHRR was a consensus report – meaning that all members of the CSHRG agreed with the recommendations – and that the California Department of Fish and Wildlife participated in the development of the report.

With this letter, I am requesting that the California Fish and Game Commission place AB 2684 on its agenda at the soonest possible time for discussion and that the Commission provide its formal support for the passage of AB 2684.

Any questions on AB 2684 should be addressed to my staff, Alfredo Arredondo, at 916-319-2029.

Sincerely,

Assemblymember Mark Stone  
District 29 (Monterey Bay)

cc: Sonke Mastrup, Executive Director, California Fish and Game Commission  
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