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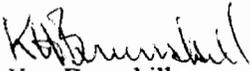
The Honorable Mark Stone
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Dear Assemblymember Stone:

I am writing in support of AB 2684, which requires that hatchery-raised Chinook salmon, Coho salmon and **Steelhead** be tagged before release as a method of **determining** the impact of hatchery salmonids on non-tagged native populations of these fish. The NCCFFF has long believed that protecting wild fish and conserving their habitats are essential. This bill will provide a mechanism to assess the impact of hatchery fish on the wild population.

The Northern California Council of the **International** Federation of Fly Fishers represents nearly 700 fly fishers in California and Nevada. We advocate for "All fish, all waters" and actively participate in conservation efforts to improve fisheries. We believe AB 2684 will allow the Department of Fish and Wildlife to improve wild fisheries through a comprehensive monitoring effort. We have been asked by the President of the Fish and Game Commission, Michael Sutton, to support this bill. We support this effort unequivocally.

Sincerely,


Ken Brunskill
President, NCCFFF

cc: Mike Sutton, Fish and Game Commission