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Dear Commission,

I am taking the time to write a short letter to you about the fishing in this state. I am 55 years old and have fished all my life until the last 3 years. I know that the fisheries are not what they used to be. There has been increasing pressure on the fishery. However I don't think that it has been ran to the best of the Departments ability over the last 10 years. There are too many loopholes for Indians and Asians that allow the destruction of our natural resource. I have witnessed the slaughter of bass from lake Oroville by families of Asian's hauling bass up the bank in buckets to the car and sent home to allow the other family members to fish. I see gill nets in the Klammoth River when an angler with a pole is not allowed to fish. These are not the only races to commit crimes however they are the worst offenders. This fishery is not there to sustain life, it is there for recreation use.

I went to Fort Bragg last week and found the Ten Mile beach area closed to fishing now. There are so many closed areas, rules and regulations ever changing, that it is not enjoyable to fish anymore and that is what the Department college grads want. To keep the public from fishing. Just like the National Forest closing off vast areas of my tax payer funded land. Fortunately battles are being won in court to get those areas reopened. Maybe that will have to happen to Fish and Game now. You keep regulating and raising the license fees who would want to buy a license. You can't fish anywhere! These new hot shot college kids had better wake up and see the big picture.

Thank you for letting me rant and rave, please help keep our fishing here for my grand kids to enjoy, but make it fair for every race and people!!

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