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Re: Project 2105

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The Almanor Fishing Association (AFA) was established in 1980, for the purpose of enhancing and preserving Lake Almanor's world class trout fishery. In 1985, AFA established a fish pen program. After 37 years, our pen program is known as the "longest running most successful" fish pen program in the state. Each October, we receive 50,000 sub catchable rainbows at which time our dedicated volunteers hand feed them daily, until their release in late April after they have tripled in size.

Through the generosity of our 267 individual and family members, and fifty-eight business sponsors, AFA and the Lake Almanor Fishery have survived and thrived through droughts, floods, storms, and fires. Drought conditions the past two years have resulted in unprecedented algal blooms. Record low water levels in 2021 forced AFA to move our pens to deeper water and for the first time in our history we were not able to receive our pen fish until November at which time water temperatures dropped to the preferred 60-degree mark.

Lake Almanor is a shallow water lake, we are, and have been, susceptible to warming ambient temperatures and low water years. The additional releases of Lake Almanor's limited cold water supply will have devasting consequences on our cold-water fishery.

The Dixie fire ravaged Plumas County, burning hundreds of thousand acres of timberland. Lake Almanor and the tributaries of Lake Almanor will be impacted for years as will our local economy. The future of Lake Almanor's sensitive ecosystem, our fishery, AFA, and the Lake Almanor Community are in dire jeopardy if the Commission adopts Conditions 1(B) and 6.

Thank you in advance for your consideration

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President Almanor Fishing Association

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