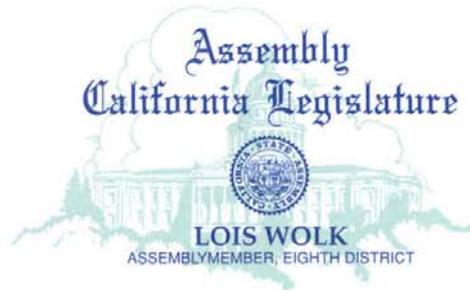


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The Honorable Mike Chrisman
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c/o Abe Doherty, Project Manager
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
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RE: Support for the California Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan

Dear Mr. Chrisman and Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for completion of the California Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan. The introduction of non-native aquatic invasive species into the marine and fresh waters of California threatens the ecological, social, economic, and public health integrity of the state's water resources. The state's need for a comprehensive plan to manage invasive species is eminent and should not be delayed further. In 2004 and 2005, I introduced legislation calling for a statewide comprehensive invasive species plan that would coordinate all statewide efforts to better leverage federal funding. In 2002, legislation was passed and signed requiring the completion of a statewide aquatic invasive species management plan. The Department of Fish and Game has made significant progress towards the completion of this plan. However, the department requires assistance to write a draft for public comment, to facilitate workshops to seek input on the plan, and to produce a final plan.

Although the aquatic invasive species plan is one piece of the puzzle, I believe it is an important piece that deserves your attention and funding. That is why I encourage the Ocean Protection Council to find that the California Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan is a high priority project—and for the Coastal Conservancy to use \$110,000 of funds dedicated for use by the Council to contract for services to complete this project.

Completion of this plan will enable the state to be eligible for federal funding and is important to provide a framework for agency coordination on the prevention, eradication, and management of aquatic invasive species.

Sincerely,

LOIS WOLK
Assemblywoman, 8th A.D.

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SUBJECT: Support for the California Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan

ATTENTION: Abe Doherty, Project Manager

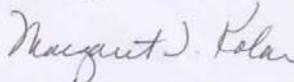
Dear Chairman Chrisman;

The California/Nevada Operations (CNO) office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service supports the completion of the California Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan. This effort is fundamental to any future efforts to prevent, manage or control aquatic invasive species in California. Development of an Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan will provide a structure for incorporation of strong partnerships, current scientific technologies and "best approaches" to address this increasing threat to California water resources.

The introduction of non-native aquatic invasive species into the marine and freshwater resources of California threatens the ecological, social, economic and public health integrity of the state's water resources. The state's need for a comprehensive plan to manage aquatic invasive species was recognized through the passage of legislation in 2002 that requires the completion of a statewide aquatic invasive species management plan. The California Department of Fish and Game has made significant progress towards the completion of this plan, but requires assistance to write a draft for public comment, facilitate workshops to seek input on the plan and produce a final plan.

CNO encourages the Ocean Protection Council to find that the California Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan is a high priority project. Completion of this plan will enhance opportunities available to the state. This plan is important to provide a framework for agency coordination on the prevention, eradication and management of aquatic invasive species.

Sincerely,


for Ken McDermond
Deputy Manager

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c/o Abe Doherty, Project Manager

RE: Support for the California Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan

Dear Mr. Chrisman and Mr. Bosco;

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I encourage the Ocean Protection Council to find that the California Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan is a high priority project and for the Coastal Conservancy to use \$110,000 of funds dedicated for use by the Council to contract for services to complete this project. Funding from the Ocean Protection Council and the Coastal Conservancy will be used for writing and facilitation work to complete the California Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan, ensuring adequate public participation in the drafting of the final plan and assisting in the implementation of initial management actions identified in the plan. Completion of this plan will enable the state to be eligible for federal funding and is important to provide a framework for agency coordination on the prevention, eradication and management of aquatic invasive species.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


PETER DOUGLAS
Executive Director

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CC: Sam Schuchat, California Coastal Conservancy
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Making San Francisco Bay Better

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AND

Douglas Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
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SUBJECT: Support for the California Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan

Gentlemen:

I am writing on behalf of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) to express support for completion of the California Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan. While BCDC does not directly manage invasive species, it is the primary agency with regulatory authority in San Francisco Bay and confronts the impacts of non-native, aquatic invasive species on a daily basis. The introduction of invasive species into the marine and fresh waters of California threatens the ecological and economic integrity of San Francisco Bay. The state's need for a comprehensive plan to manage aquatic invasive species was recognized through the passage of legislation in 2002 that requires the completion of a statewide aquatic invasive species management plan. The Department of Fish and Game has made significant progress towards the completion of this plan, but requires assistance to write a draft for public comment, facilitate workshops to seek input on the plan and produce a final plan.

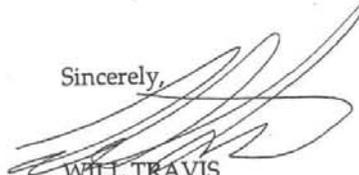
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Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (415) 352-3653 or Leslie Lacko (415) 352-3646 with any questions.

Sincerely,



WILL TRAVIS
Executive Director

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c/o Abe Doherty, Project Manager

RE: Support for the California Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan

Dear Mr. Chrisman and Mr. Bosco;

I am writing to express my support for completion of the California Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan. The introduction of non-native aquatic invasive species into the marine and fresh waters of California threatens the ecological, social, economic and public health integrity of the state's water resources. The federal Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act (NANPCA) of 1990 amended by the National Invasive Species Act of 1996 calls for the development of state and regional management plans to control aquatic invasive species. California's need for a comprehensive plan to manage aquatic invasive species was recognized through the passage of legislation in 2002 that requires the completion of a statewide aquatic invasive species management plan. The Department of Fish and Game has made significant progress towards the completion of this plan, but requires assistance to write a draft for public comment, facilitate workshops to seek input on the plan and produce a final plan.

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The San Francisco Estuary Project (SFEP) would be an ideal organization to finalize and begin implementation of the California Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan due to its experience in serving on federal and regional aquatic invasive species panels and the technical expertise of the staff. Dr. Karen McDowell at SFEP would serve as the primary technical coordinator for this project, due to her extensive experience in coordinating aquatic invasive species management efforts at a state and national level. As an ex-officio member of the federal Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, SFEP has been involved in reviewing state aquatic invasive species management plans from many other states, and would very much like to see California be added to the group that has an approved State Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lawrence P. Kolb".

Lawrence P. Kolb
Chair, SFEP Implementation Committee

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The Honorable Douglas Bosco
Chair, State Coastal Conservancy

- c/o -

Abe Doherty, Project Manager
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Support for the California Aquatic Invasive Species Management
Plan

Dear Mr. Chrisman and Mr. Bosco,

I am writing to express Cal-IPC's support for completion of the
California Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan.

Aquatic invasive species threatens the ecological, social, economic and
public health integrity of the state's water resources. The aquatic invasive
species already here are bad enough, but the potential for new invaders—
such as the *Caulerpa* marine infestation in southern California found in
2000—present a significant environmental risk that needs a planned,
coordinated response.

Legislation in 2002 required the completion of a statewide aquatic
invasive species management plan. The Department of Fish and Game
has made significant progress towards the completion of the California
Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan, but requires assistance to
write a draft for public comment, facilitate workshops to seek input on
the plan and produce a final plan.

I encourage the Ocean Protection Council to make the California
Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan a high priority project, and
for the Coastal Conservancy to use \$110,000 of funds dedicated for use
by the Council to contract for services to complete this project. The plan
will provide an important framework for agency coordination on the
prevention, eradication and management of aquatic invasive species.
Completion of this plan will also make California eligible for federal
funding.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Doug Johnson
Executive Director

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c/o Abe Doherty, Project Manager

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OAKLAND, CALIF.

RE: Support for Funding of the California Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan

Dear Mr. Chrisman and Mr. Bosco:

On behalf of the California Coastkeeper Alliance, which represents Waterkeeper groups from the Oregon border to San Diego, I am writing to express my support for funding to complete the California Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan. The introduction of non-native aquatic invasive species into the marine and fresh waters of California threatens the ecological, social, economic and public health integrity of the state's aquatic habitats. The San Francisco Bay area alone is home to at least 234 species of non-native, invasive plants, crabs, fish and other animals, according to 1998 San Francisco Estuary Institute study. The Asian clam, for example, is believed by scientists to have contributed to an 80 percent drop in the amount of phytoplankton that delta smelt and other bay and estuary fish rely on for food. Similarly, research released this summer identified a prolific parasite that threatens to decimate native mud shrimp populations, raising concerns for the complex ecosystems that rely on the shrimp as an important prey species. Finally, research in Bodega Bay earlier this year illustrated how even initially benign non-natives can become aggressive in certain conditions, leading to possible "invasional meltdowns."

The state's need for a comprehensive plan to manage aquatic invasive species was recognized through legislation in 2002 that requires the completion of a statewide aquatic invasive species management plan. The Department of Fish and Game has made significant progress towards the completion of this plan, but additional funding is needed to complete the draft for public comment, seek input, finalize the plan, and begin implementation of its recommended measures.

The California Coastkeeper Alliance encourages the Ocean Protection Council to support use of, and the Coastal Conservancy to implement the expenditure of, \$110,000 for the California Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan. Completion of this plan will enable the state to be eligible for federal funding, and is important to provide a framework for agency coordination on the prevention, eradication and control of aquatic invasive species. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Linda Sheehan", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Linda Sheehan
Executive Director