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May 21, 2020

Director Charlton H. Bonham
State of California – Natural Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)
1416 Ninth Street, Room 125
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Reopening of the Mono County Regular Fishing Season

Dear Mr. Bonham,

On behalf of the Mono County Board of Supervisors, I want to thank you for working with us to postpone the Mono County Fishing Season. Your favorable and prompt response helped to minimize visitor traffic at a time when our County was unable to support any surge in population. We are now writing to request that the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) reopen the trout fishing season in Mono County on Friday, May 22, 2020.

On May 20, 2020 Mono County received variance attestation approval from the California Department of Public Health to move into the Governor's Phase Two, Stage Two Resilience Roadmap. As a result, on May 21, 2020 the Mono County Board of Supervisors discussed reopening of the fishing season immediately, as well as the potential impacts on public health and safety of local residents, communities and visitors. Although the Governor's Stay-at-Home Order remains in effect throughout the state, and non-essential travel is still prohibited, we feel we are now in a position – sanctioned by the state – to move forward with the opening of the fishing season. The need for additional outdoor recreation opportunities for health and wellness to those currently in Mono County has become increasingly apparent, and fishing will create that opportunity.

Please let us know if we can take any further action to expedite this request. Thank you in advance for your understanding and consideration of our situation.

Respectfully,

Stacy Corless, Chair, Mono County Board of Supervisors

CC Via Email: Governor Gavin Newsom
Senator Andreas Borgeas
Assemblyman Frank Bigelow
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California Department of Natural Resources

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