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Marine Stores and Tackle Shops
in Humboldt, Trinity, Shasta, Mendocino and Del Norte Counties

Re: Prevention Efforts Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species (Quagga and Zebra Mussel)
Temporary Boating Restrictions being instituted at Ruth Lake

Dear Marine Store and Tackle Shop Owners/Operators:

We sent you a letter on June 24, 2008 informing you of an emerging, and important issue facing the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District (HBMWD) and Ruth Lake Community Services District. That letter is attached once again for your information in case you no longer have it.

HBMWD's source of supply is beautiful Ruth Lake in southern Trinity County. The District has a vested interest in maintaining the quality and health of this water supply resource. Ruth Lake CSD, as well as boaters and anglers in our community, have a vested interest too, given the valuable recreational opportunities afforded there.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that HBMWD will be instituting a temporary boating restriction at Ruth Lake in an attempt to protect Humboldt County's water supply from these invasive species. Only boats registered in and originating from Humboldt and Trinity Counties will be allowed to launch at Ruth Lake. Boats registered locally, but recently immersed in infested waters in southern California or the Colorado River system, are also prohibited from entering Ruth Lake. This restriction is expected to be temporary and will end once boating registration and inspection programs – which are being developed jointly by HBMWD and the Ruth Lake CSD - have been put in place.

As noted in our July 24th letter, we view you as important partners in the educational effort given your relationship and interface with the marine and angling communities. We request your continued support in raising awareness and helping with education to this audience.

To assist you, we have created a flyer announcing the temporary restriction. ***We request that you post the flyer at your shop.*** We have also attached a few photos of what these mussels look like, as well as additional copies of DFG's educational material for you to post and distribute.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, and thank you for your assistance in getting the word out to the boating and fishing communities. Working together, we hope to prevent the introduction of these invasive species into beautiful Ruth Lake and other northern California Reservoirs.

Sincerely,



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General Manager

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