



Central Coast Forest Association

CCFA's Mission

The Central Coast Forest Association is a non-profit alliance of small forestland owners, forestry professionals and forest-oriented businesses with close affinity to the woods, mountains, streams and wild-life of the Central Coast. Our purpose is to uphold and preserve our values, our property rights and our way of life. To advance this objective CCFA will:

- Interact with community, political and environmental interests as a voice for forestland owners.
- Understand the news, law and technology of forestry and apply this knowledge for the benefit and protection of forestland owners.
- Inform members of matters affecting their lands and forests.
- Take political and legal action to defend the rights and property of all Central Coast forestland owners.

TIMBER FIRMS OVERWHELMED BY ENVIRONMENTALISTS AND REGULATORS

COSTLY REGULATIONS, INTRUSIONS AND LEGAL ACTIONS ARE DEVASTATING THE WEST COAST TIMBER INDUSTRY

California timber companies are shutting down, moving out of the state and even out of the country because of the high cost of complying with the avalanche of regulations, timber executives told the State Board of Forestry at its May first meeting. "What we're doing is exporting demand elsewhere.", Dan Tomascheski, V.P. of the state's largest timber company, Sierra Pacific Industries, told the regulators.

In an April 27 landmark, special report entitled "State of Denial" by reporter, Tom Knudson, the Sacramento Bee reported that California continues to consume 9 to 10 billion board feet of wood a year. Of this, 80% comes from other states and nations. The cost to the state is incalculable when lost jobs, lost tax revenue, lost skilled workers, lost capital and the increased price of lumber are added up. The Wall Street Journal reported a 25% cost increase in wood products related to the listing of just one species, the spotted owl. Thus, the nation, not just loggers are impacted by this questionable listing.

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ENVIRONMENTALISTS FEAR THAT SALMON RECOVERY DUE TO NATURAL CLIMATE CYCLE "WILL BREAK THEIR RICE BOWL"¹

One of the most notable characteristics of salmonids, particularly Coho Salmon, is the wide swings in populations and fish size in response to ocean conditions. A major climate cycle known as the "decadal oscillation" (an ocean temperature swing that alternately cools Alaskan water while warming California's then reverses) is a dominant marine variable. The result is that the since coho thrive in cold water they are alternately plentiful in Alaska while scarce here, and when, after a decade or two, the oscillation flips, plentiful here and scarce in Alaska. It has just flipped in our favor and salmon and steelhead are more plentiful and healthy from here to Washington than anyone can remember.

Reported coho runs in Oregon have increased from 22,000 in 1997 to 268,000 last year. Oregon environmental activists however, proclaim that there should be no letup in their work to "save" the coho. "Our job of stream restoration is not yet finished" they shout.

The picture to the right is the result of CCFA's extensive research project² that confirms the improved size and population of Chinook salmon in Pacific Coast waters. The fish held by Burton (on the left) weighs in at 32.4 lb. The project is ongoing and will be further reported at a later time.



CCFA researchers, Dick Burton and Bob Bertage present experimental proof of recent salmon ocean productivity increase

1. Old Chinese expression meaning to threaten one's income.
 2. No government grants were used to conduct this important scientific research.

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