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**Subject: Addendum to Response to NOAA Fisheries, Santa Cruz Laboratory, review of November 6, 2003 petition concerning coho salmon south of San Francisco**

Dear Mr. McInnis,

Since our last correspondence we have discovered new data that supports our assertion that no valid evidence exists of any coho salmon in this area prior to their (well documented) artificial introduction as a new, sport-fishing resource in 1906.

The NOAA Fisheries Southwest Region Santa Cruz Laboratory (NOAA 2004) presented a number of unsound arguments in their technical response to our petition (McCrary 2003). One of these arguments concerned coho specimens that were purportedly collected in 1895 at some Santa Cruz streams. In our response to the Santa Cruz Lab review (McCrary 2004) we pointed out that between the chaotic accession log, the initial species misidentifications, the missing specimens, and the unattributed second identity labels, the chain of custody has been broken and the specimens are not reliable. In addition, we would now like to bring to your attention an excerpt from an early Stanford Ichthyological Bulletin (Bohlke 1953):

*"The early morning of April 18, 1906, saw much damage to the Stanford buildings as a result of the San Francisco earthquake (the San Andreas fault is only four miles west of the campus). The fish collections took their share of the damage. More than 1,000 jars and bottles were broken although the majority survived intact. The wreckage lay on the floor, kept wet with water from hoses manned day and night by Professors Snyder and Starks, until new bottles and alcohol could be secured. An effort was made to match specimens and data, this work being done by each member of the entire ichthyological group who had most actively been working on the specimens concerned. As a result much was saved that might have been lost, although there were numerous instances in which the material had to be discarded. In others, some doubt could not be avoided. A small printed label stating 'Bottle broken during earthquake' was inserted in each bottle. Unfortunately, according to Prof. J. O. Snyder, a careless curatorial assistant later removed these labels from about half of the jars bearing them" (Bohlke 1953).*