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**Subject:** Low flow regulations for the Garcia, Gualala & Russian River.  
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To all concerned,

I am sure you are aware of the low flow scenario currently in effect for the above rivers. I am 66 years old, an avid fisherman and have fished these rivers since my youth. I support the low flow closers but our current situation is ridiculous. The Russian should have been closed to all fishing in November, December, and January to protect both salmon and wild steelhead, but took until late February for you folks to respond. The Russian should now be open. The salmon have been done since January.

I fished the Gualala on Friday, the 14th of March, and in my view, it should be closed due to low flow. I am sure the Garcia is also low and should be closed. These two streams are very special since the fish are 99 percent wild. We must protect them at all cost.

The fact that the low flow closure for these two rivers is based on the Russian River flow is absurd. The Russian's flow being controlled by two dams doesn't represent the proper data to control the closures of other rivers.

The Gualala's flow at least is similar to the Garcia and the use of the USGS gauge on the Gualala is a good start. If we need an updated modern gauge, then let's do it! All I hear is there isn't the money to do this. I am willing to start a fund raiser for the purpose of installing the required gauges for these two rivers.

I am aware of the stream gauge process having worked with flow monitoring years ago at the Sonoma County Water Agency. I am sure that other sportsmen will support this idea.

Hopefully, this email is taken seriously and we can all work together to protect our fishery for future generations.

Sincerely,

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Sent from my iPad