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From: Jim Newton,
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Re: A new fishing regulation that is unfair and needs to be revoked.

I have been fishing on the Klamath River just south of Crescent City for over thirty five years. During this time sports fishermen have always been allowed to fillet and vacuum pack, can or smoke their salmon and steelhead to take home.

There is a new regulation that says non resident sports fishermen can no longer fillet their fish. We must gut and gill and freeze the fish whole. Most of the R.V.'s in the campgrounds are non residents so we have to freeze our fish whole and because we stay several

months over fish would be freezer burned and no good to eat. Residents of the Klamath area are allowed to fillet and vacuum pack thin fish. This seems so unfair.

Oregon and Washington do not have this non-fillet law. If this law is kept on the books many Calif. RV.ers will go fish in Oregon and Washington. This will diffinitely affect the Calif coastal communities economically.

This non-filleting law in California also affects ocean Salmon fishing

A warden on the Klamath River cited several fisherman for filleting thin fish. The warden said he thought the regulation was unfair but because he received a call from Cal Tip he had to investigate and give citations.

Please help the sports fishermen, fishing guides and City campgrounds by helping revoke the non-fillet regulations.

Thank you,

Jim Newton