

## **Assemblymember Wesley Chesbro**

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### **Chesbro announces hearing on California's salmon fisheries**

SACRAMENTO – [Assemblymember Wesley Chesbro](#) (D – North Coast), chair of Legislature's Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture, announced today the Committee will hold a special hearing on the state of California salmon on Aug. 21 at the Capitol. The hearing is scheduled for 1:30-4:30 p.m. in room 437.

The Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture has for decades held an annual Fisheries Forum, a day-long affair that serves as a report card on the state's vast and diverse fisheries and aquaculture industries.

"Salmon are an important part of California's economy, cultural heritage and natural environment," Chesbro said. "During this year's Forum it became evident that critical issues facing California salmon warranted a special hearing to receive input from fisheries managers, fishermen, California tribes and environmentalists."

The three hour hearing will provide a broad overview of the state's extensive salmon fisheries. The agenda includes presentations on genetic stock identification and population strongholds, the perspective of the salmon fishing community, funding for salmon habitat restoration and reports on the Klamath and Trinity and Scott and Shasta river systems. Fisheries managers from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the federal NOAA Fisheries agency will also speak.

"Salmon are an iconic species of California and a vital component of the culture of Native American tribes on the North Coast," Chesbro said. "These fish are also a keystone species of coastal ecosystems, which are extremely rich biologically when healthy. There's no better indicator species of the health of our coastal environment than salmon."

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**Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture  
Salmon Hearing  
State Capitol, Room 437  
August 21, 2013 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**I. Welcoming Remarks**

Chairman Wesley Chesbro  
Opening Statements by Members of the Joint Committee

**II. California Department of Fish and Wildlife and NOAA Fisheries**

Charlton Bonham – Director, California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Chris Yates – Assistant Regional Administrator for Protected Resources, NOAA Fisheries  
Steve Lindley – Director, Fisheries Ecology Division, NOAA Fisheries

**III. Genetic Stock Identification and Population Strongholds**

Sarah Bates – Fleet Manager, Genetic Stock Identification, California Salmon Council  
Curtis Knight – Conservation Director, California Trout

**IV. Salmon Fishing Community Perspectives**

Dave Bitts – President, PCFFA  
John McManus – Executive Director, Golden Gate Salmon Association  
Marc Gorelnik – Board Member, Coastside Fishing Club

**V. Salmon Restoration Funding**

David Manning – Principle Environmental Specialist, Sonoma County Water Agency  
Mike Jani – President and Chief Forester, Humboldt Redwood Company  
Mitch Farro – Projects Manager, Pacific Coast Fish, Wildlife and Wetlands Restoration Association

**VI. Klamath and Trinity Rivers**

Mike Belchik – Senior Fisheries Biologist, Yurok Tribe  
Steve Rotherth – Director California Field Office, American Rivers  
Tom Stokely – Director and Water Policy Coordinator, California Watershed Improvement Network



VII. Scott and Shasta Rivers

Michael Kobseff – Supervisor, Siskiyou County

Konrad Fisher – Executive Director, Klamath Riverkeeper

Amy Hoss – Klamath River Project Manager, The Nature Conservancy

Stan Sears – President, Montague Water Conservation District

VIII. Closing Comments by Committee Chair