



**BACKCOUNTRY
HUNTERS & ANGLERS**
CALIFORNIA

May 16, 2024

RE: Support for AB 1798

Dear Assembly Member Papan,

Backcountry Hunters & Anglers (BHA) is a 501c3 non-profit that seeks to ensure North America's outdoor heritage of hunting and fishing in a natural setting through education and work on behalf of fish, wildlife, and wild places. With chapters in 49 states, Washington D.C., two Canadian provinces and one Canadian territory, as well as close to 400,000 supporters, BHA attracts sportsmen, women, and other public land users from across the continent. As the voice for our wild public lands, waters, and wildlife, BHA is dedicated to restoration and conservation efforts that conserve vital ecosystem functions and expand public access for hunting and fishing.

California boasts some of the most ecologically and recreationally significant freshwater fisheries in the country. Salmon and steelhead trout bearing surface waters are of vital importance to California's broader ecological health, serve as an essential freshwater resource for much of the state, and provide recreational opportunities that are integral to the culture of a wide swath of Californian's, including many Indigenous Tribes.

As the leading voice for our public lands, waters, and wildlife, defending the health of California's fishing rivers is of the utmost importance to Backcountry Hunters & Anglers. AB 1798 does just that. 6PPD and 6PPD-Quinone are bad for fish, and we as an organization applaud this legislation's attempt to keep these chemicals out of our public waterways. We support the passage of AB 1798.

Thank you for your commitment to conservation of California's important fisheries and freshwater resources.

Sincerely,

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