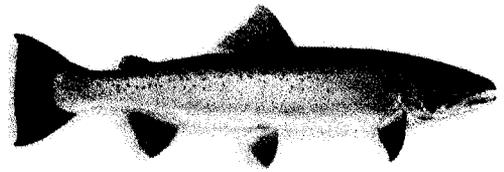


# UNITED ANGLERS



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June 30th, 2004

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Mr. Jacob Bayless, Foreman  
Sonoma County Grand Jury

## GRAND JURY

Dear Sir:

My apology for this response being late as I have just returned from vacation - June 29th.

R3 The UAC director/Casa Grande science teacher should as soon as possible take advantage of the pilot program opportunities as well as NOAA's offer of additional resources that could enhance the UAC program.

Response - As the UAC director/Casa Grande Science teacher I will consider any opportunities to improve our program - when and if they are offered.

The United Anglers restoration program has been activity involved with NOAA over the past years - see attached materials on watershed activities.



*"Keep the Dream Alive"*



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
 NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

Southwest Region  
 777 Sonoma Avenue, Room 325  
 Santa Rosa, California 95404

December 22, 2003

Tom Futter  
 Casa Grande High School  
 333 Casa Grande Road  
 Petaluma, California 94954

Dear Tom,

In light of the recent events concerning flood control and restoration projects in Adobe Creek, and the question of liability associated with the United Anglers of Casa Grande High School anadromous fish and restoration program, I would like to reaffirm NOAA Fisheries support and partnership with the school. In addition, I would like to commend the students for the continuing work they do, and to acknowledge their dedication and contribution to recover listed steelhead.

The issue of vegetation management and flood control is a topic I deal with throughout Central California. There are many creeks where conflicts arise between protection of property and the conservation of salmonids listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The responsibility of maintaining waterways and conserving listed salmonids falls on the landowners. To that end, I want to reassure the students that they are not liable for the restoration activities they conduct in Adobe Creek.

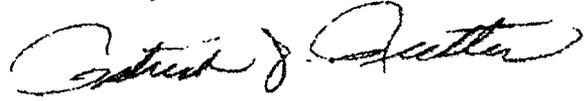
NOAA Fisheries is sensitive to the issue of protecting private property from flooding. However, the protection of private property does not have to put landowners in conflict with the ESA. Recovery and restoration of salmon and steelhead will only result when we all have a common long-term vision, balance needs and acknowledge that we all have a part to play in recovery planning. There is no doubt in my mind that United Anglers, the City of Petaluma, the Sonoma County Water Agency, and NOAA Fisheries can establish a partnership which utilizes and compounds our resources and calls for a common goal.

The United Anglers of Casa Grande High School program is an essential and key element to the restoration of watersheds in Petaluma. The Program has already demonstrated many successes and leaves a legacy of environmental conservation for the next generation of students to follow. More than anything, I am encouraged that the students are developing an environmental awareness and leadership skills for the future. I want every student in your classroom to know how much NOAA Fisheries values their work ethics, and the work they do.



At any time my staff, or I can be of assistance to your program please let me know. I would also be pleased to address your class on this, or any ESA issue.

Sincerely,



Patrick J. Rutten, Supervisor  
Protected Resources Division

cc: Rod McInnis, NOAA Fisheries  
Petaluma School Board

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February 27, 2004

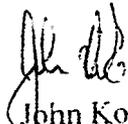
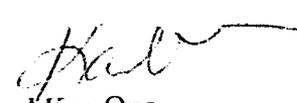
Tom Furrer  
Casa Grande High School  
Director/Instructor  
333 Casa Grande Road  
Petaluma, CA 94954

Dear Mr. Furrer:

On behalf of the Contra Costa Watershed Forum, thank you very much for your inspirational presentation at the Contra Costa County Creek and Watershed Symposium. As you know more than three hundred people attended the event, representing a broad cross section of community, from local and state agencies to organizations and educational institutions. Response to the event in general, and to the speakers more specifically, was overwhelmingly positive. And the presentation by the United Anglers of Casa Grande was the runaway hit of the day. Your commitment and dedication was a big inspiration to people in Contra Costa County.

Recognizing the importance of your contribution to this event, the Contra Costa Watershed Forum on January 14<sup>th</sup> unanimously approved awarding you the enclosed Certificate of Appreciation. Please accept this as a small gesture of our appreciation.

Sincerely,

  
  
John Kopchik and Kae Ono  
Staff for the Symposium

enclosure

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Costa  
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Dennis M. Barry, AICP  
Community Development Director

September 13, 2002

Dr. Carol Wong  
Superintendent  
Petaluma School District  
200 Douglas Street  
Petaluma, CA 94952

Dear Dr. Wong:

Congratulations to Casa Grande High School and the United Anglers of Casa Grande in receiving the CF Industries National Watershed Award.

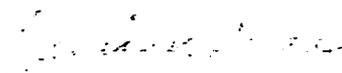
It was a pleasure to visit Casa Grande High School and video tape Tom Furrer and his students for the watershed award ceremony scheduled in Washington, D.C. on September 26, 2002.

The student-lead Adobe Creek Restoration Project is one of the finest programs I have seen in all of my years of involvement in the Watershed Award program. Tom's dedication and the hard work of the students serve as an excellent example of initiative and commitment of spirit.

We will be forwarding copies of the press releases for the award ceremony of September 26, 2002, and a copy to Tom for use with the local media. Should you like to learn more about our company and the watershed recognition program, please visit our web site at [www.cfindustries.com](http://www.cfindustries.com).

Again, congratulations to Tom and students of Casa Grande High School.

Sincerely,

  
Tamien Hook  
Media Specialist

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cc: Tom Furrer





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**United Anglers of Casa Grande High School  
Habitat Restoration Partner  
1999 - 2003**

**Citation**

The National Marine Fisheries Service proudly adopts United Anglers of Casa Grande High School as the first student program to be adopted into its new anadromous fish habitat restoration initiative. This is the NMFS High School Habitat Restoration Partnership program. The criteria for adoption were not created by fishery bureaucrats, but by the accomplishments of Casa Grande High School students in Adobe Creek. These criteria, that other student programs must meet as well, include the following: A dedicated faculty advisor in fishery habitat conservation; a strong partnership with its community; an anadromous stream conservation or restoration project; a watershed or ecosystem approach to stream conservation; an outreach plan to educate other students and the public about fish habitats; and a strong student commitment to habitat protection.

The NMFS will adopt that school as a partner in salmon and steelhead habitat restoration, committed to providing modest financial support for field supplies and equipment, classroom materials, and other educational and outreach materials. It further commits to being the new partner's mentor, providing advice, internships, field trips, classroom instruction, career counseling, and other appropriate educational support.

United Anglers of Casa Grande High School is a prototype NMFS partnership for other high schools in California. Should this four-year program be highly successful, it may be expanded beyond salmon and steelhead watersheds to marine pelagic and groundfish habitats. Congratulations to all members of the United Anglers of Casa Grande High School and I look forward to this new partnership with you.

*William T. Hogarth*  
William T. Hogarth, Ph.D.  
Regional Administrator

November 7, 1998





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**HABITAT RESTORATION PARTNERSHIP  
UNITED ANGLERS OF CASA GRANDE HIGH SCHOOL**

**November 7, 1998**

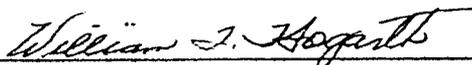
Effective this date the National Marine Fisheries Service adopts into its Habitat Restoration Partnership the students of United Anglers of Casa Grande High School, Petaluma, California. This adoption commits United Anglers to meet criteria established for this adoption and commits the National Marine Fisheries Service to providing the mentor support identified herein.

**United Anglers Agrees To:**

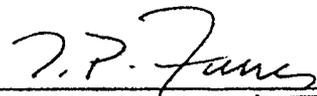
Dedicate at least one faculty science advisor to this partnership; support students interested in college preparatory classes with emphasis in fishery or habitat conservation careers; adopt a nearby creek as a salmon or steelhead trout habitat restoration project; take a watershed approach in restoring that creek; engage the local community in their restoration work; develop an outreach project or program to educate the community and other schools in salmon and steelhead habitat conservation and restoration; and fulfill this commitment for four years.

**National Marine Fisheries Service Agrees To:**

Dedicate one career employee as a partnership mentor; provide modest funding to assist in acquiring classroom and field equipment; participate in science and career fairs; seek opportunities to engage students in actual problems in the field; provide classroom instruction; provide student career counseling; provide student intern tasks; and fulfill this commitment for four years.



National Marine Fisheries Service  
Long Beach, California



United Anglers of Casa Grande High School  
Petaluma, California

