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Hello Charlie Fullerton;

First of all, I want to thank you very much for talking with us on Fort Bragg radio and for so well presenting the regulators side of the story or; the salmon season closures. Those arguments have been in need around here since most media have focused on the fisher people's plight to the exclusion of your side, I, personally, ended feeling George Setzer was arguing much more from emotional desperation than from reason. My biggest concern is to see the salmon restored so it can support a fishing industry on the long-term basis, and I think your presence on The Environment Show helped further the understanding necessary to bring this about with geater public support. Several people have commented that it was an excellent show.

Secondly, I need to ask your advice. We all know to bring back a healthy salmon population we have to greatly improve their spawning and rearing habitat. Locally, this means clearing streams of logjams and silt ponds and stabilizing stream banks and landslides. Two summers ago the Albion Watershed Association, Dept of Fish and Game, and CETA/CEMR crews began restoration work on the Albion River, and it was finished last summer. Environmentalists, fishermen, the timber industry, and area residents were all pleased with the successful completion of this first project and were ready to begin the next (Salmon Creek, just south of the Albion). But then, this summer rolls around and nothing's happening. No central Mendocino coastal streams are being touched! That's outrageous in view of how much work needs to be done and how much lipservice is spent in that direction. Local folks are disappointed, some are angry. I have it in writing from your department that Salmon Creek was next on the list and that the Albion River crew would move on to there when they finished the Albion. This they did not do. There's no local stream restoration being done this summer (although I hear there is some work being done 60 miles down the coast on the Garcia and 60 miles N-E around Leggett).

So, Charlie, I ask you (1) what programs or agencies should I be contacting to get work resumed, around here; and (2) will you use your influence to get the ball rolling again?



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