

***Coalition for a Sustainable Delta's  
Early Action Application:  
Recommend Elimination of Striped Bass Fishing Regulations***

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# Striped Bass

- Non-native species.
- The most significant predator of Chinook salmon and delta smelt in the Bay-Delta estuary.
- Considered a significant threat to steelhead in the estuary.
- Identified in 1996 Delta Fishes Recovery Plan as an impediment to recovery of delta smelt.
- Identified in 2009 draft Recovery Plan for Central Valley salmonids as one of the top stressors on numerous salmonids.

# NOAA Fisheries Recommendation

- “With respect to striped bass, NMFS encourages the Commission to immediately review and amend the striped bass sport fishing regulations in an attempt to reduce their predatory impact and thereby increase survival of native fish. Our recommendations are as follows:

- Letter from M. Rea, NOAA Fisheries (May 13, 2010)

## Geographic Areas:

- All anadromous waters of the Central Valley...

## Open Season:

- Year-round

## Minimum Size:

- No minimum size limit

## Bag limit:

- No bag limit”

# DFG Biologists Have Recommended Elimination of Striped Bass Regulations

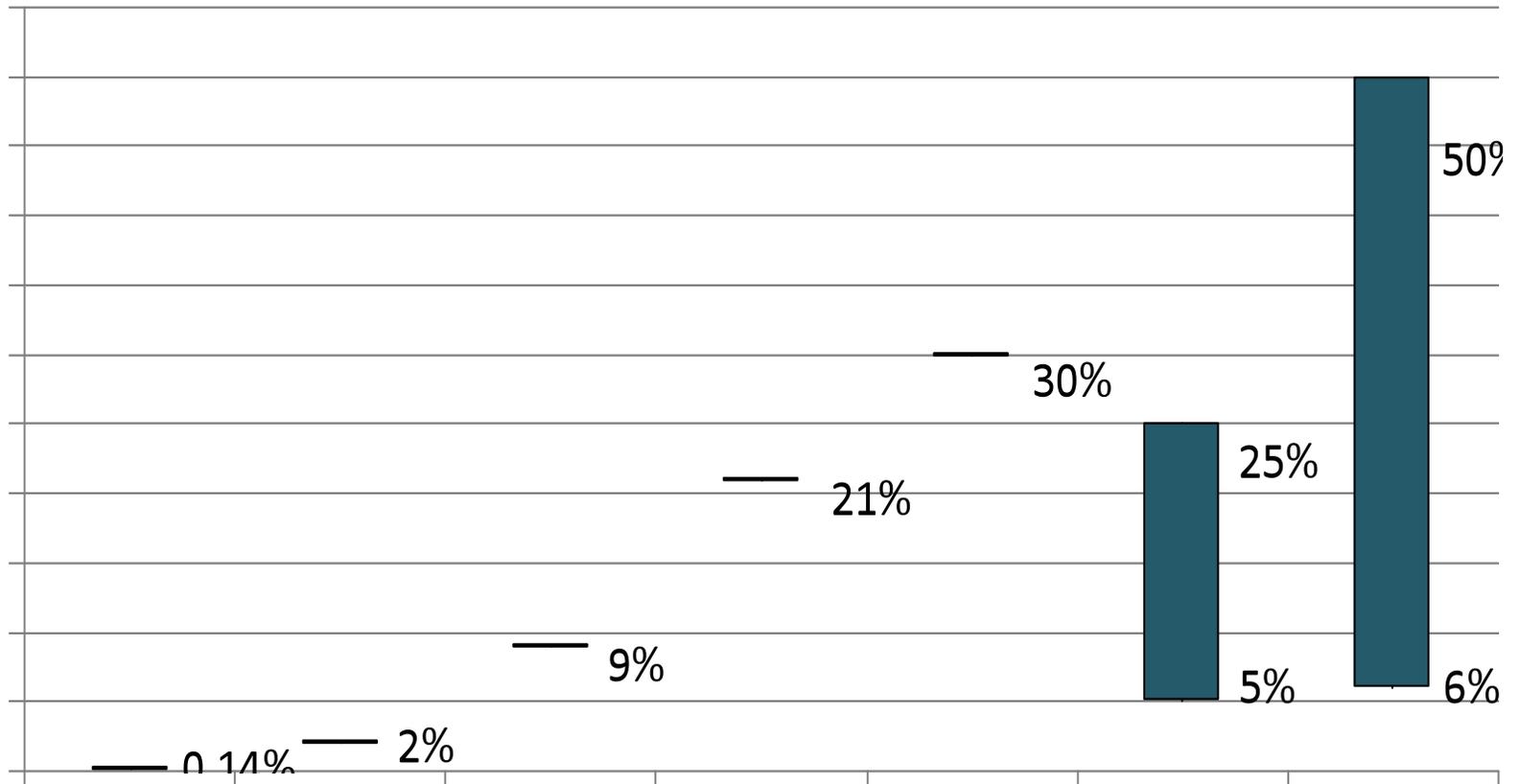
- “Last night a chill ran down my spine imagining that Delta smelt go extinct (or another Delta native forage fish get listed) on ‘our’ watch while we have done nothing proactive to address predation by striped bass.”
- “We should propose revising the striped bass policy to consider them a 'weed' like pigs or a similar pest.”
  - E-mail from Marty Gingras, DFG Supervising Biologist (Feb. 8, 2007)

# Elimination of Regulations is a Cost Effective Measure to Protect Salmonids

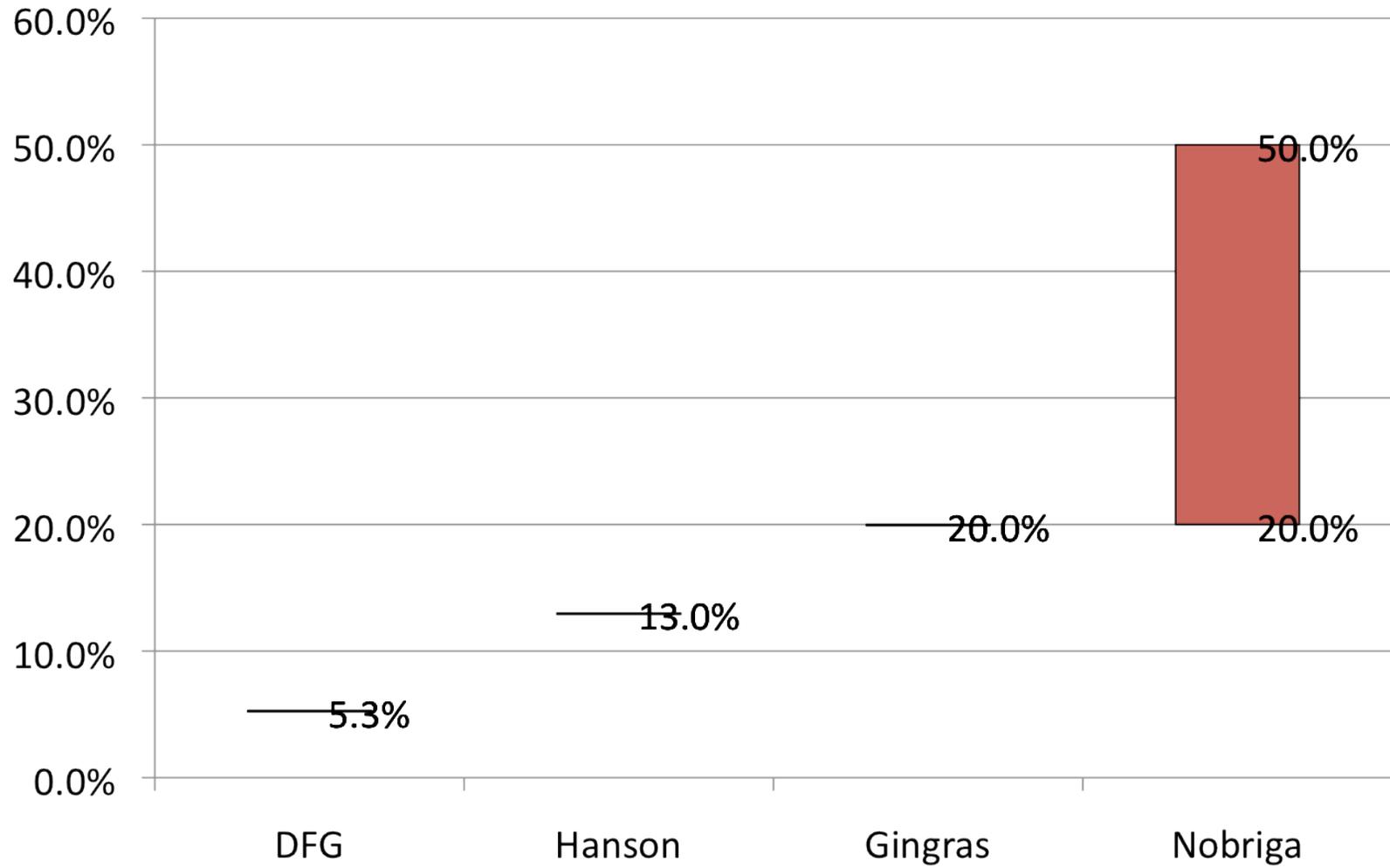
- “Allowing fishermen to reduce striped bass predation via deregulation is probably the most efficient and cost-effective method to contribute to recovery of Central Valley salmon and steelhead. Unless this is done, expensive management programs designed to improve their survival within the lower Delta are unlikely to save these listed species.”

- Dr. Charles Hansen, Expert Report (Oct. 9, 2009)

# Predation Estimates on Winter-Run Salmon

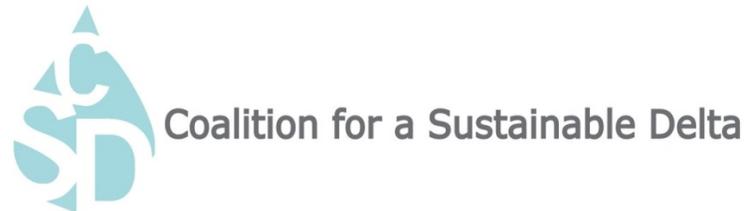


# Predation Estimates on Delta Smelt



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# A Logical Starting Point for Any Action Under the Delta Plan

1. Existing enforcement authorities
2. Existing enforcement activities
3. Enforcement resources, including assessment of what resources are needed to fully meet obligations
4. Analysis of available enforcement tools

# Protection of California's Environmental and Water Resources

- Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (waste discharge requirements)
- Clean Water Act (NPDES permits, section 404 permits, section 401 certifications, TMDLs)
- Regulation of water rights and points of diversion
- Lake and Streambed Alteration Program
- California Endangered Species Act
- California Environmental Quality Act
- Land Use Regulation including General Plans
- Public Trust Doctrine