

MEDIA ADVISORY for Wed. July 5, 2023

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Day of Action for Water Justice & Salmon

Sacramento Capitol - July 5, 2023

Restore Our Rivers for Tribes, Communities, and the Environment

Sacramento, CA – On July 5th, 2023, California tribal governments, fishing, and environmental justice organizations will descend on Sacramento for a Day of Action on behalf of communities, tribes, and fish species that depend on clean, flowing rivers and healthy estuaries.

WHO:

Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Winnemem Wintu Tribe, Hoopa Valley Tribe, Karuk Tribe, Round Valley Indian Tribes, Pit River Tribe, Mechoopda Indian Tribe, Sogorea Te' Land Trust, Restore the Delta, Save California Salmon, Golden State Salmon Association, Sacred Places Institute, California Indian Environmental Alliance, Little Manila Rising, Indigenous Justice, San Francisco Baykeeper, North Coast Native Protectors, Sierra Club California, Friends of the River, Tuolumne River Trust, and others...

WHAT:

This daylong event will include visits with legislators and a rally on the steps of the State Capitol Building with speakers on water rights/fishing communities and the impacts of the salmon closure.

WHERE:

West Steps, State Capitol Building, Sacramento

WHEN:

Press Conference/Rally 12:00 – 2:00 pm, Wednesday, July 5, 2023

WHY:

California's water management system is broken. The State Water Board's delay in updating its Bay-Delta Plan has reached 17 years for the Sacramento River. Communities across the state are facing environmental, health, and cultural burdens related to poor water quality and lack of river flows. Delta environmental justice communities face declining water quality, harmful algal blooms, and more salty tidal flows. Salmon runs, on which many northern California Indian Tribes depend, continue to decline.

This Day of Action will bring representatives of tribal, environmental justice, fishing, and conservation communities from across California to support current legislation that puts California on the path to a sustainable water future. The coalition will also ask Governor Newsom to reform California's water rights system and set instream flows to save salmon and the communities who depend on them.