

# Fishing & Farming

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The Bridge Group is a coalition of fishermen, farmers, researchers, and conservationists working together to help create robust salmon populations in Northern California.



**NCWA**  
Northern California Water Association



## About the Bridge Group

Featuring the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations, Golden Gate Fishermen's Association, NorCal Guides and Sportsmen's Association, Northern California Water Association, the Sacramento River Settlement Contractors, and the California Rice Commission, the Bridge Group is working with partners to implement collaborative habitat projects, hatchery release strategies, and migration support with the goal of more fish surviving from the Sacramento River to the San Francisco Bay, and ultimately to the ocean.

Our ability to react, plan and implement projects across varying sizes in an expedited manner is beneficial to the agencies responsible for salmon recovery, and to the salmon, which desperately need bold actions to ensure their survival. With support from our state and federal partners, paired with sound science from the UC Davis Center for Watershed Sciences, we are well-positioned to meet our shared goals of creating healthy salmon populations.

**a Northern California Conservation Coalition**

A New Kind of Partnership

# Collaborative Efforts, Real Solutions

## A Changing Climate,

declining hatchery releases, loss of habitat, and fixed regulatory water operations are contributing to declining salmon populations in the Sacramento River and its tributaries. With little change over the past few decades, the Bridge Group is relying on modern science and reconciliation ecology to address migration challenges, hatchery practices, predatory impacts, food availability, and access to rearing habitat. Bringing a historical context of data and understanding as to how our fish flourished in the watershed, and applying that to our current system, we can create a more resilient species, increase populations reaching the Pacific Ocean, and ensure a sustainable water supply for all of California.



The livelihoods of both fishermen and farmers hinge on healthy salmon populations, which is why we are taking an active role in state and federal decisions, permitting, and funding as they relate to water management, hatchery strategies, and habitat enhancement.

We are confident we can once again have an abundant salmon population through this partnership, and we aim to further build the coalition through an open invitation to other stakeholders across the state to join in our efforts.

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## Spotlight Effort

Approximately 500,000 Sacramento fall-run juvenile salmon spent 3-4 weeks growing in large protective net pens in the Tehama-Colusa Canal forebay so that the fish could imprint on Sacramento River water. Scientists working on the program hope to answer the lingering question of whether salmon that imprint at this life stage on Sacramento River water will return to the upper river as adults.



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WE NO LONGER SUBSCRIBE TO THE FISHERMEN VERSUS FARMERS NARRATIVE; INSTEAD, WE ARE CHOOSING TO WORK TOGETHER TO GIVE OUR SALMON THE BEST CHANCE TO RETURN TO ROBUST POPULATIONS IN CALIFORNIA.

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# In the Media

THE SACRAMENTO BEE *features*

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## Bridge Group Efforts

In better times, droves of young winter-run Chinook salmon would travel 300 miles downstream from the Sacramento River, beneath the Golden Gate Bridge and into the Pacific. [Read more.](#)



# Members

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**Sacramento River  
Settlement Contractors**  
[SACVALLEYWATER.ORG](http://SACVALLEYWATER.ORG)



**Golden Gate  
Fishermen's Association**  
[GGFA.NET](http://GGFA.NET)



**Northern California  
Water Association**  
[NORCALWATER.ORG](http://NORCALWATER.ORG)



**Nor-Cal Guides &  
Sportsmen's Association**  
[NCGASA.ORG](http://NCGASA.ORG)



**California Rice**  
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**Pacific Coast Federation  
of Fishermen's Association**  
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