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Threat to trout

A lawsuit filed in Sacramento Superior Court by the non-consumptive, environmental [Center for Biological Diversity](#) and the Pacific Rivers Council is threatening to halt all planting of hatchery-raised trout in state waters. Instead of immediately stopping Fish and Game's trout stocking program, court judge Patrick Marlette opted to order the state agency to prepare an environmental impact study on how planted trout impact insects, amphibians and other native fish species. The final ruling could take some waters now being stocked with trout off the planting list, curb angler opportunity and cause local economic loss.