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## **International Salmon Expert Picked to Lead CALFED Science**

*Michael C. Healey also has strong expertise in designing resource management systems*

SACRAMENTO – Dr. Michael C. Healey, an internationally-recognized expert on Chinook salmon and natural resource management, has been appointed Lead Scientist for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program.

In making the appointment, Secretary for Resources Mike Chrisman said, “Dr. Healey brings a new perspective to the CALFED Program at a time when the future of the Delta is center stage in California. I look to him to more fully integrate science into both long-term and day-to-day decision making in the Delta.”

Dr. Healy’s appointment was the result of a nationwide recruitment, and was recommended by the California Bay-Delta Authority, the CALFED Independent Science Board, and a special lead scientist selection committee.

A native of Canada, Healey began his scientific career in 1970, with the Fisheries Research Board of Canada, later named the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, at its Freshwater Institute in Winnipeg, Manitoba. There, he conducted ground-breaking work on freshwater fisheries in

### State Agencies

**The Resources Agency** – California State Parks / Delta Protection Commission / Department of Conservation / Department of Fish and Game / Department of Water Resources / San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission / The Reclamation Board /

**California Environmental Protection Agency** – State Water Resources Control Board / **California Department of Food and Agriculture** / **California Department of Health Services**

### Federal Agencies

**Department of the Interior** – Bureau of Land Management / Bureau of Reclamation / Fish and Wildlife Service / Geological Survey / **US Army Corps of Engineers** / **Environmental Protection Agency** / **Department of Agriculture** – Natural Resources Conservation Service / **Department of Commerce** – National Marine Fisheries Service / **Western Area Power Administration**

northern Canada, developing criteria for the assessment of whitefish and lake trout fisheries that are still in use today.

He later led a number of research teams investigating the ecology and productivity of Pacific salmon at the Pacific Biological Station at Nanaimo, B.C. Those programs addressed the ecology of all five North American species of salmon, but it was through this work that Healey gained his international reputation for research on Chinook salmon.

In 1990, Healey joined the faculty of the University of British Columbia as Director of the Westwater Research Centre, an interdisciplinary research program focusing on scientific and policy issues related to water. There, he was instrumental in securing major research grants, including a prestigious federal eco-research grant to conduct research on environmental problems in Canada.

Healey began serving as a CALFED consultant in 1997, as part of the Strategic Planning Core Team for the Ecological Restoration of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta project. In 2000, he joined CALFED's Science Board for that project, on which he served for five years. In August of this year, Healey joined CALFED's newly-reconstituted Independent Science Board, charged with helping the California Bay Delta Authority board establish an independent and objective view of the science and issues that underlie important policy decisions in the Delta.

He is the author of more than 225 scientific articles and reports, editor of two books on water and sustainable development, and recipient of two Fulbright Fellowships.

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*The CALFED Bay-Delta Program is a cooperative effort of more than 20 state and federal agencies working with local communities to improve the quality and reliability of California's water supplies from the Delta and revive the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem. CALFED is the largest, most comprehensive water management and ecosystem restoration effort in the nation.*