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To: Humboldt County Board of Supervisors and others

Subject: Local Water Issues

I read Humboldt County Board of Supervisors is having a meeting about water issues in the Times Standard. Being seventy years old, I thought about what my life taught me about this issue, and what I could contribute to the discussion.

Fishing as a younger person in a lot of northcoast creeks, later in life living, fishing, hunting, and working in watersheds all over the northcoast, learning from experienced watershed folks, writing reports and books and giving input at many public meetings about northcoast watersheds, recent watching, studying and learning about northcoast water situation involving Ruth Dam, Klamath River, and other local issues, and some other learned things I have not mentioned, has me realizing I have a lot to contribute; however, I get the impression regulatory bodies like the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors are given the power to decide what preponderance of evidence means, and allotted time and input processes allow open-mindedness and experience to be ignored.

Some things you should not ignore are as follows:

- Every watershed has certain site specific conditions (soils, vegetative cover, gradients, critters and fish who use it, and on and on), and each watershed needs to be treated differently.
- Disturbance and complexity is needed by many species and protectionism can be detrimental to many species and hurt humans efforts for full and proper use of natural resources.
- Trying to satisfy all special interests (especially when many special interests will not accept real world truths) may get you elected but will not solve many problems for the long term.

If you seriously want to know what I and many experienced open-minded people know and what I am saying, have coffee with me sometime.

Atlas is shrugging!

Respectfully,



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EMBRACING THE INEVITABLE

If you actively participate in life,
You eventually learn what the picture of the single lone old person
On top of a mountain represents.

From the top of the mountain,
You can look back and see as a younger person
All the stupid, naïve, good, smart things you have done.

You can look down at younger people
Who still have to compromise principles and beliefs to overcome life's hurdles
Involving family needs, not making the boss mad to avoid losing a job,
Not rubbing your neighbor the wrong way, and not speaking-out about wrongs.

If you have reached a place where you depend on no one for a paycheck,
The quest for a million bucks is gone, and you have gathered a life's experiences,
You feel relief, get personal satisfaction, and find it a blessing
To be able to independently speak out about what you have learned;

While you sit alone

(Waiting for what is to come)

(As Robert Duvall in Broken Trails says, Between Two Eternities)

No one may make the effort to climb the mountain
And
No one may listen to hear you tell what you have learned
But
Maybe, Just Maybe you will help soften and/or delay crash many say is coming
And
Maybe something you have said will help fix things if a crash does occur

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