Finest Annual Trout Invitational Tournament PO Box 57 Los Alamitos, CA 90720 562/594-6893

Dear Fellow FATIT Fisherman,

February 15, 2024

First I would like to thank everyone for their efforts in raising money for all our charities and the restocking of trout at Crowley Lake. Thanks for all your help.

All of the proceeds from this year's raffle, the golf tournaments, and individual donations, will go to the Los Alamitos Historical Museum Association, Inc., the Ronald McDonald House, the American Heart Association, the restocking of fish at Crowley Lake and Rotary Youth Fishing Derby.

As you know, Shelli Appling does a tremendous amount of work for this Tournament. Because she is so active on the board of directors at the Los Alamitos Museum, I have decided to reward her by making this our main charity again this year.

Thanks to everyone's donations to the Crowley Lake Trout Stocking Program and the funds raised in our donation jar at the banquet, we have truly made a difference in the Rainbow and Brown Trout fishing at Crowley Lake.

For the past 25 years we have been stocking Alpers Trout before our tournament. With the help and support of Adam & Abbie Thomason & Crowley Lake Fish Camp we will purchase and stock \$5,000 worth of 3 to 5-pound Alpers Trout this year.

But far and beyond the call of duty and something every one of us should be extremely proud of, in the past 17 years we have planted over 50,000 Brown Trout-fingerlings, 3,000 Brown Trout-1 to 1½ pound, and 9,000 very large fingerling. With the help of Crowley Lake Fish Camp and the funds we raise, we will be stocking \$5,000 worth of Alpers Trout and hopefully some Brown Trout again this coming year if available.

Our ultimate goal will be to raise and plant 10,000 Brown Trout fingerlings in the fall each year, and of course plant large trout just before the tournament.

If we can get all of our Platinum, Gold, & Silver Sponsors to support us again this year and every fisherman commits to raising \$20 each, we will reach our goal of \$3,000. We fell short of this goal last year.

Because of the help from Abbie and Adam, we have renewed our long-term support commitment with them. They treat us very well and really appreciate our business. Adam and Abbie Thomason are doing a fabulous job in operating the Fish Camp; we thank them.

I am very proud to be a part of this organization and the things we have accomplished. Our name has become very well known in the western states for our community and environmental efforts. We have set a tremendous precedent for other tournaments to follow by replacing far more fish then we take.

There are no other fishing tournaments, that I know of, that take 80 fish from a Lake in 2 days and put over 50,000 fish back in, as we did 14 years ago.

Thank you for your support.

David Appling

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