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BILL LEONARD REMINDS TAXPAYERS RELIEF IS AVAILABLE FOR BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY LAKE DAVIS PIKE REMOVAL

California State Board of Equalization (BOE) Member Bill Leonard today announced that tax relief may be available to Plumas County taxpayers affected by the removal of the predatory northern pike from Lake Davis.

“Businesses around Lake Davis that depend on tourism and other fishing related industries stand to see devastation equal to that of an earthquake or flood,” said Leonard.

Extension for Return Filings

Special relief in the form of a **one-month extension of time to file returns and pay taxes or fees** is available for all of the following BOE administered programs:

Sales and use taxes; gasoline tax; use fuel tax; alcoholic beverage taxes; cigarette and tobacco products taxes; jet fuel tax; diesel fuel tax, among other programs.

This relief is afforded to any taxpayer or feepayer directly affected by the eradication of the northern pike from Lake Davis who cannot meet tax filing and payment deadlines due to the effort.

Taxpayers and feepayers requesting a filing extension must include with their returns a statement, signed under penalty of perjury, stating the cause for the late filing.

Relief of Interest and Penalties

Relief of interest and penalties may be provided for those persons who are unable to file their returns and pay taxes and fees on time. This relief may be provided for the programs listed above as well as the insurance tax.

Taxpayers and feepayers requesting relief of interest and penalties must include with their returns a statement, signed under penalty of perjury, stating the cause for the late filing.

For More Information and Forms

The BOE has several forms that may be of assistance. BOE 468, *Request for Extension*, and BOE 27, *Penalty and Interest Relief for Disaster Victims*, are both available on the Internet as fill-in forms. Copies of these forms may be downloaded by visiting our website at www.boe.ca.gov, or obtained by calling 800-400-7115.

Property Taxes

Unlike sales and fuel taxes - which are collected by the state - property tax is collected at the county level. Answers to property tax questions and forms for relief are available from county assessors' offices. A complete listing of assessors is available online at <http://www.boe.ca.gov/proptaxes/assessors.htm>.

Bill Leonard, of Sacramento/Ontario, was re-elected as the Second District Member of the State Board of Equalization November, 2007. Prior to his election, he served in the State assembly (1978-1988, 1996-2002) and in the State Senate (1988-1996).

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board collects nearly \$53 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and plays a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes.

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