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Re: So they're not closing...

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Quote:

salmonoid wrote:

Meh. We keep kicking the can on everything further down the road. When will we as individuals, families, states, and the country sit down and face the economic music that is sounding?

Listen, the commission's decision to close the two hatcheries was one I applauded, despite the fact that they were doing it for the wrong reasons. It was never about proper fisheries management, but there was hope that the closings might push management in the right direction, as a matter of necessity.

The whole "need" to start cutting budgets and spending is just part of a disturbingly successful movement by politicians to slash programs that benefit middle and lower class americans, whether those programs are recreational, infrastructure related, healthcare, unemployment, etc (the stuff your tax dollars are intended to pay for) while preserving tax benefits, subsidies and economic and legislative advantages for the corporations which drive the entire process.

It's a euphemistic pill that the public is swallowing all too easily, happily turning against their neighbors near and far instead of focusing on the ever-increasing incoming inequality in this country which just keeps getting fed by the general public's willingness to fight amongst itself over scraps.

The fact that they've decided to keep the hatcheries open? Also not about proper fisheries management. Rob from the PAFBC's operational budget to pay for budget increases for healthcare and pensions? Why not. It's not like there's a multi-billion dollar gas extraction industry in the state that we could be taxing properly to provide ample budgetary funding for the needs of the PAFBC.