**Steelhead Workshop, Monterey, California 2016**

**Wednesday Evening Program/Entertainment**

***The Half-Pounder, A Steelhead Trout Life History and Fly Fishing***

**Program Speaker: Dennis P. Lee (with PowerPoint presentation)**

Dennis P. Lee retired from the California Department of Fish and Game (renamed Fish and Wildlife in 2013) in 2006 as a Supervising Fishery Biologist after 36 years managing California’s inland and anadromous fisheries. He began his career at the Nimbus Salmon and Steelhead Hatchery on the American River near Sacramento, and throughout his career, worked on various projects and programs including the Russian River Salmon and Steelhead Study; North Coast fishery management; Central Valley and Sierra Nevada fishery management, Klamath River Salmon and Steelhead Research Project, Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Program, and supervised staff for the Heritage and Wild Trout and Lake and Reservoir Projects, and help initiate the Central Valley Anadromous Fish Resource Assessment Project.

While working for the Department he directed staff in the development and preparation of a plan for implementation of Assembly Bill 7 (Hatchery and Inland Fisheries Fund), initiated and participated in regulatory changes through preparation of Rule Making Files and documents; and acted as liaison for various public advisory groups including the Director’s Fishery Advisory Board. He also chaired the Department’s Fisheries Management Committee, worked with non-governmental groups in the development and administration of new programs, provided statewide leadership for fisheries resource management, and represented the Department before the Fish and Game Commission at meetings and hearings.

After retirement, Dennis was hired by the Department as a Retired Annuitant responsible for the development and preparation of Chinook salmon and steelhead program Hatchery and Genetic Management Plans for Central Valley anadromous hatcheries, and continues as a member of the Feather River, Nimbus, and Mokelumne River hatchery coordination teams. In 2010, Dennis was appointed to the California Hatchery Scientific Review Group to help develop recommendations for the improvement of California’s anadromous fish hatcheries.

In 2000, Dennis received the Department’s Award of Recognition for the preparation of the Northern Pike Control Plan, and the Director’s Superior Achievement Award in 2005 for the development and implementation of the Fisheries Information Sharing Host interactive computer system.

Dennis is a past President of the California Nevada Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, past President of the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society, and has represented the Department and made professional presentations to a variety of groups, departments, and agencies throughout his career.

Dennis enjoys tying flies and fly fishing northern California and southern Oregon steelhead rivers. He and his wife Wendy live in Folsom, California.