

**AL TAUCHER'S PRESERVING HUNTING AND SPORT FISHING
OPPORTUNITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
DFG Yolo Wildlife Area Conference Room
JANUARY 10, 2008
9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Summary

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting participants introduced themselves and the organizations they represent. Attendance sheet circulated.

2. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

Commissioner Gustafson participated by teleconference connection and discussed the potential for changing the name of the Fish and Game Commission and/or the Department of Fish and Game. Participants asked questions and shared opinions. One suggestion included adding a tag line to the name, such as: "managing wildlife". No further action was planned by the Taucher Committee.

3. DFG OVERVIEW OF DEDICATED FUNDING ACCOUNTS FOR WILDLIFE

Eric Loft distributed a multi-page handout and gave a Power Point presentation on the dedicated and non-dedicated wildlife accounts. Eric and Sonke responded to numerous questions re: funding of sheep, deer, bear, wild pig, waterfowl and upland game projects, funding authority, allotments, and Budget Change Proposals.

4. STAFF REPORT, TAUCHER COMMITTEE (Meeting Summaries, Updated Membership List, County FGC Conference)

Commission staff agreed to (on a trial basis) prepare a brief meeting summary, which can be posted and/or circulated. Intent is to provide a short summary which captures any planned action for each agenda item. Staff circulated a membership list for revision/update. Staff also discussed potential plans for a County Fish and Game Commission Conference in the Sacramento area this spring/summer.

5. STATUS OF DEPARTMENT'S GAMEBIRD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

DFG staff stated that the Game Bird Heritage (GBH) Committee is not required by the Fish and Game Code and is an ad-hoc group to provide input to DFG regarding Upland Game Bird Stamp expenditures. The GBH Committee has not met for more than a year; Ryan Mathis will schedule a meeting in the next few months, DFG plans to attend.

6. ONGOING BUSINESS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS.

- A. Hunting. Received report from Rich Fletcher.
- B. Youth in the Outdoors. Received report from Robert Moore. Next meeting: 28 February, 10am, DFG Conference Room, 1807 13th Street, Sacramento. RSVP to Ljohnsto@dfg.ca.gov for parking passes. Meeting to discuss hosting an outdoor expo. Look into status of chair for this subcommittee.
- C. Legislative. Received report from Bill Gaines, Mark Hennelly and Jason Rhine, who encouraged participation.
- D. Department Functions. No report.
- E. Fishing. Received report from David Dempsey.
- F. Others. None

7. OPEN FORUM AND NEW/OTHER BUSINESS.

Hunter/Conservationist Recognition Program. Received report from Rich Fletcher.

Value of Hunting Campaign. Received report from Jon Fischer. Need 35K\$ for public opinion survey; two organizations have committed to fund a portion of this total. Mike Ford, Jim Waters and Bob Klotz will look into the potential for additional funding (in February and March?); Rich Fletcher and Larry Lockwood expressed interest in a limited sponsorship to contribute funding but not own the public opinion survey.

Other. Sonke Mastrup reported that a recent shooting accident may affect hunting programs on DFG lands.

8. SCHEDULE FUTURE MEETING DATE AND LOCATION.

March 20, 2008. Possible locations: Wilderness Unlimited in Willows, or Yolo Wildlife Area. Need feedback from Rick Copeland re: Wilderness Unlimited location. March 20 lunch--- Ed Worley/NRA?