

**AL TAUCHER'S PRESERVING HUNTING AND SPORT FISHING  
OPPORTUNITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

May 4, 2010  
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
DFG Yolo Wildlife Area Conference Room

**MEETING SUMMARY**

1. **INTRODUCTIONS** The following signed in or attended:

Tom Pedersen	Tom Raftican	Sep Hendrickson
Ryan Mathis	Joe Pecs	Scott Gardner
Phil Martinelli	Ed Worley	Jason Rhine
April Wakeman	Jon Fischer	Mark Hennelly
Sally Barron	Jim Kellogg	Dan Tichenor
Don Conner	John Carlson	Andy Atkinson
Bernie Betlach	Rick Bulloch	Brad Burkholder
Larry Boone	Rick Copeland	Bill Gaines
Jim Conrad	Karen Fothergill	David Dempsey
Jerry Springer	Randy Morrison	Bill Hodges
Craig Stowers	Jim Waters	Debbie Byrne
Robert Moore	Eric Loft	
Doug Updike	Sonke Mastrup	
  
2. **STATUS OF 2010 MAMMAL REGULATION AMENDMENTS.** Doug Updike summarized the 2010 mammal hunting regulatory amendments approved by the Commission on April 21. The 2010 Big Game Hunting Digest (with tag application forms) is available online at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/publications/digest/>. Hard copies of the Digest have not yet been distributed. The application deadline is June 2, 2010--- you may print applications from the above site, then complete and mail them to the address on the application or to DFG's License and Revenue Branch, 1740 N. Market Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95834.  
The prospect of drawings for Big Game Fund-raising Tags also was discussed; it was generally agreed that the Hunting Subcommittee would provide additional input on this matter.
  
3. **STATUS ASSESSMENT OF THE GAME BIRD HERITAGE PROGRAM.** Karen Fothergill reported on the Game Bird Heritage (GBH) Program and responded to questions from meeting attendees. There was general agreement to improve communication related to GBH proposed projects. There was also general discussion of California's ongoing budget problems and anticipated effects upon DFG programs. Sonke Mastrup agreed to form a small working group to attempt to identify potential solutions, including vehicles for providing additional funding.
  
4. **ONGOING BUSINESS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS** (Note: Subcommittee updates requiring action by the full Committee may be heard at this time)
  - A. **Hunting-** Received report from Rick Bulloch. Discussed forest plans and the lack of input/involvement in reviewing forest plans by hunting groups. Consensus to invite USFS to participate/speak at a future Taucher meeting.

**B. Youth in the Outdoors-** Robert Moore discussed the need to revitalize this subcommittee, as it has not met recently. Jim Waters agreed to contact Greg Yarris and/or George Oberstat about revitalizing this committee, and will report back at a future meeting. Discussed DFG role in the YO calendar--- is it as an informational clearinghouse or should it be more?

**C. Legislative-** Received reports from Mark Hennelly and Ed Worley. Voted to request that the Commission write letter in support of SB 1058 (fund-raising tags; NOTE- this request was brought forward at the Commission's May 5 meeting, but action can not occur until the Commission's June meeting because there was no quorum).

**D. Game Bird Heritage-** Discussed in #3 above

**E. Fishing-** Fishing subcommittee did not meet, however David Dempsey provided a brief report.

**F. Others-** Nothing to report.

5. **OPEN FORUM AND NEW/OTHER BUSINESS** Andy Atkinson distributed handouts re: Gray Lodge turkey hunt results for 2010 and the annual pheasant harvest. Items below were discussed as informational items, and may be placed on future meeting agendas. Programs involving Scholastic Trap Shooting and Archery in the Schools also may be placed on future agendas.

A. Preview, 2010 Upland Game Regulations

B. Potential amendment of Wildlife Area Regulations to require non-lead Ammunition

C. Inquiry from Mono County—Feasibility of special hunt for disabled veterans

6. **FUTURE MEETING DATE AND LOCATION** Tentatively scheduled for July 27 at Yolo Wildlife Area. Lunch courtesy of Joe Pecs and NWTF. Meeting date and location are subject to change based on Commissioner availability and other factors beyond control.