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

March 6, 2012
2:00 – 5:00 PM
Mission Inn
San Gabriel Room
3649 Mission Inn Avenue
Riverside, CA 92501
951-784-0300

SUMMARY

NOTE: Agenda items may be heard in any order, based on availability of presenters and other factors.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

COMMISSIONERS RICHARDS CONVENED THE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING WITH SELF INTRODUCTIONS AROUND THE ROOM. COMMISSIONER BAYLIS WAS ABSENT.

2. UPDATE ON REPORT CARDS AND TAGS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MASTRUP REPORTED ON PROGRESS OF RULEMAKING LANGUAGE AIMED AT INCREASING COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENT TO RETURN ABALONE REPORT CARDS. THE COMMITTEE ASKED THAT JOE EXLINE, ED WORLEY AND JOE ZAVINSKY WORK WITH MASTRUP, LICENCE AND REVENUE BRANCH AND CRAIG SHUMAN ON ELECTRONIC REPORT CARD RETURN INPUT OPTIONS.

3. YOUTH QUAIL HUNT PROPOSAL

THE COMMITTEE VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO SUPPORT A REGULATORY OPTION THAT WOULD CREATE AN EARLY SEASON, YOUTH ONLY QUAIL/CHUKAR HUNT IN THE MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE. THE OPTION WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO THE DEPARTMENT'S UPLAND GAME REGULATORY PACKAGE WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE COMMISSION IN MAY.

4. ONGOING BUSINESS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS
A. Upland Game Bird and Waterfowl

COMMITTEE VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO REQUEST THE COMMISSION TO SCHEDULE A DFG REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF ADDING AN UPLAND GAME SURVEY INTO THE AUTOMATED LICENSE DATA SYSTEM FOR THE COMMISSION'S JUNE MEETING.

B. Youth and Family in the Outdoors

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MASTRUP REPORTED THAT HE WILL WORK WITH LESA JOHNSTON IN THE DEPARTMENT AND WITH NGOs ON IMPROVING THE EXISTING WEBSITE OF OUTDOOR YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES.

C. Big Game

NO REPORT.

D. Legislative

RECEIVED REPORTS. COMMITTEE VOTED TO RECOMMEND A SUPPORT POSITION TO THE FULL COMMISSION AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW FOR SB 1358, SB 1367, SB 1166 AND SB 1107. THE RECOMMENDATION WAS MADE TO THE COMMISSION THE FOLLOWING DAY AND THESE BILLS WILL BE PLACED ON THE COMMISSIONS APRIL AGENDA FOR CONSIDERATION.

E. Fishing

RECEIVED REPORT, NO COMMITTEE ACTION.

5. REVIEW OF GOALS, OBJECTIVES, DESIRED PRODUCTS, POLICY, CHARTER AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE TAUCHER COMMITTEE

DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHEA HIGHLIGHTED THE COMMISSION'S EXISTING TAUCHER POLICY WHICH INCORPORATES MUCH OF THE CONVERSATION AND CONCERNS. SHE STATED THAT SHE WOULD PROVIDE THE LANGUAGE TO THE COMMITTEE, AND IT READS AS FOLLOWS:

AL TAUCHER'S PRESERVING HUNTING AND SPORT FISHING OPPORTUNITIES POLICY

Through statutory policy, the California Legislature has directed the Department of Fish and Game and the Fish and Game Commission to maintain diversified recreational uses of wildlife, including the sport of hunting. California's hunters and sport anglers have assisted in the management and wise use of fish and wildlife resources since before the inception of the Commission in 1870. Sporting men and women of California have historically provided the major portion of the Department's financial base through payment of license fees and taxes on hunting and fishing equipment and by direct donations. Dollars from hunters and anglers have played a major role in the management, protection and preservation of fish

and wildlife that are enjoyed by all Californians, including campers, hikers, bird watchers, photographers and other members of the public.

Therefore, it is the policy of the Fish and Game Commission that:

The Department shall emphasize programs that ensure and enhance hunting and fishing opportunities. These activities shall be integrated into all Department programs.

In its review of federal, state and local plans, special plans and proposed projects to determine consistency with Commission policy and the goals and objectives of the Department's management plans and programs, and in meeting its responsibilities as trustee for the State's fish and wildlife resources, the Department shall establish the goal of preventing loss of hunting and sport fishing opportunities.

To meet the objective of this policy, the Department shall establish a working group to develop enhancement strategies and shall meet semiannually with a Fishing and Hunting Opportunity Subcommittee of the Commission and its staff and members of the interested public to review program progress and future plans.

(Adopted 6/16/94)

6. OPEN FORUM AND NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

COMMITTEE VOTED TO ACCEPT JOE EXLINE AND GEORGE OSBORN AS VOTING MEMBERS OF THE TAUCHER COMMITTEE.

7. FUTURE MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

MAY 22 AT 2:00 IN MONTEREY (exact address will be provided prior to the meeting.)