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California Fish and Game Commission
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

Re: Public Input and Participation

Dear Commissioners:

The review of California's Predator management policies and regulations by the Wildlife Resources Committee is a large and important task. The California Trappers Association and, judging by the level of interest, all hunting and conservation groups in the state take this task very seriously.

The commission overview states: *"A primary responsibility of the Commission is to afford an opportunity for full public input and participation in the decision and policy making process of adopting regulations or taking other actions related to the well-being of California's fish and wildlife resources."*

For 2014 there are a total of three Wildlife Resources Committee (WRC) meetings scheduled. Following the questionable formation of the WRC in 2013, at the January 2014 meeting very little was accomplished. This leaves only two meetings to vet and prepare recommendations to the full committee. These recommendations could forever more change the way predators are managed in our state and have detrimental consequences to our citizens' health and safety, as well as economic effects, far above what many may realize.

We feel that there are not enough opportunities for public involvement and participation. The locations for the meetings make it nearly impossible for the actual user groups for whom these regulations have the potential to make life changing impacts to participate. The entire Northern and Eastern sections of the state have been excluded from any meeting schedules.

We would like to see meetings or "workshops" in the towns of Redding and Bishop before any proposals are sent to the full commission.

The California Trappers Association stands ready to assist in finding suitable meeting locations in these cities.

Should you have any questions, please contact our legislative advocate, Kathryn Lynch, at 916-443-0202 or lynch@lynchlobby.com.

Sincerely,

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