

## **California Department of Fish and Wildlife fiscal impact associated with AB 1213**

The Wildlife Branch will incur costs to develop a regulatory package for the Commission to protect a number of national and state parks, monuments and national wildlife refuges from bobcat trapping as outlined in the bill. This will require 0.5 Environmental Scientist to identify numerous protection zones and create regulations. It will also require an additional two Fish and Game Wardens to conduct field surveillance of trap lines to determine if bobcats are unlawfully trapped. The additional wardens will also investigate incidents of bobcat commercialization.

The Department estimates the need for a total of 2.5 positions to develop the regulatory actions for the Commission stipulated in the bill and to enforce the no trapping zones for bobcats. The bill required that the Commission set trapping license fees for the 2014-2015 season and any subsequent seasons in which trapping is allowed, at a level necessary to fully recover all reasonable administrative and implementation costs of the Department and Commission associated with the trapping of bobcats in the state. The Department currently generates under one hundred thousand per year in trapping license and shipping tag fees. In Fiscal Year 2012-2013, the Department issued 733 trapping licenses of which 723 were for residents (at \$115.50), 5 for non-residents (at \$549.25), and 5 for juniors (at \$37.34). The Department issues between one and three thousand shipping tags per year, each costing only \$3. These fees would need to be increased by about 2.5 times their current price to recover the minimal costs associated with the bill.

### **Projected Costs by Expenditure Category**

<b>Expenditure Category</b>	<b>FY 2014-15</b>	<b>FY 2015-16</b>	<b>Funding</b>
Staffing	247,026	247,026	Fish & Game Preservation Fund
OE&E	94,741	94,741	Fish & Game Preservation Fund
One Time	263,306		Fish & Game Preservation Fund
Total Expenditures	605,073	341,767	Fish & Game Preservation Fund

## **California Fish and Game Commission fiscal impact associated with AB 1213**

The Fish and Game Commission (Commission) will also incur costs to develop and amend regulations as well to hear appeals for individual permits and citations. This type of regulatory package is estimated to cost approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000 (\$10,000 for initial development and \$5,000 to \$10,000 for amendments). Individual permits and citation appeals cost on average \$3,000 to \$4,000 each for staff time and administrative hearing fees.