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STAFF SUMMARY, TELECONFERENCE MEETING OF APRIL 17, 2015

This summary of the speakers and actions made at the meeting is prepared by staff.

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The official meeting minutes – audio recording – may be obtained from www.cal-span.org.

Pursuant to the call of the president, the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) met by teleconference on April 17, 2015. The teleconference meeting originated at the Resources Building, 1416 Ninth Street, Room 1320, in Sacramento, California. Commission members and the public were also able to participate at the following locations:

- California Department of Fish and Wildlife, 50 Ericson Court, Arcata, CA 95521
- California Department of Transportation, 1031 Butte Street, First Floor, Redding, CA 96001
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife, 20 Lower Ragsdale Drive, Suite 100, Monterey, CA 93940
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife, 1933 Cliff Drive, Suite 9, Santa Barbara, CA 93109
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife, 4665 Lampson Avenue, Los Alamitos, CA 90720

The teleconference meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Baylis. Sonke Mastrup introduced the meeting format and instructions for participation.

The following commissioners and staff were in attendance:

FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

Jack Baylis	President	Present in Los Angeles
Jim Kellogg	Vice President	Present in Sacramento
Richard Rogers	Member	Present in Santa Barbara
Michael Sutton	Member	Present in Monterey
Jacque Hostler-Carmesin	Member	Present in Arcata

COMMISSION STAFF

Sonke Mastrup	Executive Director
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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Leonard Arkinstall	Warden, Law Enforcement Division
Scott Barrow	Senior Environmental Scientist, Regulations Unit
Patrick Foy	Captain, Law Enforcement Division
Steve Ingram	Acting General Counsel
Doug Killam	Senior Environmental Scientist, Northern Region
Stafford Lehr	Chief, Fisheries Branch
Neil Manji	Regional Manager, Northern Region
Craig Martz	Manager, Regulations Unit
Barry Miller	Environmental Scientist, Ocean Salmon Project, Marine Region
Karen Mitchell	Senior Environmental Scientist, Fisheries Branch
Harry Morse	Information Officer, Office of Communications, Education and Outreach
Wade Sinnen	Senior Environmental Scientist, Northern Region
Marci Yaremko	Environmental Program Manager, Marine Region

The following persons were present and heard (in order of agenda item number):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>
Eileen Cooper	Concerned citizen	1, 2, 4
Ed Salsedo	Commercial fisherman, businessman, sport fisherman	1, 3, 4
Ted Souza	Friends of Del Norte	1, 4
Charles Rylee	Fisherman	1
Paul Weakland	Concerned citizen	1
Chris Goldblatt	The Fisheries Project	1
Charles Bucaria	Northern California Council of Fly Fishermen	2, 5
Mike Quinn	Angler West Radio	2
David Ryan	Fly fisherman	2
Greg Hector	Hook'em Hecky's Guide Services	2
Steve Rosenberg	Sport fly fisherman	3, 4
Dave Hillemeier	Yurok Tribe Fisheries Program	4
John Stokes	Sport fisherman	4

1. Public forum

Received public testimony from Eileen Cooper, Ed Salsedo, Ted Souza, Charles Rylee, Paul Weakland and Chris Goldblatt

2. Adoption of proposed emergency regulation to close to fishing on 5.5 miles of the Sacramento River (excluding tributaries) from the Highway 44 bridge in Redding upstream to Keswick Dam to protect endangered winter-run Chinook salmon (Subsection 7.50(b)(156.5)(B), Title 14, CCR)

Stafford Lehr made a verbal presentation highlighting Governor Brown's January 17, 2014 declaration of a state of emergency and requirement for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) to work with the Commission to protect endangered fish, Governor Brown's April 25, 2014 executive order regarding winter-run Chinook salmon, and the Department's memo requesting a temporary emergency closure on the Sacramento River.

Received public testimony from Chuck Bucaria, Eileen Cooper, Mike Quinn, David Ryan, and Greg Hector.

Moved by R. Rogers and seconded by J. Kellogg that the Commission takes emergency action to amend Subsection (b)(156.5)(B) of Section 7.50, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, to close all fishing in the Sacramento River from 650 feet below Keswick Dam to the Highway 44 bridge in Redding from a date to be announced by press release as soon as approved by the Office of Administrative Law through July 31, 2015.

The Commission finds that this emergency regulation is necessary for the immediate conservation, preservation, or protection of fish, including, but not limited to, any nests or eggs thereof, pursuant to the requirements of Fish and Game Code Section 240 (a)(1).

The Commission has considered the request of the Department of Fish and Wildlife for this emergency regulation, information presented at the proceedings of this public hearing, and the written materials submitted in connection with that hearing.

The Commission has considered and declines to adopt other proposals presented to the Commission as insufficient and impractical solutions to the current critical situation of the remaining Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon.

The Commission adopts as its findings the memorandum of April 7, 2015 to Sonke Mastrup, executive director of the California Fish and Game Commission from Charles H. Bonham, director of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Statement of Proposed Emergency Regulatory Action submitted to the Commission by Director Bonham.

Ayes: J. Baylis, J. Hostler-Carmesin, J. Kellogg, R. Rogers, M. Sutton

Motion passed.

3. Discussion and adoption of proposed changes to season dates, size limits and daily bag limits for May – November 2015 recreational ocean salmon fishing (Subsection 27.80(d), Title 14, CCR)

Barry Miller made a verbal presentation regarding the 2015 conservation objectives for the federal salmon fishery management plan, actions taken by the Department and Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) to protect winter-run Chinook salmon, the May to November 2015 proposed sport fishing regulations, and the May to October 2015 proposed commercial regulations.

Received public testimony from Ed Salsedo and Steve Rosenberg.

Moved by R. Rogers and seconded by J. Kellogg that the Commission adopts the proposed changes to ocean salmon sport fishing regulations for May-November 2015 as proposed by the Department.

Ayes: J. Baylis, J. Hostler-Carmesin, J. Kellogg, R. Rogers, M. Sutton

Motion passed.

4. Discussion and adoption of proposed changes to Klamath River salmon sport fishing regulations (Subsections 7.50(b)(91.1) and (b)(195), Title 14, CCR)

Stafford Lehr made a verbal presentation regarding this week's PFMC deliberations, the two options presented in the initial statement of reasons based on the Yurok Tribe's proposal, and the Department's recommendations.

Received public testimony from Dave Hillemeier, Ed Salsedo, Steve Rosenberg, John Stokes, Eileen Cooper, Ted Souza.

Moved by M. Sutton and seconded by R. Rogers that the Commission adopts the proposed quota and the bag and possession limits for Klamath River Basin salmon sport fishing regulations for the 2015 season as presented by the Department and discussed today.

Ayes: J. Baylis, J. Hostler-Carmesin, J. Kellogg, R. Rogers, M. Sutton

Motion passed.

Moved by M. Sutton and seconded by R. Rogers that the Commission adopts the proposed no catch-and-release fishing at the Klamath River spit area, all legally caught fish must be retained, for Klamath River Basin salmon sport fishing regulations as presented by the Department and discussed today.

Ayes: J. Baylis, J. Hostler-Carmesin, J. Kellogg, R. Rogers, M. Sutton

Motion passed.

Moved by J. Baylis and seconded by R. Rogers that the Commission adopts the Yurok Tribe's proposed Blue Creek conservation closure (at the mouth of Blue Creek, no fishing between 500 feet above and 500 feet below from September 15 to December 31 and no fishing between 500 feet above and one half mile downstream from June 15 to September 14) for Klamath River Basin salmon sport fishing regulations as discussed today.

Ayes: J. Baylis, J. Hostler-Carmesin, R. Rogers, M. Sutton

Noes: J. Kellogg

Motion passed.

Moved by M. Sutton and seconded by R. Rogers that the Commission adopts the proposed miscellaneous clean-up recommendations for Klamath River Basin salmon sport fishing regulations for the 2015 season as presented by the Department and discussed today.

Ayes: J. Baylis, J. Hostler-Carmesin, J. Kellogg, R. Rogers, M. Sutton

Motion passed.

5. Discussion and adoption of proposed changes to Central Valley river salmon sport fishing regulations (Subsections 7.50(b)(5), (b)(68) and (b)(156.5), Title 14, CCR)

Stafford Lehr made a presentation regarding the Department's recommendations for the American, Sacramento and Feather rivers.

Received public testimony from Charles Bucaria.

Moved by J. Kellogg and seconded by J. Hostler-Carmesin that the Commission adopts the proposed changes to Central Valley salmon regulations as presented by the Department.

Ayes: J. Baylis, J. Hostler-Carmesin, J. Kellogg, R. Rogers, M. Sutton

Motion passed.

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CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION
2015 MEETING SCHEDULE
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MEETING DATE	COMMISSION MEETING	COMMITTEE MEETING
May 6		Wildlife Resources California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) Conference Room 01.037 100 South Main Street Los Angeles, CA 90012
June 9		Tribal Committee Mountainside Conference Center 1 Minaret Road Mammoth Lakes, CA 93456
June 10-11	Mountainside Conference Center 1 Minaret Road Mammoth Lakes, CA 93456	
July 8		Marine Resources Trinidad Town Hall 409 Trinity Street Trinidad, CA 95570
August 4-5	River Lodge Conference Center 1800 Riverwalk Drive Fortuna, CA 95540	
September 9		Wildlife Resources Department of Industrial Relations 2550 Mariposa Mall, Room 1036 Fresno, CA 90045
October 6		Tribal Committee Embassy Suites – LAX North 9801 Airport Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90045
October 7-8	Embassy Suites – LAX North 9801 Airport Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90045	
November 4		Marine Resources Southern California
December 9-10	Town and Country Resort & Convention Center 500 Hotel Circle North San Diego, CA 92108	

OTHER MEETINGS OF INTEREST

Wildlife Conservation Board

- May 21, Sacramento
- September 3, Sacramento
- November 19, Sacramento

Pacific Fishery Management Council

- June 12-17, Spokane, WA
- September 11-16, Sacramento, CA
- November 14-19, Garden Grove, CA

Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

- July 16-22, Reno, NV

Pacific Flyway Council

- July 24, Reno, NV

There being no further business, the Commission meeting adjourned at 12:51 p.m.