

STAFF SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 4-5, 2015

35. INITIAL PLM LICENSE AND PLAN (CONSENT)**Today's Item**Information Action

Approve the initial Private Lands Wildlife Habitat Enhancement and Management (PLM) Area 5-year management plans, applications and 2015 harvest programs for five properties and amend the harvest dates for one property that was approved in Jun 2015.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions (N/A)**Background**

DFW has reviewed the applications and management plans for these properties and found that they are in compliance with FGC policies for private lands management (Exhibit 1).

For Big Lagoon PLM in Humboldt County (agenda item 35(C)) at the Jun 11, 2015 FGC meeting incorrect season dates were listed for the elk season (Exhibit 3). Corrections have been made (Exhibit 4).

Significant Public Comments (N/A)**Recommendation**

FGC staff: Recommends approval under a motion adopting the consent calendar. We support the change to Big Lagoon PLM.

DFW: Recommends approving the 2015-2020 wildlife management plans, applications, and 2015 harvest programs under the conditions specified in (Exhibit 2).

Exhibits

1. [DFW memo, received Jun 30, 2015](#)
2. [PLM initial annual details](#)
3. [DFW correction memo, received Jul 20, 2015](#)
4. [Corrected table for Big Lagoon PLM](#)

Motion/Direction

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission adopts the Consent Calendar, items 33-37.

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Memorandum

Date: June ²⁹17, 2015

To: Sonke Mastrup
Executive Director
Fish and Game Commission

From: Charlton H. Bonham
Director



Subject: **Agenda Item for the August 4-5, 2015 Fish and Game Commission Meeting Initial Private Lands Wildlife Habitat Enhancement and Management (PLM) Area License**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife has reviewed the Initial Management Plan for 5 properties in 4 counties consisting of 68,874 acres. The Management plan for these properties is in compliance with Commission policy requirements for private lands management. The applicants have identified the location where records will be kept and made available for inspection.

Public notices were published in local newspapers, and certified letters were mailed to adjacent landowners with notification of the applicant's intent to enter into the program. No letters of concern were received by the Department.

Habitat improvements accomplished under this plan will enhance and maintain wildlife resources on and around the PLM area. The goals and objectives stated in the management plan are compatible with Department management plans for appropriate species in these areas. In addition, access to public lands will not be diminished under implementation of these management plans.

The Department recommends that the Commission approve the specified wildlife management plan, application, and the 2015 harvest program under conditions specified in the attached table.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Victoria Barr at (916) 445-4034 or by email at victoria.barr@wildlife.ca.gov.

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**PLM AREA LICENSE
INITIAL MANAGEMENT PLANS, 2015-2020
PROPOSED SEASONS, HARVESTS, AND HABITAT IMPROVEMENTS**

PLM Area	Proposed Season and Harvest	Habitat Improvement Program
<i>NORTHERN REGION Initial Management Plans</i>		
ACKERMAN-SOUTH DAUGHERTY WMA MENDOCINO DEER ZONE A 10,831 ACRES	<p><i>Authorized Harvest:</i> 7 buck deer forked horn or better</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue 7 buck deer tags for the period of August 13, 2015 through September 20, 2015. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Remove at least 10 acres of conifers which are encroaching into oak woodland and prairie habitat. ➤ Enhance and maintain perennial water sources to improve water storage near the Masonite Road/Miller Ridge area. ➤ Remove at least ¼ mile of unnecessary fencing along Ackerman and Alder creeks to reduce wildlife entanglement. ➤ Create 4 brush piles for wildlife cover in the South Daugherty Creek watershed.
ALEXANDRE ECODAIRY FARMS PLM DEL NORTE 1,728 ACRES	<p><i>Authorized Harvest:</i> 2 bull elk and 4 antlerless elk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue 2 bull elk tags for the period of September 2, 2015 through September 24, 2015. • Issue 4 antlerless elk tags for the period of September 2, 2015 through September 24, 2015. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Create 5 acres of perennial wetlands in Section 9. ➤ Plant 15 Sitka spruce seedlings adjacent to the wetlands and install an elk-proof fence to protect these young trees.
KLAMATH PLM HUMBOLDT 35,594 ACRES	<p><i>Authorized Harvest:</i> 2 bull elk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue 2 bull elk tags for the period of September 2, 2015 through September 24, 2015. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Remove at least 360 acres of conifers which are encroaching into oak woodland and prairie habitat.

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RAINBOW RIDGE PLM HUMBOLDT DEER ZONE B4 20,321 ACRES	<p><i>Authorized Harvest:</i> 25 buck deer forked horn or better</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue 25 buck deer tags for the period of August 22, 2015 through September 27, 2015. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Remove at least 20 acres of conifers which are encroaching into oak woodland and prairie habitat.
STACKHOUSE RANCH SHASTA DEER ZONE C3 400 ACRES	<p><i>Authorized Harvest:</i> 2 buck deer forked horn or better</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue 4 buck deer tags for the period of September 19, 2015 through October 25, 2015. • In no case shall the number of tags issued be used to exceed the authorized harvest. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Repair dam at lower pond to provide water for wildlife. ➤ Add 3 new wood duck boxes at the Lower Pond. ➤ Build 2 nesting islands in the Barn pond for waterfowl use. ➤ Add at least 3 large rocks in the Barn pond to provide habitat for turtles. ➤ Maintain 7 acres of meadow by removing invasive blackberries to provide forage for wildlife. ➤ Enhance 43 acres of conifer habitat by spraying for noxious weeds and blackberries.

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Memorandum

Date: July 14, 2015

To: Sonke Mastrup
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From: Charlton H. Bonham
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Subject: Agenda Item for the August 4-5 Fish and Game Commission Meeting Regarding the Correction of the Season Dates for the Big Lagoon PLM and Redwood House Ranch PLM

Two Private Lands Management (PLM) areas, Big Lagoon PLM and Redwood House Ranch, were approved at the June 11, 2015 Fish and Game Commission meeting with incorrect season dates. The purpose of this memo is to correct those dates and the Department of Fish and Wildlife is requesting the following changes be made:

Big Lagoon PLM - Change the season dates for elk from September 2, 2015 through September 13, 2015 to September 2, 2015 through September 24, 2015.

Redwood House Ranch- Change the season dates for elk from September 19, 2015 through October 10, 2015 to September 19, 2015 through October 11, 2015.

We apologize for the inconvenience. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Victoria Barr at (916) 445-4034 or by email at victoria.barr@wildlife.ca.gov.

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Corrected table

<p align="center"><i>PLM AREA LICENSE INITIAL MANAGEMENT PLANS PROPOSED SEASONS, HARVESTS, AND HABITAT IMPROVEMENTS, 2015-2020</i></p>		
PLM Area	Proposed Season and Harvest	Habitat Improvement Program
<p align="center"><i>NORTHERN REGION New Management Plan</i></p>		
<p>BIG LAGOON PLM HUMBOLDT 109,367 ACRES</p>	<p><i>Authorized Harvest:</i> 3 bull elk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue 3 bull elk tags for the period of September 2, 2015 through September 24, 2015. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Enhance coho salmon habitat by harvesting and delivering 35 merchantable trees ranging from 18 to 24 inches diameter at breast height to the restoration site on Little River. The trees will be used and installed as in-stream large, woody debris structures.