STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FISH AND GAME COMMISSION
STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR REGULATORY ACTION
(Pre-adoption Statement of Reasons)

Amend Sections 1.91, 27.20, 27.25, 27.30, 27.35, 27.40, 27.45, 27.50, 27.51, 27.65, 28.26, 28.27, 28.28, 28.29, 28.48, 28.49, 28.54, 28.55, 28.56, 28.58 and 28.90, Title 14, California Code of Regulations

Re: Recreational Fishing Regulations for Federal Groundfish and Associated Species for Consistency with Federal Rules for 2015 and 2016

I. Date of Initial Statement of Reasons: June 25, 2014

II. Date of Pre-adoption Statement of Reasons: November 14, 2014

III. Dates and Locations of Scheduled Hearings:

(a) Notice Hearing: Date: August 6, 2014
Location: San Diego, CA

(b) Discussion Hearing Date: October 8, 2014
Location: Mount Shasta, CA

(c) Adoption Hearing: Date: December 3, 2014
Location: Van Nuys, CA

IV. Description of Modification of Originally Proposed Language of Initial Statement of Reasons:

No changes have been made in the originally proposed regulatory language; however, the effective date of the regulations may change.

V. Reasons for Modification of Originally Proposed Language of Initial Statement of Reasons:

Originally the federal regulations were expected to be in place on January 1, 2015, but recent developments may result in the federal effective date being delayed until March 1, 2015 or later. The Department will provide an update on the federal process at the December meeting.

VI. Summary of Primary Considerations Raised in Opposition and in Support:

Two letters has been received. One letter supported the depth increase in the Southern Groundfish Management Area and both letters supported the lingcod bag limit increase.