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Mr. Michael Sutton, President,
California Fish and Game Commission
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Mr. Charlton H. Bonham, Director
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
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**Re: Agenda Item 27 for the February 11-12, 2015 Fish and Game Commission Meeting
Concerning Proposed Regulations Regarding Authorized Methods of Take for Wildlife Using
Lead Ammunition – Phasing Out the Use of Lead Ammunition**

Dear Mr. Sutton and Mr. Bonham:

The Fish and Game Commission is urged by the Crossroads of the West Gun Shows (COTW) to support legislation during the phase in of AB 711 that would provide alternatives to an absolute ban on traditional ammunition.

COTW supports an alternative that would require a hunter to bury, cover or otherwise make unavailable to predators or scavengers any entrails, carcasses or other remains of animals taken with a firearm by him or her unless the hunter used nonlead ammunition.

There is an uncertainty of whether nonlead ammunition will actually be available to hunters, or if so, whether there will be adequate supplies in popular hunting cartridges.

The sale of ammunition to hunters is a large part of the business revenues for many retailers who rent retail space at gun shows.

It is not anticipated that there will be adequate supplies of nonlead ammunition available for sale, if any. The federal government has classified it as prohibited armor piercing ammunition and has not shown any signs of modifying its position. Accordingly, manufacturers are reluctant to produce it.

Ammunition retailers at gun shows are faced with losing a large part, if not all, of their gun show revenues. This would be catastrophic for them. Most are small businesses that cannot withstand the loss of a significant part of their income.

The same kind of revenue losses and negative operational impacts would also be experienced by the dealers at their regular, non-gun show business locations.

The Governor, in his signing message for AB 711, asked that the department and the commission work together in implementing AB 711 to find an approach that provides the least amount of disruption to hunters (and thus ammunition retailers at gun shows) as possible.

Support by the commission of regulatory phase in alternatives as described above and their enactment by the legislature would provide a rational and effective alternative to a complete ban on traditional ammunition. It would help fulfill the Governor's request for such an approach to implementation of AB 711. It would also help California businesses by avoiding a loss in ammunition sales revenue at gun shows.

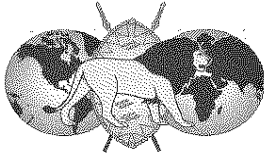
Should you have any questions, please contact our legislative advocate, Kathryn Lynch, at (916) 443-0202 or lynch@lynchlobby.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert R. Templeton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert R. Templeton, President

cc: Mr. Sonke Mastrup, Executive Director, California Fish and Game Commission
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Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Ms. Kathryn Lynch, Legislative Advocate
Crossroads of the West



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Dear President Sutton and Director Bonham:

Safari Club International Foundation and Safari Club International (SCI) is a worldwide organization with the purpose of promoting Conservation of our Renewable Wildlife Resources, recognizing hunting as one of the many management tools. Currently with over 55,000 members and over 5,000 members in California, Safari Club International also has 30,000 California Affiliates, 950,000 U.S. Affiliates and over 7,000,000 International Affiliates. SCI spends millions annually for Wildlife Conservation, Research and Education.

The Commission is urged to support and the Department is urged to sponsor follow-up legislation to AB 711 that would provide alternatives to an absolute ban on traditional ammunition.

In the meantime, the Commission is asked to include alternatives to a traditional ammunition ban during its regulatory phase in of AB 711, a process that does not have to be fully completed until July 1, 2019.

SCI supports an alternative that would require a hunter to bury, cover or otherwise make unavailable to predators or scavengers any entrails, carcasses or other remains of animals taken by the hunter unless the hunter used nonlead ammunition to take such animal.

Such a provision would provide hunters the alternative of using traditional ammunition, subject to the above restrictions and implementing regulations that would be adopted by the commission.

The research presentation by Southwick Associates, Inc., made to the Wildlife Resources Committee on the projected negative impacts of AB 711 on hunters, businesses and the Department of Fish and Wildlife provided a chilling picture of what would likely happen if AB 711 is implemented without alternatives such as the restricted use of traditional ammunition being made available.

There is also the uncertainty of whether nonlead ammunition will actually be available to hunters, or if so, whether there will be adequate supplies in popular hunting cartridges.

The State of Arizona has recognized the potential for unintended consequences of a mandatory ban on the use of traditional ammunition and has made the use of nonlead ammunition voluntary. Arizona reports good cooperation from hunters and has determined that its voluntary approach to method of take has been very successful in preventing access to lead ammunition fragments in animal remains by predators and scavengers.

SCI urges the Commission to take a well thought out and reasoned approach to implementing AB 711 over the entire length of the time period provided for this purpose by the bill, and to provide the above described alternative to a complete traditional ammunition ban during this time.

It is also urged that the commission give serious consideration to supporting the above described legislation that would provide a practical statutory alternative to an outright ban on traditional ammunition for hunting.

Supporting/sponsoring the enactment of the above described follow up legislation, which would provide a rational and effective alternative to a complete ban on traditional ammunition, would also fulfill the Governor's request in his signing message for such an approach to implementation.

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

Sincerely yours,



DennisAnderson

Safari Club International, California Legislative Coordinator

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Dear President Sutton and Director Bonham:

The Outdoor Sportsmen's Coalition of California is a nonprofit organization of sportsman's clubs and individuals dedicated to preserving outdoor recreation in California. Our principal activities are to monitor legislation that might negatively impact hunting, fishing and other recreation, and to oppose unwise changes in laws and regulations relating to these activities.

The Outdoor Sportsmen's Coalition of California (OSCC) promotes the conservation enhancement, scientific management, and wise use of all our natural resources; OSCC seeks to end activities needlessly destructive to natural resources; OSCC endeavors to educate and encourage the public generally, and the youth specifically, to an understanding of the advantages and importance of the conservation and enhancement of our natural resources.

OSCC works to enhance outdoor opportunities for all citizens. With several thousand members located throughout California, we stay in contact with our membership via newsletters and the internet so they can be involved as they see fit.

The Commission is urged to support, and the Department is urged to sponsor, follow-up legislation to AB 711 that would provide alternatives to an absolute ban on traditional ammunition.

Pending the possible enactment of such legislation, the Commission is asked to include alternatives to a traditional ammunition ban during its regulatory phase in of AB 711. The final regulations do not have to be fully in place before July 1, 2019.

OSCC supports a practical alternative that would require a hunter to bury, cover or otherwise make unavailable to predators or scavengers any entrails, carcasses or other remains of animals taken by the hunter unless the hunter used nonlead ammunition to take such animal.

Such a provision would provide hunters the alternative of using traditional ammunition, subject to the above restrictions and implementing regulations that would be adopted by the commission.

It is questionable whether nonlead ammunition will actually be available to hunters, or if so, whether there will be adequate supplies in popular hunting cartridges.

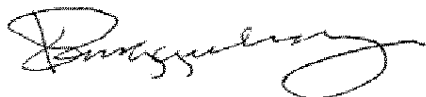
The State of Arizona has recognized the potential for unintended consequences of a total mandatory ban on the use of traditional ammunition and has made the use of nonlead ammunition voluntary. Arizona reports good cooperation from hunters and has determined that its voluntary approach to method of take has been very successful in preventing access to lead ammunition fragments in animal remains by predators and scavengers.

OSCC urges the Commission to take a well thought out and reasoned approach to implementing AB 711 over the entire length of the time period provided for this purpose by the bill, and to provide the above described alternative to a complete traditional ammunition ban during this time.

Supporting or sponsoring the enactment of follow up legislation to provide a rational and effective alternative to a complete ban on traditional ammunition would also comply with the Governor's request in his signing message for such a reasoned approach to implementation.

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

Sincerely,



Keith Ringgenberg
President, Outdoor Sportsmen's Coalition

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The Fish and Game Commission and the Department of Fish and Wildlife are urged to sponsor, or at least support, supplemental legislation to AB 711 that would enact alternatives to an absolute ban on traditional ammunition for purposes of hunting.

Pending the possible enactment of such legislation, the Commission is asked to include alternatives to a traditional ammunition ban during its regulatory phase in of AB 711. The final regulations do have to be fully in place before July 1, 2019.

CSL supports phase in regulations that would require a hunter to bury, cover or otherwise make unavailable to predators or scavengers any entrails, carcasses or other remains of animals taken by the hunter unless the hunter used nonlead ammunition to take such animal.

Such a regulation (or statute) would provide hunters an alternative of using traditional ammunition while still keeping animal carcasses containing lead bullet fragments away from condors and other scavengers.

It is questionable whether nonlead ammunition will actually be available to hunters, or if so, whether there will be adequate supplies in popular hunting cartridges.

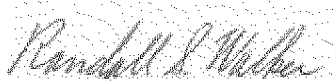
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It is also urged that the Commission give serious consideration to supporting the above described supplemental legislation that would provide a practical statutory alternative to an outright ban on traditional ammunition for hunting.

This approach would also conform to the Governor's request in his signing message that such a reasoned approach to implementation be employed.

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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