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California Fish and Game Commission
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Re: Regulations Implementing AB 711, Ban on Lead Ammunition – Draft Environmental Document (ED) Public Review and Comment.

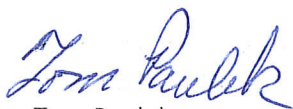
The Fish and Game Commission at the December 3, 2014 meeting published the Notice of Intent to Amend Regulations Regarding Authorized Methods of take for Wildlife Using Lead Ammunition –Phasing out the use of Lead Ammunition (Agenda Item 15).

The November 4, 2014, “NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING” advised the public that the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is preparing a draft environmental document to address impacts resulting from the implementation of the statewide ban on lead ammunition for the take of wildlife with a firearm. Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15082 (c), a public scoping meeting will be held to identify potentially significant effects on the environment that may result from the proposed regulations, as well as any feasible mitigation measures that should be addressed in the draft environmental document.

The Friends letter of November 14, 2014(see December 3, 2014 Commission Agenda Documents) responded specifically to the “NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING” indicating the Environmental Document (ED) must include an analysis of the public health hazard/impacts of human consumption of game shot with lead ammunition as well as any feasible mitigation measures that should be addressed in the draft environmental document.

When will the draft Environmental Document be available for public review and comment and will the Fish and Game Commission written responses to the public comments be considered by the Commission prior to making the decision implementing the ban on lead ammunition (Public Resources Code section 21080.5; *Wildlife Alive v. Chickering* (1976) 18 Cal. 3d 190).

This matter is of great urgency to the Friends and we would appreciate a timely Commission response to our inquiry in order that our participation in the public review of the Lead ban Regulations not be a pointless exercise.



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