



January 29, 2015

Mike Sutton, President
California Fish and Game Commission
1419 Ninth Street, Room 1320
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Comments on Agenda Items #23, #27, #28, #29

Dear President Sutton,

APECS is writing to express our position on the below agenda items. As always, we appreciate the opportunity to work with you and your fellow Commissioners on these important wildlife issues. Please see below for our comments.

Items of Interest:

➤ **Agenda Item #23**

APECS has been attending the WRC meetings and we look forward to continue working with the Commission and the CDFW to maintain predator management for public safety, agricultural interests, and wildlife conservation programs. We also support the department's attempt to charge the non-consumptive visitors of CDFW managed lands a use fee.

➤ **Agenda Item #27**

We appreciate the department's thoughtful implementation plan though we continue to have serious concerns with the passage of AB 711, its effects on hunters, conservation programs, and if suitable and readily available alternative ammunition will be manufactured by 2019. APECS attended the department's public scoping meeting in November and will be providing comments on the "draft" CEQA document soon.

➤ **Agenda Item #28**

APECS supports deer tag reporting, though we'd prefer the proposed non-reporting "penalty" be phased in for at least one year. Though collecting deer tag reporting is an important tool for science-based management, the "penalty" should also be lowest form of a CDFW violation. We support the other proposed changes to the mammal hunting regulations related to the species quotas, and done so in "range" format.

➤ **Agenda Item #29**

Our preferred preference continues to be to use the established property boundaries of the closed areas as specified in the legislation, and to require that the trappers use GPS.

Best Afield,

Rick Bulloch

Cc Members of the California Fish and Game Commission
Sonke Mastrup, Executive Director

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–**Theodore Roosevelt**