

STAFF SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 7-8, 2015

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

Approve the initial Private Lands Wildlife Habitat Enhancement and Management Area (PLM) 5-year management plans, applications and 2015 harvest programs for two properties.

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).

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

FGC staff: Approve under a motion adopting the consent calendar.

DFW: Approve the 2015-2020 wildlife management plans, applications and 2015 harvest programs (Exhibit 2).

Exhibits

1. DFW memo, received Sep 4, 2015
2. PLM initial annual details

Motion/Direction

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission adopts the Consent Calendar, items 20-21.

Memorandum

2015 SEP 4 PM 12:16

Date: August 31, 2015

To: Sonke Mastrup
Executive Director
Fish and Game Commission

From: Charlton H. Bonham
Director



Subject: **Agenda Item for the October 7-8, 2015 Fish and Game Commission Meeting
Initial Private Lands Wildlife Habitat Enhancement and Management (PLM) Area
License**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) has reviewed the Initial Management Plan for 2 properties in 3 counties consisting of approximately 6,100 acres. The management plan for these properties is in compliance with Fish and Game Commission (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 APPLICATION, 2015-2020
PROPOSED SEASONS, HARVESTS, AND HABITAT IMPROVEMENTS**

PLM Area	Proposed Season and Harvest	Habitat Improvement Program
BAY DELTA REGION		
PACHECO RANCH DEER ZONE A SANTA CLARA 673+ ACRES	<i>Authorized Harvest:</i> No tags requested during the initial year in the program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hand prune 1 acre of decadent chamise. ➤ Mechanically remove 5 acres of decadent chamise in irregular pattern. Broadcast native seed in cleared area. ➤ Mechanically and/or chemically remove chamise that is encroaching on blue oak woodland in order to maintain at least 30% blue oak woodland. ➤ Enclose at least 20 blue oak seedlings with no-climb horse fencing. ➤ Plant up to 50 blue oak seedlings grown from local nursery stock, collect acorns to continue planting program in future years.
CENTRAL REGION		
CAMP 5 OUTFITTERS-ROTH RANCH PLM MONTEREY/SAN LUIS OBISPO 5,400 ACRES A-ZONE	<i>Authorized Harvest:</i> No tags requested during the initial year in the program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Clear 5 acres of old growth brush to stimulate growth of new forage for wildlife. ➤ Re-seed 5 acre cleared area with appropriate range mix. ➤ Adapt 1 existing water source to make it more wildlife accessible. ➤ Maintain and improve water system. ➤ Build 3-5, 100 square foot brush piles to provide cover for wildlife. ➤ No grazing allowed in the 40 acre riparian area. ➤ Plant 10 areas of barley or other suitable cover crop for wildlife use. ➤ No grazing on Fowler or Roth ranches. ➤ Install 1 elk crossing in Roth ranch fence line or where best utilized on the other ranch parcels.