

STAFF SUMMARY FOR APRIL 13-14, 2016

2. PUBLIC FORUM (DAY 1)**Today's Item****Information** **Action**

Receipt of public comments and requests for regulatory and non-regulatory actions.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

- **Today's receipt of requests and comments** Apr 13-14, 2016; Santa Rosa
- Direction to grant, deny, or refer requests Jun 22-23, 2016; Bakersfield

Background

Under the Bagley-Keene Act, the FGC cannot act on any matter not included on the agenda, it can schedule issues raised by the public for consideration at future meetings. FGC generally receives three types of correspondence: Requests for regulatory action, requests for non-regulatory action, and informational only. The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires action on regulatory requests to be either denied or granted and notice made of that determination. At the end of public forum a motion may be made to provide direction to staff on any items for which FGC wishes to receive additional information or take immediate action. Otherwise, FGC will determine the fate of the regulatory and non-regulatory requests at the next commission meeting to allow staff time to evaluate requests.

Significant Public Comments

1. See a summary of regulatory petitions regulatory requests in Exhibit 1
2. See a summary of non-regulatory requests in Exhibit 2

Recommendation

Consider whether any new future agenda items are needed to address issues that are raised and within the FGC's authority.

Exhibits

1. [Table containing a summary of new petitions for regulation change](#) received by Mar 30 at 5:00 p.m., the comment deadline for the meeting binder.
2. [Table containing a summary of new non-regulatory requests](#) received by Mar 30 at 5:00 p.m., the comment deadline for the meeting binder.
- 3-10. [Individual, new petitions and requests](#) that are summarized in the tables.
- 11-12. [Informational-only items](#); staff will not take any action on these unless otherwise directed by FGC Motion/Direction

Motion/Direction (N/A)

**CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION
REQUESTS FOR REGULATORY ACTION RECEIVED BY 5 PM ON MAR 30, 2016**

FGC - California Fish and Game Commission DFW - California Department of Fish and Wildlife WRC - Wildlife Resources Committee MRC - Marine Resources Committee

Grant: FGC is *willing to consider* the petition through a process **Deny:** FGC is *not willing to consider* the petition **Refer:** FGC *needs more information* before deciding whether to grant or deny the petition



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Lavender cells: Accepted and moved to a rulemaking



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Yellow cells: Current action items

Tracking No.	Date Received	Response Due (10 work days)	Response letter to Petitioner	Accept or Reject	Name of Petitioner	Subject of Request	Code or Title 14 Section Number	Short Description	FGC Decision	DFW/FGC Staff Response	Final Action, Other Outcomes
2016-004	3/10/2016	3/24/2016			Cheryl Kunert (Modoc County Fish, Game and Recreation Commission)	Black bear hunting in Modoc county		Permit take of black bear in the balance of Modoc County, season to run concurrently with general deer season in Modoc County without increasing quota for black bear harvest.	Receipt scheduled 4/13-14/2016 Action scheduled 6/22-23/2016		

CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION
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Revised 04-08-2016

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2/8/2016	Tomas Baty	Point Reyes Oyster Company	Requests more active and responsible management of Tomales Bay mariculture leases by FGC.	Action scheduled 4/14/2016 STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Grant for 4/12/2016		
2/8/2016	Audobon Canyon Ranch	Point Reyes Oyster Company	Requests FGC limit the lease extension to no more than 6-12 month and urges FGC to enforce effective stewardship in Tomales Bay.	Action scheduled 4/14/2016 STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Grant for 4/12/2016		
2/9/2016	Laura Dax Honda and 15 students, Manor School	Bullfrogs	Requests FGC do whatever it can to help protect native frogs from non-native imported bullfrogs intended for human consumption.	Receipt scheduled 4/14/2016 Action scheduled 6/23/2016 STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Refer; under review by DFW (Lehr thinks DFW sent a letter and will let us know).		
2/25/2016	Helen Bourne	Pumas	Requests consideration and funding for open space linkage protection and wildlife corridor enhancements to protect southern California pumas as outlined in a July 1, 2015 CalTrans Sustainability Policy Memo and for those goals to be stated in the CalTrans 2040 Plan.	Receipt scheduled 4/14/2016 Action scheduled 6/23/2016		
2/12/2016	Kim Richard	Pallid bat	Requests 15 minutes for presentation on Pallid bat.	Receipt scheduled 4/14/2016 Action scheduled 6/23/2016		
2/17/2016	Jim Conrad	Predator Policy Workgroup	Requests reconsideration of his application for inclusion in the appointed writing group.	Receipt scheduled 4/14/2016 Action scheduled 6/23/2016		
3/9/2016	Ronald Stephens	Predator Policy Workgroup	Requests reconsideration of the appointed writing group to include southern California hunters/trappers.	Receipt scheduled 4/14/2016 Action scheduled 6/23/2016		



Tracking Number: (Click here to enter text.)

To request a change to regulations under the authority of the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission), you are required to submit this completed form to: California Fish and Game Commission, 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1320, Sacramento, CA 95814 or via email to FGC@fgc.ca.gov. Note: This form is not intended for listing petitions for threatened or endangered species (see Section 670.1 of Title 14).

Incomplete forms will not be accepted. A petition is incomplete if it is not submitted on this form or fails to contain necessary information in each of the required categories listed on this form (Section I). A petition will be rejected if it does not pertain to issues under the Commission's authority. A petition may be denied if any petition requesting a functionally equivalent regulation change was considered within the previous 12 months and no information or data is being submitted beyond what was previously submitted. If you need help with this form, please contact Commission staff at (916) 653-4899 or FGC@fgc.ca.gov.

SECTION I: Required Information.

Please be succinct. Responses for Section I should not exceed five pages

1. Person or organization requesting the change (Required)

Name of primary contact person: Modoc County Fish, Game and Recreation Commission
Address: 202 W. 4th Street, Alturas, CA 96101
Telephone number: (530) 233-6400
Email address: cmkunert@ucanr.edu

2. Rulemaking Authority (Required) - Reference to the statutory or constitutional authority of the Commission to take the action requested: Fish and Game Code, Sections 86, 200, 202 and 203.

3. Overview (Required) - Summarize the proposed changes to regulations: Black bear hunting is currently allowed in only a small section of Modoc County. It is proposed to modify regulations so black bear hunting is permitted in the balance of Modoc County. It is proposed that the season would run concurrently with the general deer seasons in Modoc County. This action is not intended to increase the overall quota for black bear harvested in California.

4. Rationale (Required) - Describe the problem and the reason for the proposed change: There has been a significant increase in California's black bear population over the last 25 years. By the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's own estimates, the population has increased from 10,000-15,000 animals in 1982 to a current conservative estimate of 25,000-30,000 animals. In Modoc County, the population has also increased significantly. A decade ago black bears were rarely seen, now they can be seen on almost a daily basis in some areas during the warmer seasons. Further evidence of an increasing population are incidences of depredation on private lands that in the past were rare to non-existent. During Sept.-October, 2014, an estimated 50 hours were spent by the local CA Fish and Wildlife Biologist responding to public complaints of nuisance animals on private lands. During Sept.-Oct., 2015 the Biologist spent 28 hours responding to complaints. Implementing a black bear hunt over the entirety of Modoc County would likely reduce problems with depredation which are bound to increase as the bear population grows even larger. A bear hunt would also provide another hunting opportunity to be enjoyed by the public.



SECTION II: Optional Information

5. **Date of Petition: March 10, 2016**
6. **Category of Proposed Change**
 Sport Fishing
 Commercial Fishing
 Hunting
 Other, please specify: [Click here to enter text.](#)
7. **The proposal is to:** (*To determine section number(s), see current year regulation booklet or <https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs>*)
 Amend Title 14 Section(s): 365
 Add New Title 14 Section(s): [Click here to enter text.](#)
 Repeal Title 14 Section(s): [Click here to enter text.](#)
8. **If the proposal is related to a previously submitted petition that was rejected, specify the tracking number of the previously submitted petition** [Click here to enter text.](#)
Or Not applicable.
9. **Effective date:** If applicable, identify the desired effective date of the regulation.
If the proposed change requires immediate implementation, explain the nature of the emergency: October, 2016
10. **Supporting documentation:** Identify and attach to the petition any information supporting the proposal including data, reports and other documents: none
11. **Economic or Fiscal Impacts:** Identify any known impacts of the proposed regulation change on revenues to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, individuals, businesses, jobs, other state agencies, local agencies, schools, or housing: Economic and Fiscal Impacts would be minimal. There would be a small increase in revenue to the Department due to tag sales, and a decrease in the amount of work by the local biologist necessary to respond to complaints of nuisance animals. Additionally, there would be a small benefit to the local economy due increased food and equipment purchases and use of local services.
12. **Forms:** If applicable, list any forms to be created, amended or repealed:
None

SECTION 3: FGC Staff Only

Date received: [Click here to enter text.](#)

FGC staff action:

- Accept - complete
 Reject - incomplete
 Reject - outside scope of FGC authority



Tracking Number

Date petitioner was notified of receipt of petition and pending action: _____

Meeting date for FGC consideration: _____

FGC action:

- Denied by FGC
- Denied - same as petition _____
Tracking Number
- Granted for consideration of regulation change

From: [sherry baty](#)
To: [FGC](#)
Subject: Consideration of Items 11 A & B on the current agenda
Date: Monday, February 08, 2016 2:38:56 PM

California Fish and Game Commission
1416 Ninth St, room 1320
Sacramento CA 95814

February 8, 2013

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express concern regarding operations by the Point Reyes Oyster Company on their mariculture lease on Tomales Bay.

Last year PROC wrote a vague request to the Commission/Department requesting permission to harvest an undetermined amount of unidentified algae(s) from "on and around" their oyster cultures for undisclosed purposes (food, fertilizer, health supplements...who knows?).

The kicker with the request for permission is that for several months prior to its request PROC has been actively cultivating algae on the lease. Highly visible from Highway 1 or from many sites in Tomales Bay State Park are double crescents of bright pink mooring balls. These floats currently support an unknown number of submerged, baffled, plastic constructions that appear designed for algae propagation.

I have been unable to find any reference to algae harvesting on either of the PROC leases. It is my understanding that there are significant restrictions on algae harvesting, particularly when intended for human consumption. I have reviewed the lease templates that the Commission is currently considering and cannot find any reference to algae production or harvesting.

The Commission must begin to be more active and responsible in its management of the Tomales Bay mariculture leases. It seems quite premature to consider extending a 15-year lease without a clear understanding and consideration of what is currently occurring on this lease. Please reconsider the lease extension until this and all other extraneous activities have been evaluated and resolved.

Thomas Baty



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February 8, 2016

California Fish & Game Commission
1416 Ninth Street, Room 1320
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Items 11 (A) & (B)

Dear Commissioners,

ACR owns and manages a system of wildlife sanctuaries in Marin and Sonoma counties, which includes the saltmarsh at Walker Creek delta in Tomales Bay, adjacent to the oyster lease area operated by Point Reyes Oyster Company. In addition, we own the Cypress Grove Research Center in nearby Marshall and approximately 450 acres of shoreline properties around Tomales Bay. Since the early 1970's, ACR has conducted scientific research, stewardship of natural areas, and education activities to help ensure the long-term protection of the valuable natural resources and public-trust values in Tomales Bay.

I am writing to urge you to limit the lease extension for Point Reyes Oyster Company (PROC) mariculture lease areas M-430-13 and 17, to no more than 6-12 months. ACR is especially sensitive to current evidence indicating that PROC has allowed loose mariculture gear to pollute the Bay for many years. We strongly urge the Commission to uphold its obligations to engage in and enforce the effective stewardship of California's public trust lands in Tomales Bay. Accordingly, PROC's continuing lease on public lands should require verification of suitable stewardship on their mariculture areas.

The presence of loose plastic and other mariculture debris throughout Tomales Bay, caused by negligent mariculture practices, has been a longstanding aesthetic and ecological problem that has shown no signs of overall improvement.

We strongly urge the Commission resolve this issue. Specifically, we urge the Commission to require appropriate stewardship as a pre-condition for the renewal of any mariculture leases in the Bay. Specifically, the renewal of PROC leases should depend on verification that appropriate stewardship practices have been established as a basic and continuing standard for their mariculture operation. To this end, we urge you to limit PROC's two state water-bottom leases to 6-12-months and, in addition, to impose any appropriate penalties for negligent practices. We believe such enforcement is needed to stop the continuing problem of loose mariculture debris that is polluting Tomales Bay.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

John P. Kelly, PhD
Director of Conservation Science

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February 7, 2016

Commissioner Richard Rogers
California Fish and Game Commission
P.O. Box 949209
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

Dear Commissioner Rogers,

I am a fourth grade teacher at Manor School in Fairfax and I coordinate our school's Green Team. I believe very strongly in teaching children about our natural world and how to take care of it. My students and I love birds, bees, flowers, trees, frogs, elephants and all of nature and we want to help make a difference in the world.

Recently we heard from Dr. Kerry Kriger, director and founder of Save the Frogs, that non-native bull frogs are invading our California eco-systems and consuming our native red legged and yellow legged frogs. Our water district (Main Municipal Water District) does lots of work to reduce invasive species and restore habitat and monitor species' health. They are at a loss as to what to do about bull frogs. There are so many bull frogs throughout our reservoirs and watershed and a small population of native frogs trying to survive.

Bullfrogs are being imported to our state for consumption, but they get out into the environment and cause major disruption. We need to put an end to importing any more bullfrogs into California. I am writing to ask that you please do, what ever you can personally do to help with this situation. My students want to see our native red legged and yellow legged frogs in their natural habitat when they grow up. I would deeply appreciate your efforts to make that possible.

Sincerely,
Laura Dax Honda
Manor School
150 Oak Manor
Fairfax, CA 94930

February 3, 2016

Commissioner Richard Rogers
California Fish and Game Commission
P.O. Box 944244-2090
Sacramento, CA 944244-2090

Dear Commissioner Richard Rogers,
I am a fourth grader on the green team and in the green team club and I love frogs. But the frogs are being eaten by non-native bull frog.

I worried because the bull frogs are eating our native frogs. They were imported to California to be eaten and they got out. Now they are eating our native frogs and we need your help. We are asking you to use your power to make a law to not be able to import bull frogs to California.

Please follow along with our idea. Thank you for reading.

Sincerely,

Ella

February 2,
2016

Commissioner Richard
Rogers California fish and
game commission P.O. Box
94244-2090.

Dear Commissioner Rogers,

My name is Andrew [REDACTED] I am
a member of the Manor School Green
Team and the Sierra Club. I am
writing on behalf of native yellow/
red legged frogs and all the people who
care about the frogs.

The native frogs are at near
extinction. I need your help. Will you help
stop the importation of invasive
bull frogs?

Bull frogs are increasing and the
native frogs are decreasing. Bull frogs
are eating native frogs, fish eggs, and
anything that can fit in their mouth.
They are taking over wildlife, creeks,
reservoirs, etc. I hope you will help us
save native frogs.

Sincerely,
Andrew



February 2, 2016

Commissioner Richard Rogers
Fish and Game Commission
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioner Rogers,

I am currently a fourth grader at Manor School in Fairfax and I am on the green team. I want to make positive difference in the world and make it an even cleaner place than it is now. I care and hope you care too.

I am writing to you because I want to help our native red legged and yellow legged frogs. I want to help them because they are being eaten and taken over by non-native bull frogs. I ask you to make it illegal to import bull frogs from restaurants. Bull frogs eat anything that will fit into their mouths. It breaks my heart so please consider this letter.

Thanks for listening.
I hope you do the right thing
Sincerely, Jane

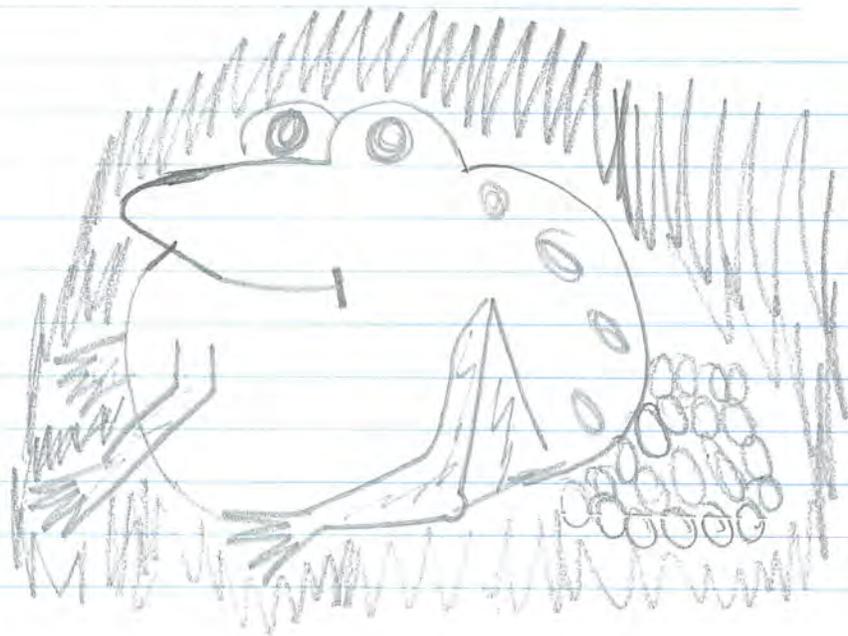
Commissioner Richard

Rogers California fish and Game
Commission P.O Box 944209 Sacramento,
CA 94244-2090

Dear Commissioner Rogers;

I am a student at Manor School in
Fairfax 4th grader I'm on the Green
Team. I care about our frogs but the
bullfrogs are now eating frogs. I would like
for you to make a law saying stop
importation of bullfrogs to come to California.
I am worried about them to go extinct
because of the bullfrogs keep
eating them so please help us make
this law. Bullfrogs are bad because
they eat our native red legged and
yellow legged frogs and now there
endangered. Thank you

Sincerely,
Melody



February 2, 2016

Commissioner Richard Rogers
California Fish and Game Commission
P.O. Box 944209 Sacramento, CA
94244 - 2090

Dear Commissioner Rogers

I am fourth grader and a member of the green team. I care because frogs are a big part of the world and I want them to be alive when I get older.

I am writing to because every body is inportation Bull frogs are not native and they eat every things that fits in there mouth and they eat all of the native frogs.

Thank you so much for taking time read this please make the right choice

Sincerely,
Vanessa

February 2, 2016

Commissioner Richard Rogers
California Fish and Game Commission
P.O. Box 94209
Sacramento CA, 95244-2090

Dear Commissioner Rogers,

Hello my name is Corina [REDACTED] I am 9 years old and in the 4th grade at Manor school in Fair fax C.A.

California had many Native frogs. But because of bull frogs the number is going down and Bull frogs number is going up because of Bull frogs eating the native frogs.

The Bull frogs are not just part of the food chain because they are from the east but have been imported for food. Some times they get away and get into the wild that's when the trouble starts. I would love it if you would

ban importing Bull frogs for food. It would reald help.

thank you.

Sincerely,

Corina

Commissoner Richard Rogers
fish and Game commgain P.O. Box 94420P
Sacramento CA 95814

Dear Commissoner Rogers
I am a forth grader at Manor School
in farfax. I am worried about that
thar will be no frogs! I care about
the safty of all frog. I want the
world to be healthy for frogs and me
wen I am older.

I am writing to you to ask that
you use your power to stop the
im portation of bull frogs to caliafornia.
Could you make a law? Bull frogs are bad
because they eat our native frogs!
I want to thank you for listening!
please do the right thing,

Sincerely Ivan



February 2,
2016

Commissioner Richard
Rogers California fish and
game Commission P.O. Box
94244-2090.

Dear Commissioner Rogers;

I'm a nine year old girl at Manor
School in Fairfax California, and I'm
in Mrs. Honda's fourth grade class.
My class mates and I love frogs! ♡

We are all verry worried about
our little red legged and yellow
legged frogs. We are worried because all
of them are becoming endangered
because of bullfrog importation in
California.

I'm writing to you to ask if you
could use the power you have to try
to make a law, is that all possible?
If it is please do it. We love frogs!

Sincerely, Zoë

February 3, 2016

Commissioner Richard Rogers
California Fish and Game Commission
P.O. box 944 209
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

Dear Commissioner Rogers,

I am a fourth grade green team member at Manor School in Fairfax. I care about frogs, but I am worried. Non-native bullfrogs are escaping into the wild and eating our native red and yellow legged frogs.

I am writing to you to ask that you try to ban the importation of bullfrogs to California. Bullfrogs are bad because they escape and eat our native frogs that we love.

I want to thank you for listening.
Please fix this problem.

Sincerely,
Anthony

February 7, 2016

Commissioner Richard Rodgers
California Fish and Game Commission
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento CA 94244 7090

Dear Commissioner Rodgers,

I am a fourth grade green team member at Manor Elementary asking for your help for our sake and the frogs. Our future could have no more yellow legged or Red legged frogs in the wild. Bullfrogs are eating enething they can put in their mouths.

I'm hoping you will do what you can do to help us, the frogs and the frogs future. I am really hoping you can help our butifut and helpless little yellow legged and Red legged native frogs. I care about them, I'm worried about them and I love them. You have the power to stop them from importing bullfrogs, so please for the frogs.

Sincerely,
Eleanor

Comissioner Richard Rogers California
Fish and game comission P.O. Box 94244-
2090
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioner Richard Rogers
Hi my name is Dante [REDACTED]
I am a 4th grader at Manor school. I care
about are native frogs and bull frogs
are eating them. When your kids grow up
do you want them to see a fat bull frog
or native frogs you choose.

I am writing to you because
you can do something, you can save
the frogs like Karie kregger I be-
belive in you.

Sincerely Dante

February 3, 2016

Commissioner Richard Rogers
California Fish & Game Commission
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

Dear Commissioner Richard Rogers;

I am a fourth grader at Manor School in Fairfax. I care about the native red and yellow legged frog. I want there to be native frogs when I grow up.

I am writing to you to make a law on the importation of bull frogs. Bull frogs eat our native frogs.

Thank you for reading. Please do the right thing.

From:
Dalmon

February 3, 2016

Commissioner Richard Rogers
California Fish + Game Commission
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

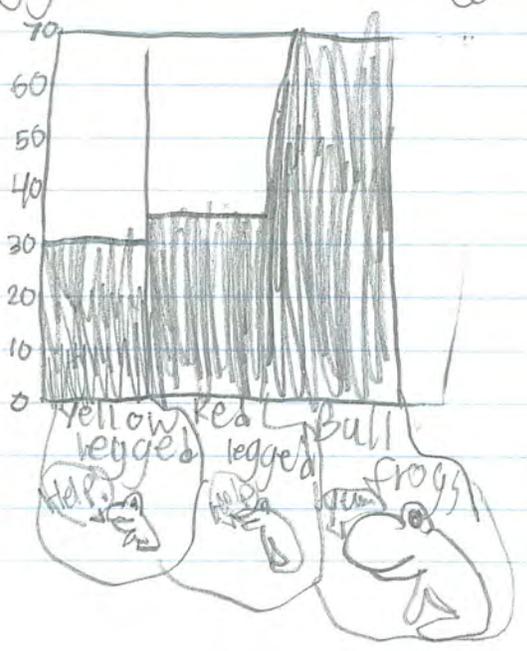
Dear Commissioner Rogers,

I am a 4th grade student at Manor School, Fairfax. I am in the green team because I care. I care about the frogs and their reasoning right to live. I care about a healthy world. I am worried about the over population of bullfrog and how our native frogs are becoming endangered. I want my children to be able to watch our native frogs hop around in ponds in our neighborhood.

I am writing to you to ask that you make it a law that there will be no importation of bullfrogs to California. Bull frogs are bad because they overpopulate very fast and they eat our native yellow legged and red legged frogs!

I want to thank you for reading my letter. Please do the right thing and help our native yellow legged and red legged frogs.

Thank you,
Maya



February
2016

Commissioner Richard
Rogers California Fish & Game
P.O. Box 944209 Sacramento,
CA 94244-2090

Dear

I am a student from Mrs.
Honda's 4th grade class at
Maner School in Fairfax, Va.
I am worried about our yellow
and red legged frogs.

I want to ask you
to stop the importation
of bullfrogs. They eat
our native frogs.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Samantha

Commissioner Richard Rogers
California Fish Game
Commission P.O. box 944209
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

Dear Commissioner Richard
Rogers

I am a student in
manor school. I am scared
for our native frogs, the native
bull frogs they are
eating the native frogs. We need
your help to save the frogs.

from Michael

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2016 FEB 25 PM 4:00

Date *February 20, '16*

MCS

Dear *Executive Director Mastrop;*

I wish to express my concern for our pumas in California. Based on the recent and thorough studies from UC Davis Wildlife Center, we now know that our puma populations are in serious decline. Puma territories and former wildlife corridors are cut off by freeways and development. The puma genetics taken from the blood samples in this study are showing inbreeding and subsequent genetic issues that will further hurt the remnant populations.

In Southern California, the number one cause of puma mortality west of I-15 is vehicular strikes; east of this freeway the number one cause of mortality is a too casual approval of lion depredation permits for hobby or domestic animal kills. I believe it is the responsibility of the domestic animal owners to shelter and protect their hobby/domestic animals and not blame our lions for poor husbandry in the backcountry. The most recent lion depredation permit was issued for loss of chickens.

Now that we know the problems facing our puma populations, and, we know the solutions, we need these solutions to become a priority in agency action and agency budgets. As a citizen of this region, **I have an expectation of open space linkage protection for pumas and wildlife corridor enhancements.** Some work is being done with fencing and now we need highway projects to include exclusion fence planning, wildlife crossings, and construction of underpasses and over passes for wildlife. Further, these goals need to be clearly stated in the Caltrans 2040 plan.

In keeping with the July 1, 2015 Sustainability Policy Memo from Cal-Trans Director Dougherty, I ask that serious consideration and funding become available to enact these stated goals to protect our environment and our wildlife corridors before our Southern California pumas succumb entirely to the fate of the Florida panther.

Thank you,

Helen M. Baune



From: [REDACTED]
To: [FGC](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Time Request
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 12:06:06 PM

Greetings,

I am requesting 15 minute time at the April 14th meeting in Santa Rosa , Dr. David Johnston and myself to show a power point as to why it is important for bats to be looked at further. It will be also at this meeting hopefully be able to get this one specie of Pallid bat listed as a possible candidate for listing on the CESA .

Kimberly Richard
Chair Environmental and Wildlife
Democrats of Napa Valley

[REDACTED]

James R. Conrad's Request for Nomination to the Predator Policy Workgroup

Name: James R. Conrad

Contact information:

Mailing Address:

Phone:

Email:

Mr. Conrad has been a regular and active participant in the WRC meetings and particularly in the Predator Management Committee meetings. He has consistently demonstrated his ability to work collaboratively with others of diverse opinions and is always respectful, polite, and patient. With an undergraduate degree in engineering and a MBA, he has strong writing skills and the ability to evaluate complex statute, policy, and regulation issues. As a Commissioner on the San Diego County Fish and Wildlife Advisory Committee, he has a demonstrated ability to balance regional perspectives and local knowledge and experience with statewide needs.

Mr. Conrad has access to and total familiarity in the use of an effective communication network to reach stakeholders not attending the public PWG meetings (WebEx video and conference call sessions). He is committed to all aspects of the charge of the Predator Policy Workgroup. As the founder and President of SIMS Software, he is knowledgeable and experienced with all manner of software, including web-based software. Perhaps most importantly, he is willing and able to devote the requisite time for full participation on a volunteer basis.

Additional relevant areas of knowledge, expertise and participation with stakeholder groups, wildlife policy, planning and management include:

- Commissioner on the San Diego County Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission, representing Supervisor Bill Horn, 5th District since March of 2000.
- Charter member of the Big Game and Upland Game Advisory Committees, (established as a result of 2010 legislation SB 1058 that established new dedicated accounts) representing the San Diego County Wildlife Federation and advising the California Department of Fish & Wildlife.
- Charter member of the Al Taucher Preserving Hunting and Sport Fishing Opportunities Advisory Committee (which has now become the WRC) supporting the California Fish and Game Commission.

- Charter member of the California Department of Fish and Game's Game Bird Heritage Program Advisory Committee.
- Coordinated consumptive-use inputs from the recreational hunting community for the U.S Fish & Wildlife Service San Diego National Wildlife Refuge - Public Use Workshop, January, 2007 for the Draft CCP.
- Focus Group participant in the development for the California Fish & Game Commission's Strategic Plan in July, 1998.
- Author of the California Fish and Game Commission's amended policy regarding Multiple Use of Lands Administered by the Department of Fish and Game (8/2/02).
- Past President and current Political Liaison of the San Diego County Wildlife Federation, a coalition of wildlife conservation and outdoor enthusiast organizations that include Ducks Unlimited, California Waterfowl Association, the National Wild Turkey Federation, Safari Club International, Quail Forever, San Diego Sporting Dog Club, the Sportfishing Conservancy, California Rifle & Pistol Association, North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association, San Diego County Varmint Callers and approximately a dozen similar groups.
- Past President of the National Wild Turkey Federation, San Diego Chapter where he worked with the Department of Fish and Game on the successful reintroduction of wild turkeys to San Diego County.
- Life Member of the California Waterfowl Association , Sponsor Member of Quail Unlimited, Life Member of Pheasants Forever and also a member of Safari Club International where he currently is the President of the San Diego Chapter.

From: [Chappell, Erin@FGC](mailto:Chappell.Erin@FGC)
To: [Woodson, Caren@FGC](mailto:Woodson.Caren@FGC)
Cc: [Yaun, Michael@FGC](mailto:Yaun.Michael@FGC); [Miller-Henson, Melissa@FGC](mailto:Miller-Henson.Melissa@FGC)
Subject: RE: Predator policy work group
Date: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 3:45:50 PM

Hi Caren,

Please include this request in the requests for non-regulatory action as well.

Thanks,

Erin

From: FGC
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 11:52 AM
To: Chappell, Erin@FGC; Woodson, Caren@FGC
Subject: FW: Predator policy work group

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 9:52 AM
To: FGC
Subject: Predator policy work group

Dear Commissioners

There needs to be a change in who is writing policy at the PPWG. I am sure that all stakeholders need to be heard. Our voice is not being heard. In this case many people feel discriminated against. Five hunting groups in Southern California have no voice and we want on this writing group. I am sure you want to be fair and let the groups be heard. We have one person that can represent the five largest predator hunting groups. We also have people to represent the coyote watch groups in Long Beach, Seal Beach and Huntington Beach. Do you want one person from each city or one person for all of southern California ?

Thank you
Ronald Stephens



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Dear Mr. Taniguchi,

RE: Recreational Abalone Advisory Committee Nomination

The Mendocino County Fish & Game Commission has a keen interest in the management and propagation of the Recreational Abalone Fishery in the Coast of Mendocino County and the entire Coast north of the San Francisco Bay. Maintaining a viable recreational abalone fishery off of the North Coast is a significant social, economic, and cultural priority for the citizens and tribes of our county. As such, having a representative appointed to the Recreational Abalone Advisory Committee (RAAC) that is familiar with the concerns of our constituents, local businesses, and the sustainability of our local recreational abalone fishery is essential.

The Mendocino County Fish & Game Commission has been actively seeking and vetting potential nominees to recommend to the RAAC through a subcommittee. Through our vetting process we have come to the conclusion it is within our Commission's interest to nominate **Mr. Joshua Russo** of [REDACTED]

Mr. Russo has a passion and greater than average understanding of the biology, habitat, and management of abalone than any other qualified individual we have vetted. He is committed to maintaining communications with this commission regarding abalone management issues, so we can stay informed and advise the county Board of Supervisors in regards to matters regarding abalone management.

Mr. Russo has an extensive background in many capacities that have prepared him to be a well informed and an excellent candidate as the North Coast RAAC representative. He presently serves as a board member of Sonoma County Abalone Network (SCAN), President of Watermen's Alliance, and a recreational diver representative on the Abalone Working Group hosted by The Nature Conservancy. Joshua also is an avid free diver and SCUBA diver. He has been a licensed guide and has been teaching ab diving and spearfishing for over ten years. He is also the Primary Recreational Maritime Activities seat on the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council. (GFNMS). There are many more dive related experiences, and associations too numerous to list here.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [FGC](#)
Subject: To: CA Fish and Game Commissioners and Governor Jerry Brown
Date: Monday, February 29, 2016 3:52:07 PM

Dear CA Fish and Game Commissioners and Governor Jerry Brown,

It is a well-known fact that less than 1% of the state's citizens **hunt-to-kill** wildlife—for food, sport, trophy, or fun. It is estimated that a very large portion of the state's citizens would prefer to have more true refuges for wildlife, where hikers, photographers and **hunt-to-view** wildlife aficionados can enjoy our natural resources without destroying them, and wildlife can exist without human predation.

What seems to be ignored by the CA Fish and Game Commission (FGC) and the Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is that wildlife belongs to all Californians—not just the less-than-1% who purchase a license and tags in exchange for depleting the resource. However, when the FGC and CDFW make decisions, they almost always have a bias, a slant, if you will, that favors and caters to those who kill for sport/trophy.

This bias was evidenced at the February 11, 2016, FGC meeting by comments of at least one commissioner. Commissioner Eric Sklar stated that "...there's been talk that this commission is becoming anti-hunting or that there is a threat to hunting." He went on to say, "I just don't think that's true. The real threat to hunting is video games and hand held devices. The antidote to that, to the extent it exists is opportunity—particularly opportunities for folks who don't have the resources to pay for expensive hunt clubs and so on. I'll channel my inner Jim Kellogg here...we want to work so that there are opportunities here not just for places to go, but to go to successfully hunt. If kids go out, you can drag them off the sofa and get 'em to hunt, and if they don't have any success doing it, they're not going again. Want to see a balancing act here." (Transcription may not be verbatim.)

Our disappointment with Comm. Sklar's statement, and to a lesser extent, Commissioner Anthony Williams' a few minutes later, is that it exactly reflects the tunnel vision that both CDFW and FGC promote: That hunting is the ticket to get kids outside. The truth is that youth do not have to be dragged off any couches—either to hunt or to stop playing video games. They gladly go on hikes, love to be taken on a nature outings and look for wildlife. They prefer and enjoy **hunt-to-view** activities with a camera over **hunt-to-kill** activities.

The mindset that "successful" activities have to result in an animals being killed is exactly why more and more citizens are opposing hunting. In fact, it may be a nexus to increased violence in our society. Most importantly, it demonstrates over and over why there need to be appointees to the FGC that represent the **hunt-to-view** majority in the state.

Please STOP promoting wildlife killing as if California's wildlife belongs to the less than 1% who want to kill it.

Sincerely,

Colleen Cleveland

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