

STAFF SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 24-25, 2016

20. WATERFOWLERS HALL OF FAME**Today's Item**Information Action

Recognize newly inducted members of the California Waterfowler's Hall of Fame.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

FGC has annually recognized inductees into the California Waterfowler's Hall of Fame through the presentation of signed FGC resolutions.

Background

This year's inductees will be presented with certificates by the California Waterfowl Association: the inductees are Howard Ellman, Bill Pinches, Thomas Seeno, John Takekawa and Jeff Thomson.

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

1. [Resolution honoring Howard N. Ellman](#)
2. [Resolution honoring Bill Pinches](#)
3. [Resolution honoring Thomas A. Seeno](#)
4. [Resolution honoring Dr. John Y. Takekawa](#)
5. [Resolution honoring C Jeff Thomson](#)

Motion/Direction

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission recognizes Howard Ellman, Bill Pinches, Thomas Seeno, John Takekawa and Jeff Thomson members of the California Waterfowler's Hall of Fame.

CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION
RESOLUTION HONORING

Mr. Howard N. Ellman

WHEREAS, the Waterfowler's Hall of Fame was established in 2006 to recognize those individuals who have made significant contributions to enhancing waterfowl and their habitats in California; and

WHEREAS, many wildlife professionals, have dedicated their life's work to management and research to conserve waterfowl and their habitats; and

WHEREAS, many sportsmen and other conservationists have served a critical role in conserving our waterfowl resource by preserving, restoring, and enhancing natural habitats, managing agricultural habitats with wildlife in mind, and implementing other land uses specifically designed to benefit the waterfowl resource; and

WHEREAS, some sportsmen and other conservationists have significantly benefited the waterfowl resource by advocating legislation and other policies that provide needed resources for nesting and wintering waterfowl populations;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Fish and Game Commission hereby recognizes the addition of Mr. Howard N. Ellman to the Waterfowler's Hall of Fame.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission recognizes Mr. Ellman for his integral role in the establishment of the California Game Warden Foundation. Mr. Ellman, a man of extraordinary ethics and commitment, forged conservation partnerships that helped to save many endangered wetlands by working successfully with landowners and guiding them through the complex maze of legal issues, as well as securing much needed water for them. Mr. Ellman collaboratively fashioned the complex water rights issues in the negotiations with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the California Department Fish and Game, the Nature Conservancy and a land owner to create a conservation easement for Rancho Llano Seco.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fish and Game Commission further recognizes Mr. Ellman's distinguished career practicing law, concentrating on real estate, land use and environmental regulation. Mr. Ellman is a true protector of our waterfowl resource and of our hunting heritage.

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Mr. Bill Pinches

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Fish and Game Commission hereby recognizes the addition of Mr. Bill Pinches to the Waterfowler's Hall of Fame.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fish and Game Commission recognizes Mr. Pinches for his substantial contributions as a master decoy carver. Mr. Pinches has carved over a thousand blocks and donated a large portion of these decoys to fundraising events benefiting waterfowl conservation. Mr. Pinches was also instrumental in forming the North Coast Waterfowlers Association. With his help, one of the Association's biggest accomplishments was working with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the US Fish and Wildlife Service to keep brant hunting open on Humboldt Bay. In the late 1970's Mr. Pinches served on the California Waterfowl Association (CWA) Board and Executive Board. He is a CWA Life Member, Honorary Life Member of the Pacific Flyway Decoy Association and a Washington Brant Foundation Donor.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fish and Game Commission further recognizes Mr. Pinches's passion has been instrumental in bringing hunters and non-hunters together in recognizing the importance of conservation of waterfowl and their habitats.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Fish and Game Commission hereby recognizes the addition of Mr. Thomas A. Seeno to the Waterfowler's Hall of Fame.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fish and Game Commission recognizes Mr. Seeno as a leader in the waterfowl conservation community. One of his crowning achievements was becoming co-owner and restoring wetlands at Behring Ranch in the Butte Sink. Part of the effort included converting 525 acres of rice to diverse natural habitat. The Behring Ranch now places a critical role as an essential link in both south and north Pacific Flyway migration. Mr. Seeno, a California Waterfowl Association (CWA) Ruby Benefactor, has served as a National Trustee on Ducks Unlimited Wetland American Trust. Mr. Seeno has also played an integral role on CWA's Regulations and Traditions committee which proposes season and harvest regulations to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fish and Game Commission further recognizes Mr. Seeno for his leadership role in developing the Suisun Marsh Preservation Action Committee to protect and enhance the Suisun Marsh, the largest brackish water marsh on the west coast of the United States.

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FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fish and Game Commission recognizes Dr. John Takekawa as a highly productive waterfowl scientist who authored hundreds of scientific publications beginning with his dissertation on canvasback energetics on the Upper Mississippi River; is acknowledged as an expert in the fields of salt marsh ecology and restoration; played a leadership role by anticipating the potential to focus attention on wild migratory birds as a way to spread highly pathogenic avian influenza, determining the migration ecology of lesser snow geese from Russia; assessing wintering habitat for waterfowl and other waterbirds in Mexico, and studying the wintering ecology of sea ducks and other migratory birds, both in California and internationally. Dr. Takekawa was the first to use satellite telemetry on geese, and he and his cooperators were early leaders in providing migration information for the conservation of tule white-fronted geese.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fish and Game Commission further recognizes Dr. Takekawa for his endeavors to recognize the importance of San Francisco Bay to waterfowl, and through his decades of research, mentoring dozens of new biologists that today carry on his high scientific integrity.

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FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fish and Game Commission recognizes Mr. Thomson for his substantial contributions to preserve the Tulare Basin Wetlands. In the early 1990's, Mr. Thomson organized a meeting of local duck club owners, representatives from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of Fish and Game, California Waterfowl Association, Ducks Unlimited and Southern California Ducks, and from his efforts the Tulare Basin Wetlands Association was created. Mr. Thomson also was a leader by enhancing the Tulare Basin's first private habitat project on his own El Cinco duck club. Mr. Thomson also worked with the Semitropic Water Storage District to firm up annual water availability allowing ground water to be banked and used for habitat.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fish and Game Commission further recognizes Mr. Thomson for his unprecedented vision and leadership that has ensured that the Tulare Basin will be protected in perpetuity.

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