

STAFF SUMMARY FOR August 24-25, 2016

22. APPROVE AMENDMENT TO PLM SEASONS HARVEST PROGRAMS**Today's Item**Information Action

Approve amendment to Private Lands Wildlife Habitat Enhancement and Management Area (PLM) five-year license for 2016-2021, and annual seasons, harvests, and habitat improvements for DeFrancesco & Eaton Ranch.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

- Approve proposed 5-year PLM license Jun 22-23, 2016; Bakersfield
- **Today amend approved 5-year PLM license Aug 24-25, 2016; Folsom**

Background

Incorrect numbers for authorized seasons and harvests for deer and elk were included in the table adopted by FGC in Jun 2016. DFW has submitted the corrections for FGC approval (exhibits 1 and 2). Tables with highlighted errors and corrections are provided in Exhibit 2.

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

FGC Staff: Support DFW recommendation and approve under a motion to adopt consent calendar.

DFW: Approve the amended wildlife management plan for DeFrancesco & Eaton Ranch,

Exhibits:

1. [DFW Memo, received July 21, 2016](#)
2. [Tables of PLM area license season, harvests, and habitat improvements with errors and proposed corrections highlighted.](#)

Motion/Direction

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission adopts the consent calendar, items 21-25.

State of California
Department of Fish and Wildlife

Memorandum

Date: July 12, 2016

To: Valerie Termini
Executive Director
Fish and Game Commission

From: Charlton H. Bonham
Director

Subject: **Agenda Item for the August 24- 25, 2016 Fish and Game Commission Meeting
Regarding the Correction of the Authorized Harvest for DeFrancesco/Eaton Ranch**

DeFrancesco/Eaton Ranch was approved at the June 23, 2016 Fish and Game Commission meeting with incorrect numbers of authorized harvest for deer and elk. The purpose of this memo is to correct these harvest numbers. The Department of Fish and Wildlife is requesting the following changes be made:

DeFrancesco/Eaton Ranch –

- Change the authorized harvest for deer from 9 deer of which no more than 5 may be forked horn or better buck deer and 4 may be antlerless deer to 10 buck deer forked horn or better.
- Add the authorized harvest of elk as: 2 bull elk, and 1 antlerless elk.
- Add the season dates for elk as:
 - Issue 2 bull elk tags for the period of September 6, 2016 through November 30, 2016.
 - Issue 1 antlerless elk tag for the period of September 6, 2016 through November 30, 2016.

We apologize for the inconvenience. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Victoria Barr at (916) 445-4034 or by email at victoria.barr@wildlife.ca.gov.

Attachment

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Table containing errors (highlighted)

PLM AREA LICENSE 5-YEAR MANAGEMENT PLANS, 2016-2021 PROPOSED SEASONS, HARVESTS, AND HABITAT IMPROVEMENTS		
PLM Area	Proposed Season and Harvest	Habitat Improvement Program
CENTRAL REGION		
DEFRANCESCO & EATON RANCH DEER ZONE A MERCED 4,149 ACRES	<p>Authorized Harvest: 9 deer of which no more than 5 may be forked horn or better buck deer and 4 may be antlerless deer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue 9 either-sex deer tags for the period of August 15, 2016 through November 30, 2016. No antlerless deer shall be harvested before September 15, 2016. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eliminate cattle grazing on APNs 087-070-011 and 087-070-013 between May 31 and December 15, 2016. Maintain water troughs at Main Spring, Deer Camp, Laurel Spring, and Hay Barn for wildlife.

Corrected table (corrections highlighted)

PLM AREA LICENSE NEW 5-YEAR MANAGEMENT PLANS, 2016-2021 PROPOSED SEASONS, HARVESTS, AND HABITAT IMPROVEMENTS		
PLM Area	Proposed Season and Harvest	Habitat Improvement Program
CENTRAL REGION		
DEFRANCESCO/ EATON RANCH DEER ZONE A SOUTH MERCED 4,149 ACRES	<p>Authorized Harvest: 10 buck deer forked horn or better, 2 bull elk, and 1 antlerless elk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue 10 buck deer tags to take forked horn or better bucks for the period of July 9, 2016 through November 30, 2016. Issue 2 bull elk tags for the period of September 6, 2016 through November 30, 2016. Issue 1 antlerless elk tag for the period of September 6, 2016 through November 30, 2016. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eliminate cattle grazing on APNs 087-070-011 and 087-070-013 between May 31 and December 15, 2016. Maintain water troughs at Main Spring, Deer Camp, Laurel Spring, and Hay Barn for wildlife.