

## COMMITTEE STAFF SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

**4. WILD PIG MANAGEMENT****Today's Item****Information** **Direction** 

Identify and discuss issues associated with managing wild pigs in California.

**Summary of Previous/Future Actions**

- Previous WRC discussion May 18, 2016; WRC, West Sacramento
- **Today's discussion Sep 21, 2016; WRC, Woodland**

**Background**

Wild pigs are on one hand a valued game animal and on the other, a destructive animal causing damage to private property and habitat, as well as injury to livestock. In 2015 Assembly Member Bigelow introduced AB 290 to try and resolve some of these issues. In Jan 2016, President Sklar, FGC staff, and DFW staff attended a meeting with Assembly Member Bigelow to discuss the issues raised by the proposed legislation. In Feb 2016, FGC directed WRC to discuss possible changes in wild pig regulations, and suggestions for potential legislation to share with Assembly Member Bigelow, at its May meeting.

In May 2016, the WRC held a discussion to identify and examine the issues related to wild pig management. The discussion highlighted areas of common ground but also areas of disagreement. The WRC Chair encouraged stakeholders to bring ideas forward for continued discussion and provided direction to reconvene on this topic at the Sep 2016 WRC meeting.

Today, the WRC will continue the discussion on possible management options starting with a presentation by Dennis Orthmeyer (USDA-Animal Plant Health Inspection Service) on national and statewide wild pig control activities, research, and disease monitoring. FGC staff will then provide an overview of the issues discussed at the May 2016 WRC meeting and lead a discussion about potential options for addressing those issues through changes in regulations.

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

Provide direction, if any, regarding next steps.

**Exhibits (N/A)****Committee Direction/Recommendation (N/A)**