

## COMMITTEE STAFF SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

**5. PREDATOR POLICY WORKGROUP****Today's Item****Information** **Direction** 

Provide an update on recent predator policy workgroup (PPWG) activities and informational presentation by DFW.

**Summary of Previous/Future Actions**

- |                             |                                    |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| • Previous PPWG meeting     | Jul 12, 2016; PPWG, Sacramento     |
| • <b>Today's discussion</b> | <b>Sep 21, 2016; WRC, Woodland</b> |
| • Next PPWG meeting         | Sep 28, 2016; PPWG, Davis          |

**Background**

The WRC's PPWG met in Jul 2016 to review existing predator policies and regulations, discuss coordination between the PPWG and the reviewers, and review and provide input on the draft outline of the report. A summary of the meeting is available online at <http://www.fgc.ca.gov/meetings/2016/index.aspx>. The primary focus of the meeting was discussion of existing predator policies, and identifying the important elements to include in a predator policy. The PPWG also identified the need for more information about the predator species being addressed and DFW's Human Dimensions Program.

The next PPWG meeting is scheduled for Sep 28, 2016 and will focus on drafting a predator policy for WRC and FGC consideration and proposed changes to existing predator regulations.

Today, DFW will present on a) its recent survey efforts and ecological relationships for mesocarnivores; b) trends in recreational take; and c) introduction to DFW's Wildlife Conflict/Human Dimensions Program. In addition, FGC staff will provide an update on PPWG activities and the work plan timeline.

**Significant Public Comments (N/A)****Recommendations (N/A)****Exhibits (N/A)****Committee Direction/Recommendation (N/A)**