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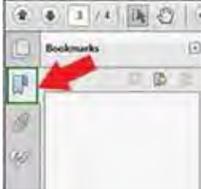
**September 21, 2016**

**Wildlife Resources  
Committee Meeting**

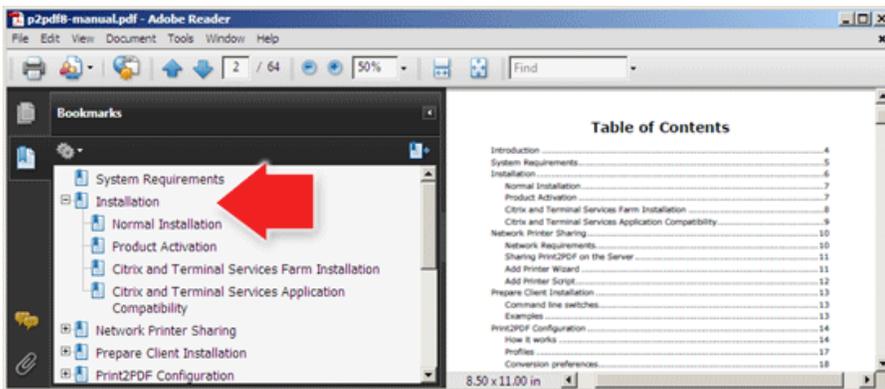
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# OVERVIEW OF FISH AND GAME COMMISSION COMMITTEE MEETING

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- Our goal today is informed discussion to guide future decision making, and, we need your cooperation to ensure a lively and comprehensive dialogue.
- We are operating under Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, but the Committee is not a decision making body and only makes recommendations to the full Commission for possible action.
- These proceedings may be recorded and posted to our website for reference and archival purposes.
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# INTRODUCTIONS FOR FISH AND GAME COMMISSION WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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Rick Mayfield                             Acting Chief, Wildlife Branch

I would also like to acknowledge special guests who are present:  
*(i.e., key DFW staff, elected officials, tribal chairpersons, other special guests)*

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### WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Committee Co-Chairs: Commissioner Williams and Commissioner Burns

#### Meeting Agenda

**September 21, 2016, 10:00 a.m.**

**Woodland Public Library – Leake Center Community Room  
250 First Street, Woodland**

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**NOTE: Please see important meeting procedures and deadline information at the end of the agenda.** All agenda items are informational and/or discussion only. The Committee develops recommendations to the Commission but does not have authority to make policy or regulatory decisions on behalf of the Commission.

Call to order

1. Approve agenda and order of items
2. Public forum for items not on agenda  
The Committee may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during this item, except to consider whether to recommend that the matter be added to the agenda of a future meeting. [Sections 11125, 11125.7(a), Government Code]
3. Discuss and approve recommendations for 2017-2018 regulations:
  - (A) Mammal hunting (Sections 360, et al.)
  - (B) Waterfowl hunting (Section 502)
  - (C) Klamath River sport fishing (Sections 7.50, et al.)
  - (D) Central Valley Chinook salmon
4. Wild pig management
  - (A) Presentation from USDA Animal Plant Health Inspection Service on national and statewide activities, research, and monitoring
  - (B) Discuss possible management options

5. Predator Policy Workgroup
  - (A) DFW presentation on current knowledge about mesocarnivores and overview of the Human Dimensions Program
  - (B) Update on Predator Policy Workgroup activities
6. DFW presentation on the Hatchery and Inland Fisheries Fund
7. Future agenda items
  - (A) Review work plan agenda topics and timeline
  - (B) Potential new agenda topics for FGC consideration

Adjournment

**FISH AND GAME COMMISSION  
2016 MEETING SCHEDULE**

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MEETING DATE	COMMISSION MEETING	COMMITTEE MEETING	OTHER MEETINGS
September 28			<b>Predator Policy Workgroup</b> Department of Fish and Wildlife - Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Conference Room 45211 County Road 32b Davis, CA 95618
October 18		<b>Tribal</b> Red Lion Inn 1929 4 <sup>th</sup> Street Eureka, CA 95501	
October 19-20	Red Lion Inn 1929 4 <sup>th</sup> Street Eureka, CA 95501		
November 1			<b>Predator Policy Workgroup</b> Department of Parks and Recreation Redwood Room 1416 Ninth Street, 14 <sup>th</sup> Floor Sacramento, CA 95814
November 15		<b>Marine Resources</b> Los Alamitos	
December 7-8	Hilton Garden Inn San Diego Mission Valley/Stadium 3805 Murphy Canyon Road San Diego, CA 92123		

**OTHER MEETINGS OF INTEREST**

**Wildlife Conservation Board**

- November 16, Sacramento, CA

**Pacific Fishery Management Council**

- November 16-21, Garden Grove, CA

**Pacific Flyway Council**

- September 30, Sun Valley, ID

## **IMPORTANT COMMITTEE MEETING PROCEDURES INFORMATION**

Welcome to a meeting of the California Fish and Game Commission's Wildlife Resources Committee. The Committee is chaired by up to two Commissioners; these assignments are made by the Commission.

The goal of the Committee is to allow greater time to investigate issues before the Commission than would otherwise be possible. Committee meetings are less formal in nature and provide for additional access to the Commission. The Committee follows the noticing requirements of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act. It is important to note that the Committee chair(s) cannot take action independent of the full Commission; instead, the chair(s) make recommendations to the full Commission at regularly scheduled meetings.

The Commission's goal is the preservation of our heritage and conservation of our natural resources through informed decision making; Committee meetings are vital in developing recommendations to help the Commission achieve that goal. In that spirit, we provide the following information to be as effective and efficient toward that end. Welcome, and please let us know if you have any questions.

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Written comments received at the Commission office by **5:00 p.m. on September 8, 2016** will be made available to the Committee prior to the meeting. Written comments received between **5:00 p.m. on September 8, 2016 and 12 noon on September 16, 2016** will be made available to the Committee at the meeting. **After September 16, 2016** five copies of written comments must be delivered at the meeting, otherwise they will not be made available to the Committee until after the meeting.

The Committee **will not** consider comments regarding proposed changes to regulations that have been noticed. If you wish to provide comment on a noticed item, please provide your comments during Commission business meetings, via email, or deliver to the Commission office.

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## **REGULATION CHANGE PETITIONS**

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## **VISUAL PRESENTATIONS/MATERIALS**

All electronic presentations must be submitted by the written materials deadline (**September 8, 2016 at 12 noon**) and approved by the Commission executive director before the meeting.

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3. It is recommended that a print copy of any electronic presentation be submitted in case of technical difficulties.
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## COMMITTEE STAFF SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

**2. PUBLIC FORUM****Today's Item****Information** **Direction** 

Receive public comments for items not on the agenda.

**Summary of Previous/Future Actions (N/A)****Background**

The Committee generally receives two types of correspondence or comment under public forum: Requests for the Committee to consider new topics, and informational items. As a general rule, requests for regulatory change need to be redirected to the full Commission and submitted on the required petition form, FGC 1, titled "Petition to the California Fish and Game Commission for Regulation Change" (Section 662, Title 14, CCR). However, at the discretion of the Committee, staff may be requested to follow up on items of potential interest to the Committee and possible recommendation to the Commission.

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

If the committee wants to recommend any new future agenda items based on issues raised and within the FGC's authority, staff recommends holding for discussion under today's Agenda Item 7, *Future Topics*.

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

## COMMITTEE STAFF SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

**3A. 2017-2018 MAMMAL HUNTING REGULATIONS****Today's Item**Information Direction 

Discuss and approve recommendations for 2017-2018 mammal hunting regulations.

**Summary of Previous/Future Actions**

- Previous WRC discussion May18, 2016; WRC, West Sacramento
- **Today's discussion and recommendations Sep 21, 2016; WRC, Woodland**
- Notice hearing for 2017-2018 regulations Dec 7-8, 2016; San Diego

**Background**

This item is to provide the public and DFW an opportunity to identify and discuss potential items to include in the upcoming rulemaking for mammal hunting regulations for the 2017-2018 season. Regulatory petitions received by FGC and referred to WRC or DFW for further consideration related to this agenda item are shown in Exhibit 1.

Today, DFW staff will summarize any proposed regulation changes for 2017-2018 beyond the anticipated changes to season and bag limits, including any updates or recommendations on items previously referred to DFW.

This meeting is the last opportunity for WRC to make recommendations to FGC regarding potential changes to consider in the rulemaking, before the notice meeting in December.

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

Consider recommendations provided by DFW during the meeting, particularly those related to any petitions granted for this rulemaking or items previously referred to DFW by the Commission, and any public comments prior to developing a recommendation.

**Exhibits**

1. Table of FGC Requests for Regulatory Action related to mammal hunting, dated Sep 9, 2016.

**Committee Direction/Recommendation**

WRC recommends that FGC authorize staff to work with DFW to prepare a rulemaking package for 2017-2018 mammal hunting regulations consistent with what has been presented and discussed today.

## COMMITTEE STAFF SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

**3B. 2017-2018 WATERFOWL HUNTING REGULATIONS****Today's Item**Information Direction 

Discuss and approve recommendations for 2017-2018 waterfowl hunting regulations (Section 502).

**Summary of Previous/Future Actions**

- Previous WRC discussion May 18, 2016; WRC, West Sacramento
- **Today's discussion and recommendations Sep 21, 2016; WRC, Woodland**
- Notice hearing for 2017-2018 regulations Dec 7-8, 2016; San Diego

**Background**

This item is to provide the public and DFW an opportunity to identify and discuss potential items to include in the upcoming rulemaking for waterfowl hunting regulations for next year.

Today, DFW staff will summarize any proposed regulation changes for 2017-2018 beyond the anticipated changes to season and bag limits.

This meeting is the last opportunity for WRC to make recommendations to FGC regarding potential changes to consider in the rulemaking, before the notice meeting in December.

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

Consider recommendations provided by DFW during the meeting, particularly those related to any petitions granted for this rulemaking or items previously referred to DFW by the Commission, and any public comments prior to developing a recommendation.

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

WRC recommends that FGC authorize staff to work with DFW to prepare a rulemaking package for 2017-2018 waterfowl hunting regulations consistent with what has been presented and discussed today.

## COMMITTEE STAFF SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

**3C. 2017-2018 KLAMATH RIVER SPORT FISHING REGULATIONS****Today's Item**Information Direction 

Discuss and approve recommendations for 2017-2018 Klamath River sport fishing regulations (Section 7.50(b) (91.1)).

**Summary of Previous/Future Actions**

- Previous WRC discussion May 18, 2016; WRC, West Sacramento
- **Today's discussion and recommendation** **Sep 21, 2016; WRC, Woodland**
- Notice hearing for 2017 regulations Dec 7-8, 2016; San Diego

**Background**

This item is to provide the public and DFW an opportunity to identify and discuss potential items to include in the upcoming rulemaking for Klamath River fishing regulations for next year.

Today, DFW staff will summarize any proposed regulation changes for 2017-2018 beyond the anticipated changes to season and bags limits, and provide an update on the Blue Creek study.

This meeting is the last opportunity for WRC to make recommendations to FGC regarding potential changes to consider in the rulemaking, before the notice meeting in December.

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

Consider recommendations provided by DFW during the meeting, particularly those related to any petitions granted for this rulemaking or items previously referred to DFW by the Commission, and any public comments prior to developing a recommendation.

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

WRC recommends that FGC authorize staff to work with DFW to prepare a rulemaking package for 2017-2018 Klamath River sport fishing regulations consistent with what has been presented and discussed today.

## COMMITTEE STAFF SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

**3D. 2017-2018 CENTRAL VALLEY CHINOOK SPORT FISHING REGULATIONS****Today's Item**Information Direction 

Discuss and approve recommendations for 2017-2018 Central Valley Chinook salmon sport fishing regulations (Section 7.50(b)).

**Summary of Previous/Future Actions**

- **Today's discussion and recommendation**      **Sep 21, 2016; WRC, Woodland**
- Notice hearing for 2017-2018 regulations      Dec 7-8, 2016; San Diego

**Background**

This item is to provide the public and DFW an opportunity to identify and discuss potential items to include in the upcoming rulemaking for Central Valley Chinook salmon sport fishing regulations for next year.

Today, DFW staff will summarize any proposed regulation changes for 2017-2018 beyond the anticipated changes to season and bags limits.

This meeting is the last opportunity for WRC to make recommendations to FGC regarding potential changes to consider in the rulemaking, before the notice meeting in December.

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

Consider recommendations provided by DFW during the meeting, particularly those related to any petitions granted for this rulemaking or items previously referred to DFW by the Commission, and any public comments prior to developing a recommendation.

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

WRC recommends that FGC authorize staff to work with DFW to prepare a rulemaking package for 2017-2018 Central Valley Chinook salmon sport fishing regulations consistent with what has been presented and discussed today.

## 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)**

## COMMITTEE STAFF SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

**5. PREDATOR POLICY WORKGUP****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**

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| • 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)**

## COMMITTEE STAFF SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

**6. HATCHERY AND INLAND FISHERIES FUND****Today's Item**Information Direction 

Informational DFW presentation on the Hatchery and Inland Fisheries Fund.

**Summary of Previous/Future Actions (N/A)****Background**

At the Jun 2016 FGC meeting, a stakeholder raised concerns about potential Hatchery and Inland Fisheries Fund imbalance based on an fiscal analysis completed for AB 1834 and recommended adding it to the WRC for discussion. At that meeting FGC approved adding it to the WRC work plan but decided to take action on when to schedule the discussion at the Aug 2016 FGC meeting. In Aug 2016, per DFW's request, the FGC scheduled the discussion for the Sep WRC meeting.

Today DFW staff will provide an update on the Hatchery and Inland Fisheries Fund.

**Significant Public Comments**

Requests were received from the California Legislature Outdoor Sporting Caucus and Assemblymember Marie Waldron for DFW to present a detailed analysis of revenues and expenditures for the Hatchery and Inland Fisheries Fund at the Sep 2016 WRC meeting (exhibits 1-2).

**Recommendations (N/A)****Exhibits**

1. Letter from California Legislature Outdoor Sporting Caucus, received Aug 11, 2016
2. Letter received from Assemblymember Marie Waldron, received Aug 19, 2016

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

## COMMITTEE STAFF SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

**7. FUTURE TOPICS****Today's Item**Information Direction 

Review upcoming agenda items scheduled for the next and future WRC meetings, hear requests from DFW and interested stakeholders for future agenda items, and identify new items for consideration.

**Summary of Previous/Future Actions**

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| • Previous WRC meeting              | May 18, 2016; WRC, West Sacramento |
| • <b>Today's discussion</b>         | <b>Sep 21, 2016; WRC, Woodland</b> |
| • FGC approves draft Jan WRC topics | Dec 7-8, 2016; San Diego           |
| • Next WRC meeting                  | Jan 18, 2016; WRC, Redding         |

**Background**

Committee topics are referred by FGC and scheduled as appropriate. FGC-referred topics and draft schedule are shown in Exhibit 1. WRC agendas currently include several complex and time-intensive topics. The committee has placed emphasis on issues of imminent regulatory importance, and thus consideration of new topics will require planning relative to existing committee workload.

Agenda topics identified for the Jan 2017 WRC meeting include:

1. Annual Game Regulations
  - Upland game birds
  - Sport fish
2. Falconry regulations
3. Lead ban implementation
4. Wild pig management
5. Predator Policy Workgroup

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

Review draft WRC work plan schedule (Exhibit 1) and current rulemaking calendar (Exhibit 2), consider updates to scheduling of recommended projects, and consider whether any potential new topics could be added to or replace existing topics; decide whether to request FGC refer any new topics for Committee evaluation.

**Exhibits**

1. WRC 2016-2017 Work Plan, updated Sep 2016
2. Perpetual Timetable for FGC Anticipated Regulatory Actions, updated Sep 2, 2016

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

**CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION  
REQUESTS FOR REGULATORY ACTION  
Revised 09-09-2016**

**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



**Green cells:** Referrals to DFW for more information

**Lavender cells:** Accepted and moved to a rulemaking



**Blue cells:** Referrals to FGC staff or committee for more information



**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
2015-013	12/10/2015	12/24/15	12/31/2015	A	Matthew Berkoben	D16 Deer Tags and Transiting San Felipe Wildlife Area	551, T14	Allow a legal D16 deer tag holder to transit the San Felipe Wildlife Area to pursue game on Vulcan Mountain on the BLM lands that can be legally hunted with a D16 tag.	<b>Refer</b> on 4/14/2016 to DFW for evaluation and recommendation.
2015-016	12/18/2015	1/4/2016	12/18/2015	A	Preston Taylor	Antlerless Deer Tag	Chapter 3, T14	Proposed options for antlerless deer tags - Archery only either sex deer tag or archery only antlerless deer tag. Addition of a traditional archery deer season (longbows & recurve bows only).	<b>Grant</b> on 4/14/2016 to mammal hunting rulemaking for 2017-18 season.
2016-004	3/10/2016	3/24/2016	4/5/2016	A	Cheryl Kunert (Modoc County Fish, Game and Recreation Commission)	Black bear hunting in Modoc county	662(b)	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.	<b>Grant</b> on 6/23/2016; refer to mammal hunting rulemaking for 2017-18 season.



August 11, 2016

Anthony Williams, Co-Chair

Russ Burns, Co-Chair

Wildlife Resources Committee

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Dear Commissioners Williams and Burns:

We are writing to express concern regarding the solvency of the Hatchery and Inland Fisheries Fund which is overseen by the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW). According to the Department of Finance (DOF), this fund is operating at an annual loss and is perilously close to insolvency. This would dangerously impact California freshwater anglers.

When presented with DOF's analysis, in the attached letter of opposition to AB 1844 (Gallagher), of the Hatchery and Inland Fisheries Fund, DFW was unable to provide concrete data that the fund will continue to remain solvent in the future. In the letter, DOF reported, "Expenditures in the Hatchery and Inland Fisheries Fund also exceed revenues resulting in an annual imbalance of \$2.2 million; the fund is anticipated to become insolvent in fiscal year 2018-2019." DFW's response was simply that the fund is not currently insolvent and provided no data regarding the alleged operating loss. Considering the importance of the Hatchery and Inland Fisheries Fund, we believe that DFW should be required to provide a detailed analysis of the fund.

The undersigned members of the California Legislature Outdoor Sporting Caucus (OSC) support a detailed analysis of revenues and expenditures for the Hatchery and Inland Fisheries Fund for the fiscal years 2013-2014, 2014-2015 and 2015-2016. It is our understanding that the Fish and Game Commission staff will make a recommendation to the full Commission at the August 24 meeting as to whether or not this analysis should be presented by DFW at a public meeting. We strongly urge the Commission to have DFW present the aforementioned analysis to the Wildlife Resources Committee at its September 21, 2016 meeting in order to identify the necessary steps to prevent insolvency.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

[PLEASE SEE SIGNATURES BELOW]

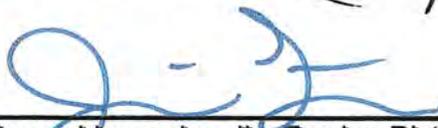
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Fish and Game Commission  
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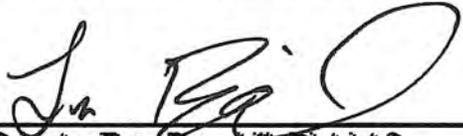
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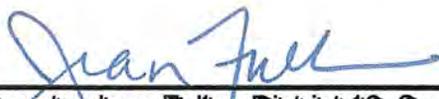
  
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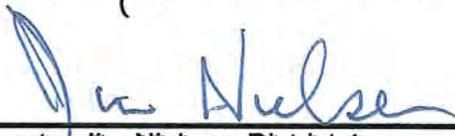
  
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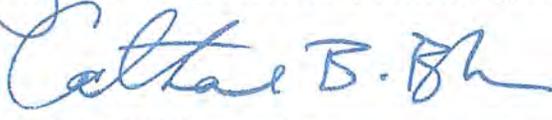
  
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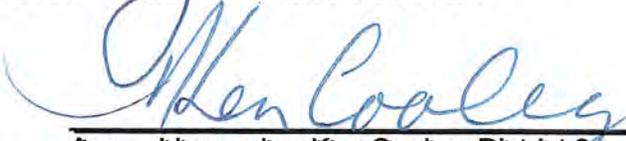
  
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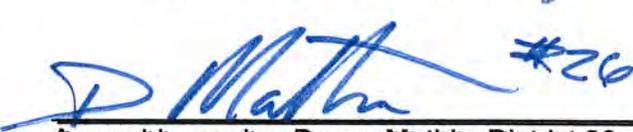
  
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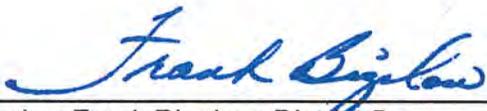
  
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Honorable James Gallagher  
Member of the Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 5128  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblymember Gallagher:

Our office has reviewed AB 1844 as amended March 10, 2016. On the basis of our attached analysis of available information, we regret that we must oppose your legislation. If you feel that we may have overlooked factors that may be important in evaluating your legislation, please call me at 445-8610 and we will arrange any assistance necessary.

Sincerely,

  
MICHAEL COHEN  
Department Director

Attachment

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: 03/10/2016  
POSITION: Oppose  
SPONSOR: California Sports Fishing League

BILL NUMBER: AB 1844  
AUTHOR: Gallagher, James  
RELATED BILLS: SB 1081, Morrell

**BILL SUMMARY: Hunting and fishing licenses: reduced license fees: veterans.**

Existing law requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) to issue a reduced-fee sport fishing license or hunting license to disabled veterans and to active military personnel who are recovering from an injury.

This bill would expand the list of those eligible to receive reduced-priced hunting and fishing licenses by requiring the Department to issue both annual and lifetime fishing, hunting, and sportsman licenses, to honorably discharged U.S. veterans who are residents of California, at a 25 percent discount. Further, for fishing report cards or associated tags, validations or other entitlements that may be required in addition to a lifetime fishing license, this bill would provide a 25 percent discount to resident discharged U.S. veterans, and a 50 percent reduction for resident disabled veterans. The Fish and Game Commission (Commission) would be precluded from increasing fees to recover the costs of providing these discounts.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

The Department estimates a loss of \$768,000 in revenue for the issuance of reduced-fee annual and lifetime fishing, hunting and sportsman licenses, assuming that 6.19 percent of licensees would be resident veterans. This estimate does not include potential workload that the Department is still evaluating associated with this bill. Finally, there may be some offset to the extent that lowered fees encourage more qualifying veterans to pursue licenses.

Revenue from sport fishing and hunting licenses are deposited in the Fish and Game Preservation Fund and the Hatchery and Inland Fisheries Fund. The Fish and Game Preservation Fund currently has a structural deficit with expenditures exceeding revenues by over \$21.5 million; the Governor's Budget reflects a reserve balance of \$6 million in fiscal year 2016-17. Expenditures in the Hatchery and Inland Fisheries Fund also exceed revenues resulting in an annual imbalance of \$2.2 million; the fund is anticipated to become insolvent in fiscal year 2018-19.

**COMMENTS**

While the intent of this bill is meritorious, the Department of Finance opposes this bill because it reduces revenue for the Fish and Game Preservation Fund and the Hatchery and Inland Fisheries Fund, both of which are structurally imbalanced with annual expenditures exceeding annual revenues.

Currently, hunting and sport fishing licenses each cost \$47.01 for California residents; reduced-priced licenses are provided at \$6.95 to disabled veterans and recovering active military members. In addition to licenses, the application fee for hunting tags for specific species cost between \$5.97 and \$38.62; hunting tags themselves can cost between \$22.42 and \$445.35. Validations for ducks and some upland game birds are up to \$20.52. Sport fishing licenses also require report cards for certain fish with costs between \$6.22 and \$22.42 depending upon specified species.

Analyst/Principal (0684) A.Martin	Date	Program/Budget Manager Karen Finn	Date
Department Deputy Director		Orig. Signed By J.W.H.	APR 25 2016
Governor's Office:	By:	Date:	Position Approved _____ Position Disapproved _____

**BILL ANALYSIS--(CONTINUED)**

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**COMMENTS** (continued)

Existing law requires the Department to issue hunting and sport fishing licenses at reduced-fees or at no cost to certain groups including low income senior citizens and Native Americans, disabled veterans, recovering service members, and persons who are blind, developmentally disabled, or mobility impaired. Approximately 17,500 resident and nonresident disabled veterans currently take advantage of reduced-fee hunting and fishing licenses with revenue of approximately \$118,000.

According to the author's office, there are only limited opportunities for reduced-fee hunting and sport fishing licenses for military men and women and this bill will allow those who devoted their lives to the service of our country to more easily participate in fishing and hunting in California. The author anticipates that the proposed fee reduction will encourage greater participation among Veterans and their family and friends. This expanded participation would then lead to increased sales of licenses in future years.

Senate Bill 1081 (Morrell) is a related bill that reduces fees to a base of five dollars for hunting and fishing licenses for honorably discharged veterans, provides a 50 percent discount for fishing report cards or associated tags, validations or other entitlements, and waives all fees for disabled veterans and recovering active military personnel.

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<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>							
0200	Fish and Game Preservation Fund							
3103	Hatchery and Inland Fisheries Fund							

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August 11, 2016

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Wildlife Resources Committee  
California Fish and Game Commission  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioners Williams and Burns:

I am writing to express concern regarding the solvency of the Hatchery and Inland Fisheries Fund which is overseen by the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW). According to the Department of Finance (DOF), this fund is operating at an annual loss and is perilously close to insolvency. This would dangerously impact California freshwater anglers.

When presented with DOF's analysis of the Hatchery and Inland Fisheries Fund, DFW was unable to provide concrete data that the fund will continue to remain solvent in the future. In the letter, DOF reported, "Expenditures in the Hatchery and Inland Fisheries Fund also exceed revenues resulting in an annual imbalance of \$2.2 million; the fund is anticipated to become insolvent in fiscal year 2018-2019." DFW's response was simply that the fund is not currently insolvent and provided no data regarding the alleged operating loss. Considering the importance of the Hatchery and Inland Fisheries Fund, I believe that DFW should be required to provide a detailed analysis of the fund.

As a Member of the California Legislature Outdoor Sporting Caucus (OSC) I support a detailed analysis of revenues and expenditures for the Hatchery and Inland Fisheries Fund for the fiscal years 2013-2014, 2014-2015 and 2015-2016. It is my understanding that the Fish and Game Commission staff will make a recommendation to the full Commission at the August 24 meeting as to whether or not this analysis should be presented by DFW at a public meeting. I strongly urge the Commission to have DFW present the aforementioned analysis to the Wildlife Resources Committee at its September 21, 2016 meeting in order to identify the necessary steps to prevent insolvency.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marie Waldron".

Marie Waldron  
Assemblywoman, 75<sup>th</sup> District

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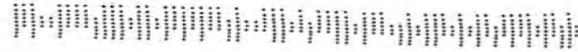


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**Wildlife Resources Committee (WRC) 2016-2017 Draft Work Plan: Schedule topics and timeline for items referred to WRC** (Updated for Sep 2016 WRC meeting)

		2016			2017		
Topic	Type of Topic	JAN Cancelled	MAY (West Sac)	SEP (Woodland)	JAN (Redding)	MAY (Sac)	SEP (Riverside)
<b>Annual Game Regulations</b>							
Upland Game Birds	Annual	X / R			X / R		
Sport Fish	Annual	X	X / R		X	X / R	
Mammals	Annual		X	X / R		X	X / R
Waterfowl	Annual		X	X / R		X	X / R
Central Valley Salmon	Annual			X / R		X	X / R
Klamath River Sport Fish	Annual		X	X / R		X	X / R
<b>Regulations &amp; Legislative Mandates</b>							
Possession of game for processing into food (Sec. 3080(e), Fish and Game Code)	Referral	X					X
Falconry	Referral				X	X	
<b>Emerging Management Issues</b>							
Lead Ban Implementation	DFW project				X	X	X
Wild Pig Management	Referral		X	X	X / R		
Hatchery & Inland Fisheries Fund	Referral			X			
<b>Special Projects</b>							
Predator Policy Workgroup	WRC workgroup		X	X	X	X / R	
Delta Predation	Forum					X / R	

KEY      X      Discussion scheduled      R      Recommendation developed and moved to FGC

