

## WORKGROUP STAFF SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 21, 2017

**5. NEXT STEPS****Today's Item**Information Decision 

- (A) Review work plan tasks and timeline.
- (B) Identify potential new agenda topics.
- (C) Select a date for the next meeting.

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

This a standing agenda item to review work plan progress and timeline, identify new agenda topics, and to select the date for the next meeting.

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

1. [Work plan with timeline, dated May 27, 2016](#)
2. [Proposed revised timeline, dated Feb 6, 2017](#)
3. [2017 calendar with potential meeting dates, dated Feb 6, 2017](#)

**Workgroup Decision/Recommendation (N/A)**

**Wildlife Resources Committee  
Predator Policy Workgroup  
Proposed Work Plan  
Revised May 27, 2016**

The Predator Policy Workgroup (Workgroup) is a body of the Wildlife Resources Committee (WRC) which was formed to allow greater time to investigate predator management policy issues in more detail than would otherwise be possible before the WRC. The Workgroup is comprised of ten member appointed by the Fish and Game Commission (Commission). The Workgroup is charged with providing input, developing ideas, and preparing recommendations concerning predator management policy and regulations in California.

To assist with the preparation of the report the Workgroup is proposing the following work plan which outlines the project scope, objectives and tasks, and timeline for this project. As the report is being drafted the Workgroup will solicit input, guidance, support, and review from project reviewers, interested stakeholders, and Department staff. This proposed work plan is being presented to the WRC for consideration and possible recommendation to the Commission.

## **WORK PLAN**

### **Project scope**

- **Purpose:** To evaluate whether existing predator policies and regulations reflect current understanding of science, wildlife management practices, ecological and environmental effects, economic concerns, social values, and public health and safety concerns.
- **Breadth:**
  - **Species** - Priority focus species include coyote, bobcat, badger, gray fox, mink, raccoon, short-tailed weasel, and long-tailed weasel. Black bear, mountain lion, gray wolf, striped skunk, spotted skunk, and opossum are included as secondary focus species.
  - **Level of Governance** - Project will focus on predator management as it relates to state-level governance including Commission policy, California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 14, and relevant State statutes.
- **Deliverable:** A report with the Workgroup's recommendations for predator management policy and regulatory proposals for consideration by the WRC.

### **Project Objectives and Tasks**

- **Objective 1: Review existing predator policies and regulations**
  - Task 1: Compile summary of relevant, existing California predator management policies and regulations
  - Task 2: Research and compile predator management policies and regulations used in other states, at federal level, at local level, or countries/provinces and other management practices
  - Task 3: Identify what predator management issue(s) are not adequately addressed under existing policies and regulations
- **Objective 2: Develop proposed Commission Predator Management Policy**
  - Task 1: Based on findings from Objective 1, identify key elements to include in a draft predator management policy
  - Task 2: Develop draft policy for review and full discussion
  - Task 3: Prepare final draft policy for initial review and full discussion by Wildlife Resources Committee (WRC)
  - Task 4: Prepare final recommended policy for consideration and possible recommendation by the WRC to the Commission
- **Objective 3: Develop CCR Title 14 regulatory proposals**
  - Task 1: Based on findings from Objective 1, identify which existing regulations may be in need of revision
  - Task 2: Based on findings from Objective 1, identify issues that would need to be addressed through new regulations
  - Task 3: Fully vet the regulations identified under Task 1 to determine which to propose for revision
  - Task 4: Fully vet possible new regulations identified under Task 2 to determine which to propose for drafting
  - Task 5: Draft proposed revisions to language in existing regulations identified under Task 3 for review and full discussion
  - Task 6: Draft proposal for new regulations identified under Task 4 for review and full discussion
  - Task 7: Review and revise Tasks 5 and 6 for consistency with draft policy
  - Task 8: Based on outcomes from Task 7, develop draft regulatory proposal for initial review and full discussion by WRC
  - Task 9: Prepare final regulatory proposal for consideration and possible recommendation by the WRC to the Commission
- **Objective 4: Prepare summary of proposed statutory changes (Fish & Game Code)**
  - Task 1: Compile summary of existing, relevant statutes

- Task 2: Evaluate statutes identified in Task 1 for consistency with draft policy and regulatory proposals (Objectives 2 and 3)
- Task 3: Identify if and where statutory changes are needed for alignment with draft policy and regulatory proposals
- Task 4: Draft summary of proposed statutory changes for review and discussion
- Task 5: Revise summary and present to WRC for initial review and discussion
- Task 6: Prepare final summary for consideration and possible recommendation by the WRC to the Commission

### **Project Timeline**

- Objective 1: Review existing predator management policies and regulations
  - Task 1: Jun 2016
  - Task 2: Jun 2016
  - Task 3: Jul 2016
- Objective 2: Develop draft Commission predator management policy
  - Task 1: Jul 2016
  - Task 2: Jul-Aug 2016
  - Task 3: Aug-Sep 2016 (WRC)
  - Task 4: May-Jun 2017 (Commission)
- Objective 3: Develop draft CCR Title 14 regulatory proposals
  - Task 1: Aug 2016
  - Task 2: Aug 2016
  - Task 3: Sep 2016
  - Task 4: Sep 2016
  - Task 5: Oct-Nov 2016
  - Task 6: Oct-Nov 2016
  - Task 7: Nov 2016
  - Task 8: Dec 2016-Jan 2017(WRC)
  - Task 9: May-Jun 2017(Commission)
- Objective 4: Prepare summary of proposed statutory change recommendations
  - Task 1: Oct-Nov 2016
  - Task 2: Dec 2016-Jan 2017
  - Task 3: Jan-Feb 2017
  - Task 4: Feb-Apr 2017
  - Task 5: Apr-May 2017 (WRC)
  - Task 6: May-Jun 2017 (Commission)

**Predator Policy Workgroup: Proposed Revision to Timeline for Work Plan Objectives 2-4**

Prepared by FGC staff; revised February 6, 2017

Workplan Components	Year	2017												2018					
	Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Objective 2: Develop FGC Policy																			
Task 1 - Identify key elements for policy																			
Task 2 - Develop draft for PPWG review and discussion																			
Task 3 - Prepare final draft for WRC review																			
Task 4 - Prepare final for FGC consideration																			
Objective 3: Develop Regulatory Proposals																			
Task 1 - Identify existing regulations for revision																			
Task 2 - Identify any new regulations, if needed																			
Task 3 - Propose regulations for revision																			
Task 4 - Propose new regulations for drafting																			
Task 5 - Draft revisions for review/discussion																			
Task 6 - Draft new regs for review/discussion																			
Task 7 - Review/revise for consistency with draft policy																			
Task 8 - Develop draft proposal for WRC review																			
Task 7 - Prepare final for FGC consideration																			
Objective 4: Prepare Summary of Statutory Changes																			
Task 1 - Compile summary of existing statutes																			
Task 2 - Evaluate for consistency																			
Task 3 - Identify where changes needed																			
Task 4 - Draft for PPWG review/discussion																			
Task 5 - Prepare final draft for WRC review																			
Task 6 - Prepare final for FGC consideration																			

Key:

- Dotted boxes indicate months with WRC meeting
- Green boxes indicate tasks underway
- Orange boxes indicate proposal to FGC

# January 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 <b>WRC - Redding</b>	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				
<b>Key:</b> Green – available Yellow – not available						

# February 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Key:</b> Green – available Yellow – not available			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Tribal Committee	8 FGC Meeting – Rohnert Park	9 FGC Meeting – Rohnert Park	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 HOLIDAY	21 PPWG - Sacramento	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

# March 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 FGC Teleconference	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 MRC Meeting	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 HOLIDAY	



# April 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 FGC Teleconference	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 FGC Meeting – Van Nuys	27 FGC Meeting – Van Nuys	28	29
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# May 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 WRC - Sacramento	25	26	27
28	29 HOLIDAY	30	31			

# June 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Tribal Committee	21 FGC Meeting – Crescent City	22 FGC Meeting – Crescent City	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

# July 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4 HOLIDAY	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 MRC Meeting	21	22
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# August 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 FGC Meeting - Sacramento	17 FGC Meeting - Sacramento	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

# September 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4 <b>HOLIDAY</b>	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 <b>WRC - Riverside</b>	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

# October 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Tribal Committee	11 FGC Meeting – Morro Bay/SLO	12 FGC Meeting – Morro Bay/SLO	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

# November 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 MRC Meeting	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 HOLIDAY	24 HOLIDAY	25
26	27	28	29	30		



# December 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6 FGC Meeting – San Diego	7 FGC Meeting – San Diego	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 HOLIDAY	26	27	28	29	30
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