

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FISH AND GAME COMMISSION
STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR REGULATORY ACTION
(Pre-adoption Statement of Reasons)

Add Section 662
Title 14, California Code of Regulations
Re: Petitions for Regulation Change

- I. Date of Initial Statement of Reasons: October 21, 2014
- II. Date of Pre-adoption Statement of Reasons: January 29, 2015
- II. Dates and Locations of Scheduled Hearings:
- (a) Notice Hearing: Date: October 8, 2014
Location: Mt. Shasta, CA
 - (b) Discussion Hearing Date: December 3, 2014
Location: Van Nuys, CA
 - (b) Adoption Hearing: Date: February 11, 2015
Location: Sacramento, CA
- IV. Description of Modification of Originally Proposed Language of Initial Statement of Reasons:
- In subsection 662(b), the proposed regulation has been revised to clarify that a petition may be rejected if **any** petition requesting a **functionally equivalent** regulation change was considered within the previous twelve months. In addition the proposed regulation has been revised to clarify that new information means information not submitted in a previous petition.
- In subsection 662(d), the proposed regulation has been revised to clarify that a petition will be scheduled for consideration at the next available **Commission** meeting after the meeting of receipt.
- V. Reasons for Modification of Originally Proposed Language of Initial Statement of Reasons:
- The proposed modifications have been made for clarity purposes.
- VI. Summary of Primary Considerations Raised in Opposition and in Support:
- See Attachment A.

Updated Informative Digest/Policy Statement Overview

Under current law (Government Code Section 11340.6) any interested person may petition the Fish and Game Commission (Commission) to adopt, amend or repeal a regulation. This section also requires that any petition clearly and concisely state the substance or nature of the requested regulation change, the reason for the request, and reference to the authority of the Commission to take the requested action.

The proposed action adds new Section 662, Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR). The proposed regulation outlines the process under which petitions will be evaluated and scheduled for receipt and Commission action and requires the use of the form entitled "PETITION TO THE CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION FOR REGULATORY CHANGE," FGC 1 (New 10/23/14, and being incorporated by reference), for submitting regulation change proposals.

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The benefits of the proposed regulation are increased transparency and understanding of the Commission's regulatory process and consistency in the processing of public requests for regulation change.

Commission staff has searched the CCR and has found that the proposed regulation is neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing State regulations.