

## COMMITTEE STAFF SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 18, 2017

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

Discuss options for regulatory changes related to wild pig management

**Summary of Previous/Future Actions**

- Previous WRC discussion May 18, 2016; WRC, West Sacramento
- Previous WRC discussion Sep 21, 2016; WRC, Sacramento
- **Today's discussion Jan 18, 2017; WRC, Redding**

**Background**

Wild pigs are, on the 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 identify suggestions for potential legislation to share with Assembly Member Bigelow. The WRC held discussions on wild pig management at its May and Sep 2016 meetings. The WRC directed staff to come back to the WRC in Jan 2017 with some additional data and options for further discussion.

Today, staff will present additional information and options for potential statutory and regulatory changes for WRC discussion.

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

**FGC staff:** Provide direction, if any, regarding next steps.

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