

**California Fish and Game
Commission
Wildlife Resources Committee
Meeting Binder**

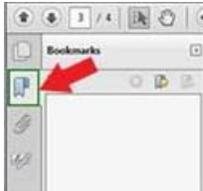


**March 14, 2020
Teleconference**

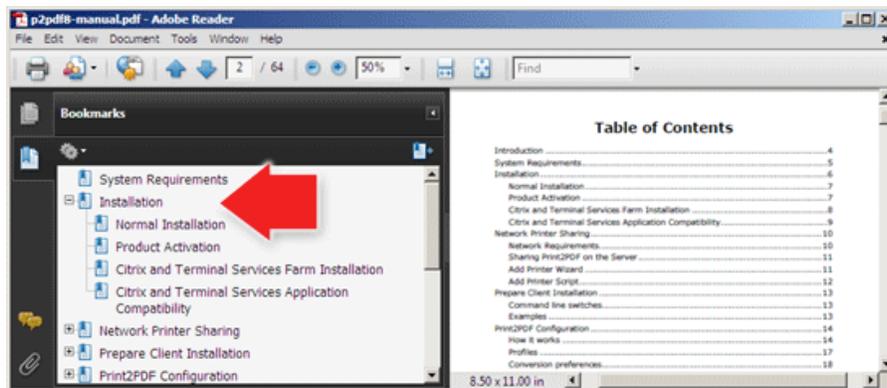
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OVERVIEW OF CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION COMMITTEE MEETING

- Welcome to this meeting of the Wildlife Resources Committee. The Committee is comprised of up to two Commissioners who co-chair each meeting; members are assigned by the Commission annually.
- 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 the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act. However, it is important to note that the Committee cannot take action independent of the full Commission; instead, the Committee makes recommendations to the full Commission at regularly scheduled meetings.
- These proceedings may be recorded and posted to our website for reference and archival purposes.
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 2. Provide your name, affiliation (if any), and the number of people you represent.
 3. Time is limited; please keep your comments precise to give others time to speak.
 4. If several speakers have the same concerns or ideas to express, please appoint a group spokesperson.
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INTRODUCTIONS FOR CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

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Russell Burns	Co-Chair (Napa)

Commission Staff

Melissa Miller-Henson	Executive Director
Ari Cornman	Wildlife Advisor

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Stafford Lehr	Deputy Director, Wildlife and Fisheries Division
David Bess	Deputy Director and Chief, Law enforcement Division
Kevin Shaffer	Acting Chief, Wildlife Branch
Roger Bloom	Acting Chief, Fisheries Branch
Chris Stoots	Captain, Law Enforcement Division
Brad Burkholder	Environmental Program Manager, Wildlife Branch

I would also like to acknowledge special guests who are present:
(i.e., elected officials, including tribal chairpersons, and other special guests)

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Saint Helena

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WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMITTEE **Committee Chairs: Commissioner Sklar and Commissioner Burns**

Meeting Agenda **May 14, 2020**

Webinar and Teleconference

The Committee meeting will begin approximately 10 minutes after the May 14 Commission meeting is adjourned, but no earlier than 9:30 a.m.

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Note: Please see important meeting procedures and information at the end of the agenda. Unless otherwise indicated, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife is identified as Department. 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.

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Call to order

1. Approve agenda and order of items

2. Public comment for items not on the 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. Department updates

The Department will highlight items of note since the last Committee meeting.

- (A) Wildlife Branch
- (B) Fisheries Branch
- (C) Law Enforcement Division

4. Initial recommendations for regulations

Discuss potential regulatory options for 2021-22 seasons for:

- (A) Mammal hunting
- (B) Waterfowl hunting
- (C) Central Valley sport fishing
- (D) Klamath River Basin sport fishing
- (E) Inland sport fishing, including boat limits

5. Bullfrogs and non-native turtles

Receive an update on implementing the stakeholder engagement plan.

6. Future agenda items

- (A) Review work plan agenda topics and timeline
- (B) Potential new agenda topics for Commission consideration

Adjourn

California Fish and Game Commission 2020 Meeting Schedule

Note: As meeting dates and locations can change, please visit www.fgc.ca.gov for the most current list of meeting dates and locations.

Meeting Date	Commission Meeting	Committee Meeting
June 24 - 25	Holiday Inn Orange County Airport 2726 S. Grand Avenue Santa Ana, CA 92705	
July 29		Marine Resources California Department of Parks and Recreation Orange Coast District Office Training Room 3030 Avenida del Presidente San Clemente, CA 92672
August 18		Tribal River Lodge Conference Center 1800 Riverwalk Drive Fortuna, CA 95540
August 19 - 20	River Lodge Conference Center 1800 Riverwalk Drive Fortuna, CA 95540	
September 17		Wildlife Resources Natural Resources Building Redwood Room 1416 Ninth Street, 14 th Floor Sacramento, CA 95814
October 14 - 15	Elihu M Harris Building Auditorium 1515 Clay Street Oakland, CA 94612	
November 9		Tribal Monterey area
November 10		Marine Resources Monterey area
December 9 - 10	San Diego area	

OTHER 2020 MEETINGS OF INTEREST

Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

- September 13-16, Sacramento, CA

Pacific Fishery Management Council

- June 11-18, San Diego, CA
- September 10-17, Spokane, WA
- November 13-20, Garden Grove, CA

Pacific Flyway Council

- August 28 (location TBD)

Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

- July 9-14, Park City, UT

Wildlife Conservation Board

- May 20, Sacramento, CA
- August 26, Sacramento, CA
- November 18, Sacramento, CA

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 chairs cannot take action independent of the full Commission; instead, the chairs make recommendations to the full Commission at regularly scheduled meetings.

The Commission's goal is preserving our outdoor heritage and conserving 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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COMMENT DEADLINES

The **Written Comment Deadline** for this meeting is **5:00 p.m. on May 4, 2020**. Written comments received at the Commission office by this deadline will be made available to Commissioners prior to the meeting.

The **Supplemental Comment Deadline** for this meeting is **noon on May 11, 2020**. Comments received by this deadline will be made available to Commissioners at the meeting.

*The Committee **will not** consider comments regarding proposed changes to regulations that have been noticed by the Commission. 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.*

Note: Materials provided to the Committee may be made available to the general public.

REGULATION CHANGE PETITIONS

As a general rule, requests for regulatory change must be redirected to the full Commission and submitted on the required petition form, FGC 1, *Petition to the California Fish and Game Commission for Regulation Change* (Section 662, Title 14, California Code of Regulations). However, at the Committee's discretion, the Committee may request that staff follow up on items of potential interest to the Committee and possible recommendation to the Commission.

SPEAKING AT THE MEETING

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VISUAL PRESENTATIONS/MATERIALS

Visual presentations will not be allowed at this meeting.

COMMITTEE STAFF SUMMARY FOR MAY 14, 2020 WRC

2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**Today's Item****Information** **Action**

Receive public comments for items not on the agenda.

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

WRC receives two types of correspondence or comment under general public comment: requests for WRC to consider new topics and informational items. As a general rule, requests for regulation changes need to be directed to FGC and submitted on petition form FGC 1, titled "Petition to the California Fish and Game Commission for Regulation Change". However, at the discretion of WRC, staff may be requested to follow up on items of interest to WRC and possible recommendation to FGC.

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

COMMITTEE STAFF SUMMARY FOR MAY 14, 2020 WRC

3. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Today's Item

Information

Action

Receive updates on DFW activities.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions (N/A)

Background

This is a standing agenda item for DFW to provide updates on activities of interest related to wildlife and inland fisheries. Verbal updates are expected from:

- (A) Wildlife Branch: Acting Branch Chief Kevin Shaffer
- (B) Fisheries Branch: Acting Branch Chief Roger Bloom
- (C) Law Enforcement Division: Captain Chris Stoots

Significant Public Comments (N/A)

Recommendation (N/A)

Exhibits (N/A)

Committee Direction/Recommendation (N/A)

COMMITTEE STAFF SUMMARY FOR MAY 14, 2020 WRC

4. INITIAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REGULATIONS**Today's Item****Information** **Action**

Discuss initial DFW recommendations for regulation changes for:

- (A) Mammal hunting
- (B) Waterfowl hunting
- (C) Central Valley sport fishing
- (D) Klamath River Basin sport fishing
- (E) Inland sport fishing, including boat limits

Summary of Previous/Future Action

- **Today's discussion** **May 14, 2020; WRC, Webinar/Teleconference**
- Potential WRC recommendations Sep 17, 2020; WRC, Sacramento
- FGC notice hearings Dec 9-10, 2020; FGC, San Diego area

Background

This item is to provide the public an opportunity to engage in initial discussions with the co-chairs, FGC staff and DFW about proposed changes for regulations for the following seasons:

- (A) Mammal hunting (2021-22): Proposed changes to hunting regulations for various big game mammals, including deer, Nelson bighorn sheep, antelope and elk.
- (B) Waterfowl hunting (2021-22): FGC annually adopts migratory waterfowl hunting regulations to conform State regulations with federal regulations. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service adopts federal regulations each Oct based, in part, on recommendations from four regional flyway councils. Migratory waterfowl include American coot, common moorhen, ducks, black brant and geese, among others.
- (C) Central Valley sport fishing (2021): FGC annually adopts Central Valley sport fishing regulations for the American, Feather, and Sacramento rivers to conform State regulations with federal regulations; future rulemakings will also include the Mokelumne River. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) adopts federal Central Valley salmon escapement goals each Apr based, in part, on recommendations from the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC); .
- (D) Klamath River Basin sport fishing (2021): FGC annually adopts regulations to conform State regulations with federal regulations in the Klamath River Basin. NMFS adopts federal Klamath River Basin salmon allocations each Apr based, in part, on recommendations from PFMC.
- (E) Inland sport fishing: Inland sport fishing regulations include a wide variety of fish species in non-marine waters throughout the state of California. Today's discussion will include consideration of inland boat limits for finfish, based on a petition for regulation change (Petition #2018-014, Exhibit E1). While FGC denied the petition during initial consideration due to timing concerns, it asked DFW to consider the substance of the petition in the next inland sport fishing regulations package.

COMMITTEE STAFF SUMMARY FOR MAY 14, 2020 WRC

This meeting is an initial opportunity to make suggestions to DFW and WRC regarding potential changes to consider in each rulemaking. A second opportunity for vetting such ideas will be provided in Sep 2020, before the respective notice hearings scheduled for Dec 2020.

Significant Public Comments

- A1. A commenter expresses concern over the viability of Roosevelt elk herds in Del Norte County (Exhibit 2).

Recommendation (N/A)

Exhibits

1. [Petition #2018-14](#), received Oct 4, 2018
2. [Email from Phoebe Lenhart](#), received May 3, 2020

Committee Direction/Recommendation (N/A)

COMMITTEE STAFF SUMMARY FOR MAY 14, 2020 WRC

5. BULLFROGS AND NON-NATIVE TURTLES**Today's Item****Information** **Action**

Receive an update on implementation of the bullfrog and non-native turtle stakeholder engagement plan.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| • Project referred to WRC | Dec 12-13, 2018; Oceanside |
| • Update and discussion | May 16, 2019; WRC, Sacramento |
| • Update and discussion | Jan 16, 2020; WRC, Long Beach |
| • Today's update | May 14, 2020; WRC; Webinar/Teleconference |

Background

Annually there are approximately two million non-native American bullfrogs and 300,000 non-native turtles (mostly red-eared sliders and softshell turtles) imported annually into California for food and the pet trade. Even though these species are not imported into California with the intention of being released, they have established wild populations that threaten native amphibians, fish, and wildlife by direct predation, competition for resources and habitat, and disease.

In Apr 2017, FGC directed FGC staff, with DFW's assistance, to develop a proposal for stakeholder engagement to further evaluate possible solutions to address the impacts of American bullfrogs and non-native turtles on native wildlife. The staff proposal was presented to FGC in Oct 2017, a revised version was approved by FGC in Oct 2018, and the stakeholder engagement plan was referred to WRC in Dec 2018 to track progress in implementing the plan. WRC received two progress updates in 2019 and one in 2020.

Today, staff will provide an update on progress since the Jan 2020 meeting, including a meeting of the agency team in April, outreach to importers, and an updated plan for completing the project.

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

COMMITTEE STAFF SUMMARY FOR MAY 14, 2020 WRC

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**Today's Item**Information Action

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

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

- **Today's discussion** **May 14, 2020; WRC, Webinar/Teleconference**
- FGC potentially approves WRC recommendations June 24-25, 2020; Santa Ana
- Next WRC meeting Sep 17, 2020; WRC, Sacramento

Background

Committee topics are referred by FGC and scheduled as appropriate. FGC-referred topics and the current schedule are shown in the WRC work plan (Exhibit 1). WRC agendas currently include one complex and time-intensive topic, related to bullfrogs and non-native turtles. The committee has placed emphasis on issues of imminent regulatory importance.

WRC Work Plan

Draft agenda topics identified for the Sep 2020 WRC meeting are shown in Exhibit 1.

Discuss and Recommend New WRC Topics

Today provides an opportunity to identify any potential new agenda topics to recommend to FGC for referral to WRC.

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

FGC staff: Review WRC work plan and current FGC rulemaking timetable (Exhibit 2), and identify any new topics to recommend for WRC evaluation.

Exhibits

1. [WRC work plan](#), updated May 7, 2020
2. [FGC Perpetual Timetable for Anticipated Regulatory Actions](#), updated May 7, 2020

Committee Direction/Recommendation (N/A)



Tracking Number: 2018-014

To request a change to regulations under the authority of the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission), you are required to submit this completed form to: California Fish and Game Commission, 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1320, Sacramento, CA 95814 or via email to FGC@fgc.ca.gov. Note: This form is not intended for listing petitions for threatened or endangered species (see Section 670.1 of Title 14).

Incomplete forms will not be accepted. A petition is incomplete if it is not submitted on this form or fails to contain necessary information in each of the required categories listed on this form (Section I). A petition will be rejected if it does not pertain to issues under the Commission's authority. A petition may be denied if any petition requesting a functionally equivalent regulation change was considered within the previous 12 months and no information or data is being submitted beyond what was previously submitted. If you need help with this form, please contact Commission staff at (916) 653-4899 or FGC@fgc.ca.gov.

SECTION I: Required Information.

Please be succinct. Responses for Section I should not exceed five pages

1. Person or organization requesting the change (Required)

Name of primary contact person: Northern California Guides and Sportsmen's Association, James Stone, President
Address: PO Box 111 Sutter CA 95982
Telephone number: 530-923-9440
Email address: jstone@ncgasa.org

2. Rulemaking Authority (Required) - Reference to the statutory or constitutional authority of the Commission to take the action requested: Authority Cited: Sections 200, ~~202~~265, and 7071 and ~~8587.1~~, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections ~~205~~, ~~210~~255, 7071 and 7120, Fish and Game Code.

3. Overview (Required) - Summarize the proposed changes to regulations: The Northern California Guides and Sportsmen's Association (NCGASA) is asking for an amendment to 27.60(c) relative to boat limits. 27.60 (c) currently allows, when two or more persons that are licensed or otherwise authorized to sport fish in ocean waters off California or in the San Francisco Bay District, defined in Section 27.00, are angling for finfish aboard a vessel in these waters, fishing by all authorized persons aboard may continue until boat limits of finfish are taken and possessed aboard the vessel as authorized under this section or Section 195, Title 14, CCR. The authorization for boat limits aboard a vessel does not apply to fishing trips originating in California's Sacramento Valley and Delta, creating a parity issue between bay and ocean fishing parties, and those who choose to fish inland, in the Delta, or other locations.

4. Rationale (Required) - Describe the problem and the reason for the proposed change: There is a parity issue between guided fishing trips in the bay and the ocean and those occurring inland (Delta and Sacramento Valley) when it comes to boat limits with two or more anglers on board. In the bay and ocean, ALL anglers may continue to fish, with their rods in the water, until boat limits of finfish are taken aboard. On guided trips inland, in the Delta and Sacramento Valley, once an angler has taken his/her limit of fish, that angler must REMOVE their rod from the river and sit in the boat until the other anglers have caught their limit. This can result in some anglers sitting idly in guides boats for hours on



end, reducing enthusiasm and willingness to participate in such activities in the future. NGCASA believes that our clients, who are abiding by all the same rules and regulations, and subject to the annual bag limits imposed by the Commission, should qualify for the same boat limits flexibility as bay and ocean fishing trips, allowing all anglers to continue pursuit until boat limits of finfish are taken. This issue was exacerbated in 2018 when the inland fishery bag limit for fall run salmon was reduced to 1 per person. This change, prompted by significant declines of returning adults, has led to a reduced interest in booking inland river guided trips. We are further exacerbating the situation by imposing the “you can only fish for your own fish” standard when the same does not apply to bay and ocean fishing. Many of our clients, who also fish those waters, are not familiar with the restriction, and don’t find out about it until they are sitting in our boats and we have to take their rods and tell them they are done for the day. Several have told us point blank that with a 1 per person limit, coupled with this restriction, that they would rather take their money and business to guided trips on the bay and ocean (please see the economic section below for further justification of this exact problem). Establishing boat limit parity for inland fisheries would create a more enjoyable experience for all parties involved, the anglers, sportsmen and women, fishing guides, and the communities that benefit from fishing tourism. It would also provide incentive for anglers to book fishing trips in the Sacramento Valley, especially with the restrictions of the 1 fish bag limit. (As an illustrative example, this regulation change would allow a father to hook a fish for his daughter, and hand it off to her to achieve her limit, while educating and teaching her the values of conservation and the pursuit of angling harvest).

SECTION II: Optional Information

5. Date of Petition: 10/3/18

6. Category of Proposed Change

- Sport Fishing
- Commercial Fishing
- Hunting
- Other, please specify: [Click here to enter text.](#)

7. The proposal is to: *(To determine section number(s), see current year regulation booklet or <https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs>)*

- Amend Title 14 Section(s):27.60 (c)
- Add New Title 14 Section(s): [Click here to enter text.](#)
- Repeal Title 14 Section(s): [Click here to enter text.](#)

8. If the proposal is related to a previously submitted petition that was rejected, specify the tracking number of the previously submitted petition [Click here to enter text.](#)

Or Not applicable.

9. Effective date: If applicable, identify the desired effective date of the regulation. If the proposed change requires immediate implementation, explain the nature of the emergency: [Effective for the start of the 2019 recreational fishing season.](#)

10. Supporting documentation: Identify and attach to the petition any information supporting the proposal including data, reports and other documents: None



11. Economic or Fiscal Impacts: Identify any known impacts of the proposed regulation change on revenues to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, individuals, businesses, jobs, other state agencies, local agencies, schools, or housing: The following is an economic analysis on the impacts of a declining fishery on professional guides and the communities in which they do their business. NOTE: These numbers are just for the FALL RUN salmon season. It does not include stripers, late fall run, shad, sturgeon, steelhead, and rainbow trout. At the peak of the fishery in the early 2000's, it is estimated that guiding and associated industries brought in roughly \$55M for the counties of Sacramento, Shasta, Butte, Sutter, Yuba, Tehama, Glenn, and Colusa. Roughly \$30M of that was direct revenue for guide services. As the health of the fishery has declined, so to have the economics of the industry. By 2017 the industry had collapsed to a fraction of its former self, roughly \$14.5M in total and \$10.5M in direct guide revenue. How do we calculate these numbers? For direct guide revenue: There are currently 100 full time guides that guide 350 clients per year. There are 350 part time guides who guide 50 clients per year. This is a total of 52,500 clients. The average charge, per person, in 2017 was \$200/head. This is \$10.5M in revenue. For community revenue: Roughly 65% of clientele come from out of the area. At two beds per room per night (conservative assuming people share rooms), that's 34,125 clients in 17,062 hotel room nights. At \$100 per night, that's \$1.7M. For just those from out of town, calculate lunch and dinner at \$20 per meal for a total \$1,365M. Add breakfast at \$10 for a total of \$341,250. Assume 3 people travel per car and need one tank of gas, so that's 34,125 / 3 per car = 11,375 cars x \$60 fill up for a total of \$682,500 for fuel. That is the additional \$4M in community benefit. None of this accounts for revenue from fishing licenses to CDFW (either 1 day, 2 day, or annual licenses), bait, tackle, gear, tips, alcohol, additional entertainment (movies, shopping, etc). It also doesn't include guides expenditures in the community: buying fuel, gear, boat repairs, etc. Given how shocking the economic decline is between 2000 and 2017, it's even worse in 2018 with the newly imposed 1 fish bag limit. In 2018, everyone has dropped rates \$25 to \$50 to encourage bookings. Full timers did not drop prices as much, part-timers did more, but everyone is taking a haircut. In addition, bookings with guides, based on conservative estimates, are off at least 50%. Out of town visitors are simply not coming, considering 1 fish limit not worth the time and expense to book a fishing trip. Calculating the 2018 economic impact: Use an average rate of \$175 (\$200/head minus \$25 reduction) 100 full time and 350 part time guides, with a 50% decrease in bookings, direct guide revenue alone is down to \$4,593,750. Cut in half the number of hotel rooms, meals, gas and other incidentals and you start to see the impacts on the broader community. The total economic benefit estimate for 2018 is \$7,294,375, a 86% reduction from the early 2000's. Guides are losing homes, leaving their families behind (if they can) and guiding and fishing in OR, WA, AK, and ID to make money (roughly 15% of the guiding community have left). This data is compiled from NCGASA members (500+ guides) and their clients. Information was collected via direct guide surveys over phone, email, and Facebook polls.

12. Forms: If applicable, list any forms to be created, amended or repealed:

None

SECTION 3: FGC Staff Only

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FGC staff action:

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- Accept - complete
- Reject - incomplete



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Reject - outside scope of FGC authority

Tracking Number 2018-014

Date petitioner was notified of receipt of petition and pending action: October 17, 2018

Meeting date for FGC consideration: December 12-13, 2018

FGC action:

Denied by FGC

Denied - same as petition _____

Tracking Number

Granted for consideration of regulation change

From: Phoebe Lenhart [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2020 06:02 PM
To: FGC <FGC@fgc.ca.gov>
Subject: Wildlife Resources Committee, May 14, 2020 Agenda item #4, A, Mammal Hunting. Options for 2021-2022

Dear Wildlife Resources Committee,

This E-mail is sent to address Agenda item #4, "A" mammal hunting regarding options for the 2021-2022 hunting season. I would like you to give this serious consideration in advance of your September 2020 meeting when you begin considering allocating hunting tags for Roosevelt elk in Del Norte County.

I would like to bring to your attention that the DFW has identified 9 herds (I think that "herds" implies a larger number of elk, which is not the case) of Roosevelt elk in 2018 with a total population of 451. At that time, one herd had no bulls and no spikes. Another herd had 2 bulls and no spikes. There were 4 herds in the range of 3-5 bulls (and few or no spikes). The DFW repeated the count of Roosevelt elk in 2019 and counted a population of 403. That is a decrease of 48 elk in the time period of one hunting season. That is roughly a 10% reduction in the population of Roosevelt elk. At this time, there are 2 herds with no bulls and spikes (and no calves) counted. Somebody in the DFW called the population of Roosevelt elk "robust" and authorized an additional 18 Roosevelt elk to be hunted in the SHARE program in Del Norte County.

I wish to bring to your awareness that a population of 403 Roosevelt elk (in 9 herds) is not "robust" in my opinion; rather, a population this small is at high risk for poor gene pools and extinction. If you were to omit the number of calves and spikes from the population of 403 in 2019, that leaves only 245 cows and bulls. It appears that the thirst for blood that the hunters have for the Roosevelt elk in this area greatly exceeds the population available for them to kill. I would like to know why the WRC/FGC allows this? All one needs to do is look at an available population of 245, divide by 9 herds, will average 28 mature elk per herd. Further, the DFW permits more bulls to be killed per ratio of cows than the recommended or sustainable number. Why does the WRC/FGC allow this?

Still to come is the 2020-2021 hunting season. Given the data above, it looks like the DFW's projections are exacerbating the stress put on the bulls (and cows) in these small herds. Herds, in my opinion, that are too small to be hunted. None of this, slaughtering of Roosevelt elk (in these Del Norte County herds) could be done without your approval. Whatever recommendations are made by the DFW, I think it is your responsibility to check their math. Yes, the math of how many calves are in the population (and are not mature elk to hunt). And yes, the math regarding the ratio of bulls to cows in a herd. In all due respect, my experience with the DFW is that the DFW does not make accurate projections, rather than being conservative with issuing hunting tags; I see that the DFW is more than eager to provide more hunting tags to hunters.

Another consideration, the proposals made by the DFW are very deceptive. The DFW scatters there Roosevelt elk hunting allowances among 3 hunts: the general hunt, the PLM hunts, and the SHARE hunts. If the WRC/FGC is watching, then the WRC/FGC should know that the PLM and SHARE hunts are increasing at an unsustainable rate.. In 2016, 20 Roosevelt elk were killed in the SHARE program. In

2017, 27 Roosevelt elk were killed (a 30% increase). In 2019, 42 Roosevelt elk were killed; that is over twice as many Roosevelt elk killed just 3 years earlier. Is the population of Roosevelt elk doubling every 3 years, absolutely not! Thus, what kind of stewardship is the DFW providing for the Roosevelt elk herds? It is very questionable and troubling for me.

This E-mail is sent in advance of your meeting (in September) to consider hunting tags for Roosevelt elk, because I would like the FGC to have time to figure the math yourselves and to think about what is being done to our frail and fragmented herds in Del Norte County.

Sincerely,

Phoebe Lenhart
Supporters for Del Norte Roosevelt Elk

PS: Please note, the DFW has been delinquent in submitting their reports prior to the FGC's meeting which does not give the public much opportunity to comment on the DFW's reports. If my observations are correct, the DFW has been submitting their reports approximately 2 days before the FGC's meeting for the last 3 meetings. According to the FGC's rules, all public comments are due 2 weeks before the FGC meets. If any correspondence arrives after that date, it is considered late (and not included in the Commissioners' packets). This untimeliness, by the DFW, has happened to me numerous times resulting in my voice not being heard. It is a guaranteed right, in the US Constitution, for Americans to be able to express what concerns them. I bringing this to your attention, because I would like you to be aware of the DFW's tardiness and to hold them accountable to have their report available to the public 4 weeks before the FGC meeting (allowing the public to have prompt opportunity to send comments). Thank you.

Wildlife Resources Committee (WRC) 2020 Work Plan
Scheduled Topics and Timeline for Items Referred to WRC by the California Fish and Game Commission

Updated May 7, 2020

		Mar 2020* Sacramento	May 2020 Teleconference	Sep 2020 Sacramento
Annual Regulations				
Upland (Resident) Game Birds	Annual			X
Sport Fishing	Annual		X	X/R
Mammal Hunting	Annual		X	X/R
Waterfowl	Annual		X	X/R
Central Valley Salmon Sport Fishing	Annual		X	X/R
Klamath River Basin Sport Fishing	Annual		X	X/R
Regulations & Legislative Mandates				
Falconry	Referral for Review			
Simplification of Statewide Inland Fishing Regulations	Regulatory	X/R		
Special Projects				
American Bullfrog and Non-native Turtle Stakeholder Engagement Project	Referral for Review		X	X

KEY: X Discussion scheduled X/R Recommendation developed and moved to FGC

* Note: The March meeting is an additional meeting that was added by FGC

California Fish and Game Commission: Perpetual Timetable for Anticipated Regulatory Actions

Updated May 7, 2020

Regulatory Change Category	Title 14 Section(s)	FGC Teleconference May 14, 2020	WRC Webinar/Teleconference May 14, 2020	FGC Santa Ana Jun 24, 2020	FGC Santa Ana Jun 25, 2020	MRC San Clemente Jul 29, 2020	TC Fortuna Aug 18, 2020	FGC Fortuna Aug 19, 2020	FGC Fortuna Aug 20, 2020	WRC Sacramento Sep 17, 2020	FGC Oakland Oct 14, 2020	FGC Oakland Oct 15, 2020	TC Monterey Area Nov 9, 2020	MRC Monterey Area Nov 10, 2020	FGC San Diego Dec 9, 2020	FGC San Diego Dec 10, 2020	WRC TBD Jan 2021	TC TBD Jan 2021	FGC TBD Feb 2021	FGC TBD Feb 2021	MRC TBD Mar 2021
Possession of Nongame Animals (Nutria)	473																				
Upper Klamath-Trinity spring Chinook salmon sport fishing emergency regulations (2nd 90-day extension)	7.50(b)(91.2)			EE 6/23																	
Upper Klamath-Trinity spring Chinook salmon sport fishing (certificate of compliance)	7.50(b)(91.2)			E 6/22																	
Public use of Department of Fish and Wildlife lands ¹	550, 550.5, 551, 552, 630, 702					E 7/1															
Mammal Hunting	360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 364.1					E 7/1									N				D		
Waterfowl (Annual)	502, 507					E 7/1									N				D		
Central Valley Sport Fishing (Annual)	2.35, 7.00, 7.50(b)(5), (68), (124), (156.5)	A				E 7/16									N				D		
Klamath River Basin Sport Fishing (Annual) ²	5.87(f), 7.50(b)(91.1)	A					E 8/15								N				D		
Commercial Pacific Herring Eggs on Kelp (Fishery Management Plan Implementation)	163, 164			D/A							E 10/1										
Recreational Dungeness Crab Marine Life Protection Measures	1.74, 29.80, 29.85, 29.91			N				D			A						E 1/1				
Commercial Kelp and Algae Harvest Management	165, 165.5, 705							N			D/A						E 1/1				
Simplification of Statewide Inland Fishing Regulations ³	5.00, 7.00, 7.50, 8.10				N				D			A									E 3/1

Rulemaking Schedule to be Determined	Title 14 Section(s)	FGC Teleconference May 14, 2020	WRC Webinar/Teleconference May 14, 2020	FGC Santa Ana Jun 24, 2020	FGC Santa Ana Jun 25, 2020	MRC San Clemente Jul 29, 2020	TC Fortuna Aug 18, 2020	FGC Fortuna Aug 19, 2020	FGC Fortuna Aug 20, 2020	WRC Sacramento Sep 17, 2020	FGC Oakland Oct 14, 2020	FGC Oakland Oct 15, 2020	TC Monterey Area Nov 9, 2020	MRC Monterey Area Nov 10, 2020	FGC San Diego Dec 9, 2020	FGC San Diego Dec 10, 2020	WRC TBD Jan 2021	TC TBD Jan 2021	FGC TBD Feb 2021	FGC TBD Feb 2021	MRC TBD Mar 2021
Santa Cruz Harbor Salmon Fishing (FGC Petition #2016-018)	TBD																				
European Green Crab (FGC Petition #2017-006)	TBD																				
Wildlife Areas/Public Lands ⁴	TBD																				
Experimental Fishing Permit (EFP) Program (Phase II)	TBD																				
Possess Game / Process Into Food	TBD																				
American Zoological Association / Zoo and Aquarium Association	671.1																				
Night Hunting in Gray Wolf Range (FGC Petition #2015-010)	474																				
Shellfish Aquaculture Best Management Practices	TBD																				
Ban of Neonicotinoid Pesticides on Department Lands (FGC Petition #2017-008)	TBD																				
Commercial Pink Shrimp Trawl	120, 120.1, 120.2																				
Ridgeback Prawn Incidental Take Allowance	120(e)																				

KEY
 FGC = California Fish and Game Commission MRC = FGC Marine Resources Committee WRC = FGC Wildlife Resources Committee TC = FGC Tribal Committee
 EM = Emergency **EE = Emergency Expires** E = Anticipated Effective Date (**RED "X" = expedited OAL review**)
 N = Notice Hearing D = Discussion Hearing A = Adoption Hearing
 V = Vetting R = Committee Recommendation
 1 = FGC Petition #2018-005 2 = Includes FGC Petition 2019-020 3 = Includes FGC Petition #2018-008 4 = Includes FGC Petition #2018-003