

COMMITTEE STAFF SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 WRC

4. BEAR MANAGEMENT PLAN**Today's Item****Information** ☒**Action** ☐

Receive updates and discuss development of DFW's revised bear management plan.

Summary of Previous/Future Action

- Previous discussion May 19, 2022; WRC, Redding
- **Today's update and discussion Sep 15, 2022; WRC, Arcadia**

Background

DFW adopts management plans for a host of species under its jurisdiction, generally based on a determined need for large-scale planning and on available funding. Although FGC does not approve wildlife and inland fisheries management plans, the bear plan broadly guides bear management for the foreseeable future, including hunting regimes, human-wildlife conflict considerations, and other factors under FGC's authority.

DFW's *Black Bear Management Plan* has not been revised since 1998 and DFW is embarking on an update. Given the public's high level of interest and concern for bear populations, FGC has agreed to allow WRC meetings to be a venue for public discussion and input on the plan's revisions. Consequently, today DFW will provide a presentation (Exhibit 1) on the process for completing the update, plans for tribal outreach, and a preliminary outline for the updated plan.

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

1. [DFW presentation](#)

Committee Direction/Recommendation (N/A)

Revision of the Black Bear Conservation and Management Plan



Update to the Wildlife Resources Committee
California Fish and Game Commission
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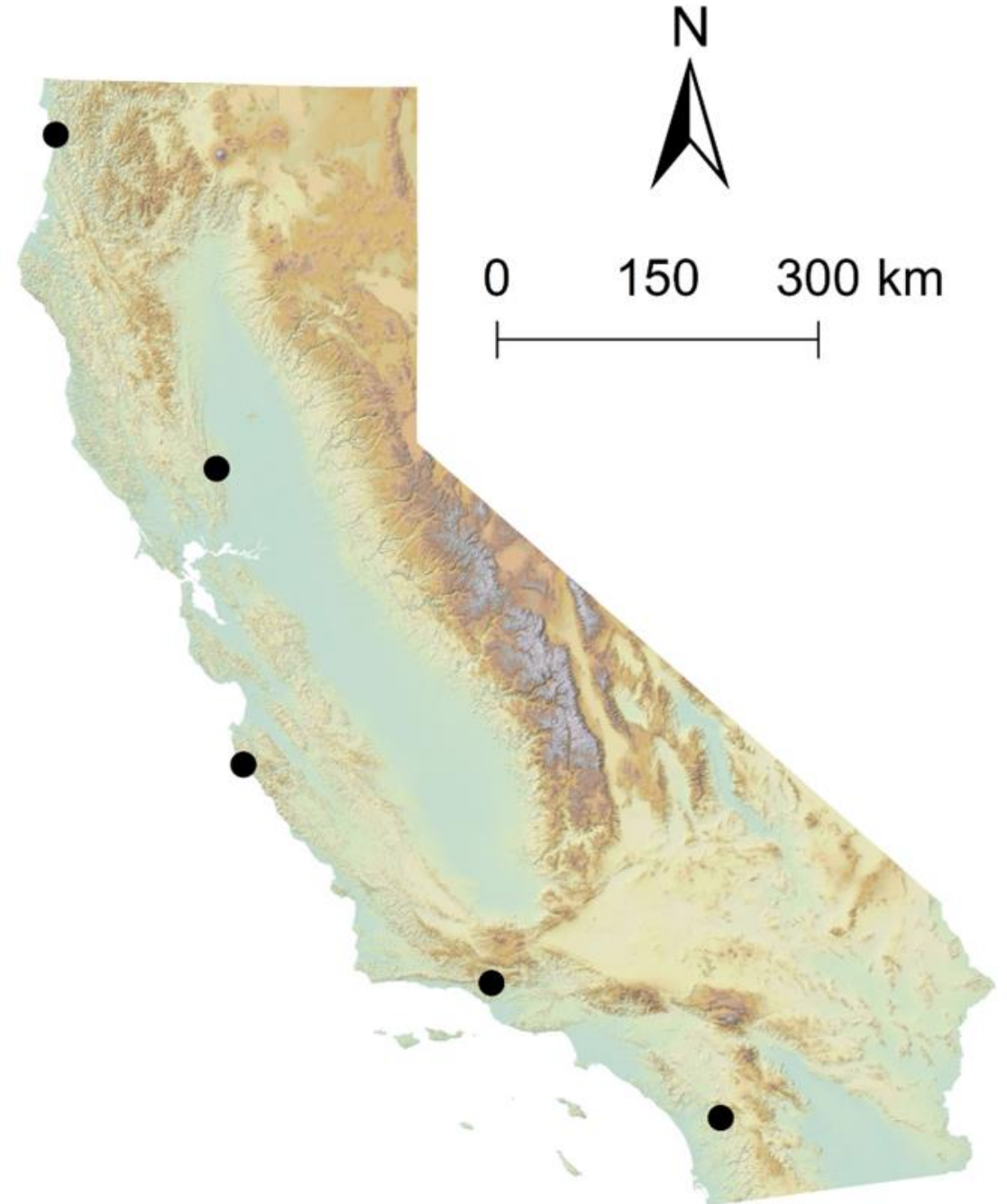
Steps taken towards drafting a revised Black Bear Conservation and Management Plan

1. Tribal notification and outreach
2. External peer review of the population modeling and monitoring approach
3. Technical Advisory Group within CDFW
4. Background research



Outreach to California Tribes

- ~300 notifications sent out on June 24, 2022
- 5 responses so far regarding consultation. We intend to follow up to get the word out about consultation.
- We are actively seeking input from Tribes for integrating into the Bear Plan Revision.



Draft Outline for the Revised Bear Plan

1. Executive summary
2. Purpose and legal framework
3. Summary of black bear biology and ecology
4. Conservation framework
5. Population modeling and monitoring
6. Other data for informing conservation and management
7. Adaptive management
8. Research, resources, and organizational support required for plan implementation

