

CA FISH AND WILDLIFE STRATEGIC VISION

WORKING GROUP SUMMARIES

August 2011

COMMUNICATIONS, EDUCATION & OUTREACH WORKING GROUP

Common Theme: Communications, outreach and public relations (A)

- Enhance communications, education and outreach (1)
- Improve Commission outreach (2)
- Education, communication, and relations with the public, landowners, nonprofit entities, and land management agencies (3)
- Recognize the conservation benefits of hunting and fishing (6b)
- Promote greater hunting and fishing opportunities (6b)
- Improving communication and partnerships (6a)

Common Theme: Education (B)

Common Theme: Partnership enhancement (relevant to all working groups) (F)

Common Theme: Enforcement (relevant to all working groups) (S)

Other:

- Diversity

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NATURAL RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP AND PROTECTION WORKING GROUP

Common Theme: Land resource management (C)

- Develop statewide land stewardship based upon resource needs (1)
- Adequacy of land management staffing and funding (5)
- Recognize the conservation benefits of hunting and fishing (6b)
- Improving regulatory structures while not undermining underlying protections (6a)
- Improving landscape-scale stewardship and resource protection (6a)

Common Theme: Water resource management (D)

- Develop strong water resource management program (1)
- Multiple processes affect DFG's activities in the Bay-Delta (5)
- Recognize the conservation benefits of hunting and fishing (6b)
- Improving regulatory structures while not undermining underlying protections (6a)
- Improving landscape-scale stewardship and resource protection (6a)

Common Theme: Marine resource management (E)

- Funding the Marine Life Protection Act over time (5)
- Improving regulatory structures while not undermining underlying protections (6a)
- Improving landscape-scale stewardship and resource protection (6a)

Common Theme: Partnership enhancement (relevant to all working groups) (F)

Common Theme: Sustainable resource management and public trust role (J)

- Develop a resource policy for California's fish and wildlife resources that assures resource sustainability (2)
- Fully implement the Commission's roles and responsibilities (2)
- Improving and enhancing capacity of the department and the commission to fulfill their public trust responsibilities to protect and manage the state's fish and wildlife for their ecological values and for the use and benefit of the people of the state (3)
- Comprehensive biodiversity management, including conservation planning and monitoring (3)
- Sustainable ecosystem functions, including terrestrial, freshwater, and marine habitat (3)
- Reforms necessary to take on the challenges of the 21st century, including, but not necessarily limited to climate change and adaptation, meeting California's future

renewable energy needs while protecting sensitive habitat, the restoration of the state's native fish species and implementing and updating the state's Wildlife Action Plan (3)

- DFG's renewable energy activity (5)
- Level of CEQA document (6c)

Common Theme: Enforcement (relevant to all working groups) (S)

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REGULATORY AND PERMITTING WORKING GROUP

Common Theme: Partnership enhancement (relevant to all working groups) (F)

Common Theme: Regulatory reform (G)

- Improve regulatory programs (1)
- Permitting, regulatory and enforcement functions (3)
- Coordination and collaboration between regulatory agencies to reduce cross-regulation (6c)
- State leadership (actionable planning; advance mitigation) (6c)
- Overlapping responsibilities with other agencies (6c)
- Reactive, project by project (6c)
- Lack of actionable planning (6c)
- Lack of permitting ability for “fully protected” (6c)
- Improving regulatory structures while not undermining underlying protections (6a)

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Common Theme: Recreation (K)

- Opportunities for sustainable recreational and commercial harvest of fish and wildlife (3)

Common Theme: Commercial Harvest (L)

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Common Theme: Permitting programs (M)

- Permitting regulatory and enforcement functions (3)
- Improving regulatory structures while not undermining underlying protections (6a)

Common Theme: Coordination among State agencies (P)

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- Coordination and collaboration between regulatory agencies to reduce cross-regulation (6c)
- State leadership (actionable planning; advance mitigation) (6c)
- Overlapping responsibilities with other agencies (6c)

Common Theme: Prioritization of multiple mandates (Q)

- Multitude of mandates and responsibilities, with no clear priorities (5)

Common Theme: Enforcement (relevant to all working groups) (S)

Other:

- Reorganization/clean-up of outdated and conflicting Fish & Game Code provisions (CA Law Revision Commission?)

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GOVERNANCE AND MISSION WORKING GROUP

Common Theme: Partnership enhancement (relevant to all working groups) (F)

Common Theme: Organizational flexibility, effectiveness and change (H)

- Enhance organizational vitality by focusing on employees and internal systems (1)
- Fully implement the Commission's roles and responsibilities (2)
- Improve the Commission's organizational effectiveness (2)
- Recommendations for institutional or governance changes, including clarification of the roles of the commission and the department (3)
- State leadership (actionable planning; advance mitigation) (6c)
- Reactive, project by project (6c)
- Lack of actionable planning (6c)

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Common Theme: Internal evaluation and external reporting of effectiveness (R)

- Planning and evaluation of DFG's activities (5)
- Ensuring a sustainable and transparent financing structure (6a)

Common Theme: Enforcement (relevant to all working groups) (S)

Common Theme: Commitment to Traditional Users (T)

- Maintain commitment to traditional users (6b)
- Promote greater hunting and fishing opportunities (6b)

Other:

- Organizational vitality
- Roles of the Fish and Game Commission and the Department of Fish and Game
- Program and fiscal accountability and transparency

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SCIENCE WORKING GROUP

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Common Theme: Science capacity and use of technology (I)

- Expand science capacity (1)
- Science capacity and academic relationships, including strategies to protect and enhance the independence and integrity of the science that forms the basis for department and commission policies and decisions (3)
- The development and deployment of technology to meet the department's mission, including the data modeling, collection, and online reporting (3)
- Scientific expertise on the Blue Ribbon Commission (4)
- Independent scientific review panel (4)
- Improving scientific capacity both human capacity and procuring better information (6a)

Common Theme: Academic relationships (N)

Common Theme: Enforcement (relevant to all working groups) (S)

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SUSTAINABLE FINANCING WORKING GROUP

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Common Theme: Fiscal/Funding flexibility and priorities (O)

- Budget and fiscal development, accounting, and management (3)
- Strategies for identifying stable funding options to fulfill the mission of the department while reducing dependency on the General Fund (3)
- Disconnect between funding structure and funding priorities (5)
- Funding the Marine Life Protection Act over time (5)
- Multiple fee-based funding sources make DFG's funding unnecessarily complex and inflexible (5)
- Opportunities to shift funding from the General Fund to fees (e.g. CESA and NCCP) (5)
- Staffing and flexibility to be innovative (6c)
- Future funding (6c)
- Resources to respond (6c)
- Recognize the financial benefits of hunting and fishing (6b)
- Increase funding from non-hunting and non-fishing interests (6b)
- Ensuring a sustainable and transparent financing structure (6a)

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Other:

- Flexibility
- Evaluation of existing fee structure
- Options to stabilize funding
- Program and fiscal accountability and transparency

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