

Staff Summary for April 17-18, 2024

8. Non-Regulatory Requests from Previous Meetings**Today's Item**Information Action

Consider and potentially act on requests for non-regulatory action received from members of the public at previous meetings.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

- Commission received requests February 14-15, 2024
- **Today potentially act on request April 17-18, 2024**

Background

Requests for non-regulatory action are received from members of the public under general public comment. All non-regulatory requests follow a two-meeting cycle to ensure proper review and thorough consideration of each item. All requests received in writing or public testimony during general public comment at the previous Commission meeting are scheduled for consideration at the next regular meeting. Referred non-regulatory requests are scheduled for action once the evaluation is completed and a recommendation made.

One non-regulatory request received in December is scheduled for action today. Exhibit 1 provides the staff recommendation and rationale, developed with input from the Department; see Exhibit 2 for individual request.

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

Commission staff: Adopt the staff recommendation for the non-regulatory request as reflected in Exhibit 1.

Exhibits

1. [Summary of non-regulatory request and staff recommendation for request scheduled for action, updated March 27, 2024](#)
2. [Email from Dr. Kerry Kriger, Founder, Executive Director, and Ecologist, SAVE THE FROGS!, received January 3, 2024](#)

Motion

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission adopts the staff recommendation for action on the non-regulatory request as reflected in Exhibit 1.

OR

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission does not adopt the staff recommendation for action on the non-regulatory request as reflected in Exhibit 1, for which the action is _____.

**California Fish and Game Commission
Non-Regulatory Requests for Action – Updated March 27, 2024**

CFGC - California Fish and Game Commission CDFW - California Department of Fish and Wildlife
WRC - Wildlife Resources Committee MRC - Marine Resources Committee

Date Received	Name of Requestor	Subject of Request	Short Description	Category	FGC Receipt Scheduled	FGC Initial Action Scheduled	Initial Staff Recommendation
1/3/2024	Kerry Kriger, Save the Frogs	American bullfrog import ban	Requests that CFGC place the recently adopted regulations [sic] concerning American bullfrog on the agenda for its next available meeting to allow for public address of questions, concerns, and clarification regarding implementation.	Wildlife	2/14-15/24	4/17-18/24	Staff is consulting with CDFW to formulate a plan for addressing the strategies approved by the Commission. Staff will report back to the Commission with a plan and timetable. No further action recommended at this time.

Written Comment For FGC WRC Meeting

Kerry Kriger [REDACTED]

Wed 01/03/2024 04:01 PM

To:FGC <FGC@fgc.ca.gov>

Dear FGC/WRC,
Please find my comments attached, to be made available to the Commissioners prior to the meeting/
Thank you!
Kerry



[Dr. Kerry Kriger](#)

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To The California Fish & Game Commission:

I would like to express my appreciation for the California Fish & Game Commission's recent decision to ban the importation and sale of American Bullfrogs, a significant step towards preserving California's native wildlife.

I am writing to request additional clarity regarding the timeline of this ban's implementation. Specifically, I seek to understand the exact date that the issuance of importation permits will cease (or has ceased if the cessation has already taken place).

Additionally, I would like to encourage the Commission to include a discussion on the American Bullfrog ban as an agenda item at the next FGC meeting. This would provide an opportunity to address any lingering questions and concerns from the public, and to further clarify the details of the implementation of the actions the Commission unanimously approved in December 2023.

Finally, I would like to raise a concern regarding the cutoff date for written public comments to be included in meeting materials. Currently, this cutoff is two weeks prior to the meetings. However, meeting agendas and accompanying materials are seldom available that far in advance, which makes meaningful participation challenging for concerned citizens. I kindly request that this process be reviewed to provide sufficient time for public engagement.

Once again, I commend the commissioners for their efforts to protect California's native wildlife.

Dr. Kerry Kriger
SAVE THE FROGS!
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January 3rd, 2024

