

## Staff Summary for April 16-17, 2025

**17. Non-Regulatory Requests from Previous Meetings (Wildlife and Inland Fisheries)****Today's Item**Information ☐Action ☒

Consider and potentially act on non-regulatory requests submitted by members of the public at previous meetings.

**Summary of Previous/Future Actions**

- Commission received requests February 12-13, 2025
- **Today potentially act on requests April 16-17, 2025**

**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. Non-regulatory requests that have been referred to staff, legal counsel, a committee, or the Department for review and recommendation are scheduled for action once a recommendation has been received.

Six non-regulatory requests received in February are scheduled for action today. Exhibit 1 provides the staff recommendations and rationales, developed with input from the Department.

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

**Commission staff:** Adopt the staff recommendations for the non-regulatory requests as reflected in Exhibit 1.

**Exhibits**

1. [Summary of non-regulatory requests and staff recommendations scheduled for action, updated April 1, 2025.](#)

**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 adopts the following action regarding the non-regulatory request: \_\_\_\_\_.

**California Fish and Game Commission**  
**Non-Regulatory Requests for Action — Updated April 1, 2025**

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
12/9/2024	Jim Cather	Commission authority	Requests an immediate halt to any "co-management, co-decision making, co-governance or similar agreements" with tribes and requests an investigation into the legality of such already-approved agreements	Admin	2/12-13/25	4/16-17/25	The Commission sees value in co-managment agreements to help leverage efficiencies, manage resources, and demonstrate tribal sovereignty and capacity. Co-management agreements are a priority explicitly authorized and encouraged in state statute. No action recommended.
1/10/2025	Jeanette Griffin	Update Fire Policy	Requests the Commission update the 30-year-old "Interim Joint Policy on Pre, During, and Post Fire Activities and Wildlife Habitat"	Wildlife	2/12-13/25	4/16-17/25	The California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection previously met with staff and CDFW staff to discuss potential updates to the Commission's and board's two joint forestry policies; board staff indicated a desire to first work internally on suggested changes and then re-engage with staff and CDFW. Staff will contact the board on progress made and potential timing for re-engagement.
1/23/2025	Doug Brown, Inyo County Fish and Wildlife Commission	Predator Management: Sierra Bighorn Sheep and Mule Deer	Requests the Commission's assistance in furthering Department involvement in developing a local group that would manage the impact of mountain lions on mule deer and Sierra bighorn sheep populations.	Wildlife	2/12-13/25	4/16-17/25	Staff has shared the request with CDFW. CDFW is reviewing the predator management plan and exploring other options to manage predators in the eastern Sierra Nevada. No action recommended.
1/27/2025	Andrew Raaf, Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District	Crotch's Bumble Bee	Requests to designate Crotch's bumble bee as a species of special concern to enable continued conservation efforts while further research is conducted.	Wildlife	2/12-13/25	4/16-17/25	CDFW has authority to designate "species of special concern," rather than the Commission. However, Crotch's bumblebee is a candidate for listing under the California Endangered Species Act and recieves protection from its status as such. No action recommended.
1/30/2025	Julie Ketler, Kelly Hot Spring Fish	Aquaculture Permit Amendment	Requests to be added to a Commission meeting agenda to add an exotic species to the hatchery's current inland aquaculture permit.	Wildlife	2/12-13/25	4/16-17/25	Authority for permitting land-based aquaculture, and amendments to such leases, lies with CDFW. The request has been shared with CDFW, and its staff is in communication with the permit holder. No further action recommended.
1/30/2025	Mark Remmert, Green Dot Bioplastics Inc.	Plant-based, Biodegradable Shotgun Shell Wads	Requests the Commission's support and provide potential contacts for sharing demonstration projects to highlight the benefits of eco-friendly shotgun shell wads for both waterfowl and non-hunted species.	Wildlife	2/12-13/25	4/16-17/25	Commission staff has passed the requester's information on to hunting organizations, which may have an interest in demonstration or pilot projects. No further action recommended.