

## Staff Summary for April 16-17, 2025

**3. Initial Private Lands Wildlife Habitat Enhancement and Management Area (PLM) Plans and Licenses (consent)****Today's Item**Information ☐Action ☒

Consider approving initial PLM plan and 2026-2029 license.

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

California Fish and Game Code subdivision 3402(a) states that an application for a wildlife habitat enhancement and management area license may be issued by the Department upon approval by the Commission; subdivision 3406(c) requires that the activities conducted pursuant to a private lands wildlife habitat enhancement and management (PLM) plan shall be reviewed annually by the Department and by the Commission at a public hearing. Licenses for such areas may be granted by the Commission for a period of five years following department review and approval of the management plan (Title 14, California Code of Regulations Section 601(a)).

The conditions for a PLM program provide incentives for landholders to manage their property for the benefit of fish and wildlife in exchange for access to increased recreational opportunities, such as hunting tags or extended seasons ("harvest program"). In return for a harvest program, the landholder must prepare a biologically-sound wildlife management plan and complete specific wildlife habitat improvements on the PLM property.

The Department has reviewed the initial management plan for one new property in Marin County consisting of approximately 692 acres (see exhibits 1 and 2). Habitat improvements accomplished under this plan will enhance and maintain wildlife resources on and around the PLM area. The goals and objectives stated in the management plan are compatible with Department management plans for appropriate species in this area and the Department finds they are in compliance with Commission regulations and policies for PLM licenses and plans.

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

**Commission staff:** Approve the initial PLM plan and license for 2025-2029 seasons under a motion to adopt the consent calendar.

**Department:** Approve the initial PLM license application, wildlife management plan, and proposed 2025-26 harvest program (consisting of a season, tags, and habitat improvements) under the conditions specified in Exhibit 2.

**Exhibits**

1. [Department memo, received April 3, 2025](#)
2. ["PLM Area License Initial Management Plan, 2025-2029 Proposed Seasons, Harvests, and Habitat Improvements," received April 3, 2025](#)

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**Motion**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ that the Commission adopts the staff recommendations for items 3-5 on the consent calendar.

# Memorandum

**Date:** March 27, 2025

**To:** Melissa Miller- Henson  
Executive Director  
Fish and Game Commission

**From:** Charlton H. Bonham  
Director

**Subject:** **Agenda Item for the April 16-17, 2025 Fish and Game Commission Meeting  
Private Lands Wildlife Habitat Enhancement and Management (PLM) Area  
Licenses**

California Fish and Game Code Section 3406(c) requires that the activities conducted pursuant to each Private Lands Wildlife Habitat Enhancement and Management Plan (PLM) shall be reviewed annually by the Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) and by the Fish and Game Commission (Commission) at a public hearing. Licenses for such areas may be granted by the Commission for a period of five (5) years following department review and approval of the management plan (Title 14, California Code of Regulations Section 601(a)).

The Department has reviewed the Initial management plan for 1 new property in 1 county consisting of approximately 692 acres and the 5-year renewals for 17 properties in 6 counties consisting of approximately 264,118 acres. Additionally, the Department has reviewed the annual reports for 40 properties in 12 counties consisting of approximately 398,336 acres.

The Department recommends that the Commission approve the wildlife management plans, applications, and each 2025/26 harvest program under conditions specified in the attached tables. Habitat improvements accomplished under these plans will enhance and maintain wildlife resources on and around the PLM areas. The goals and objectives stated in the management plans are compatible with Department management plans for appropriate species in these areas.

The remaining PLM areas will be submitted to the Commission for approval at the June 11-12 meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Victoria Barr at (916) 203-0567 or by email at [Victoria.barr@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Victoria.barr@wildlife.ca.gov).

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Attachment

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***PLM AREA LICENSE  
INITIAL MANAGEMENT PLAN, 2025-2029  
PROPOSED SEASONS, HARVESTS, AND HABITAT IMPROVEMENTS***

**BAY DELTA REGION**

<b>PLM Area</b>	<b>2025 Proposed Season and Harvest</b>	<b>Habitat Improvement Program</b>
JG Angus Ranch Deer Zone A Marin County 692 Acres	Authorized Harvest: 4 forked-horn or better buck deer  Issue 4 buck deer tags for the period of August 9, 2025, through September 21, 2025	Identify target locations for fawning area improvements in consultation with CDFW and implement at least 1 fawning area improvement.  Identify target locations for fencing modifications to improve deer movement to and from the ranch and plan to implement fencing improvement projects starting year 2.  Improve 1 spring for better wildlife access and water flow.  Habitat monitoring: Regularly monitor the effects of cattle management practices on deer habitat. Adjust strategies when feasible based on observed impacts and feedback from wildlife experts. An annual habitat monitoring strategy will be developed by the landowner in consultation with CDFW and may include setting up photo monitoring stations to track vegetation trends over time.