

Staff Summary for June 11-12, 2025

28. 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 April 16-17, 2025
- **Today potentially act on requests June 11-12, 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.

Three non-regulatory requests received in April 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 May 21, 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 May 21, 2025

CFGF - 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
3/24/2025	Mike Costello and Charles Whitwam, HOWL for Wildlife	California Endangered Species Act: Gray Wolf and Wolf Management	Requests the Commission support delisting gray wolf in California under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA). Also requests the Commission delist gray wolf under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA), update the Department's Gray Wolf Management Plan, authorize protocols that deter wolves from preying on livestock, identify the threat that habituated wolves present to humans and ecosystems, and develop a management strategy for wolves and Tule elk.	Wildlife	4/16-17/25	6/11-12/25	<p>ESA delisting: The Commission does not have the resources necessary to gather and evaluate the information for assessing whether to support federal delisting of gray wolf in California.</p> <p>CESA delisting: The requester has been advised that the Commission must receive a petition to delist gray wolf under CESA for the Commission to consider such action.</p> <p>Other requests: The remainder of the requests fall under Department authority; the requests have been shared with the Department. No further action recommended.</p>
2/11/2025	Steve Cole, Assistant General Manager, Santa Clarita Valley Water District	California Endangered Species Act: Southern California Steelhead	Requests Figure 7 in the 2024 Department status review report for southern California steelhead be corrected or a disclaimer added stating it should not be used for regulatory purposes; otherwise, the requestor believes confusion will persist.	Wildlife	4/16-17/25	6/11-12/25	Findings adopted by the Commission for the decision to list southern California steelhead directly addresses the identified concern (see page 8). No further action recommended.
4/4/2025	Mike Costello, HOWL for Wildlife	California Endangered Species Act: Mountain Lion	Requests that the Commission request from the Department a status review report on mountain lion for CESA purposes and to act immediately to make a final listing determination.	Wildlife	4/16-17/25	6/11-12/25	The Department will transmit the mountain lion status review report to the Commission when it determines the report is complete. When the Commission receives the report it will be posted for the required 30-day public review, and subsequently will be considered at the next available Commission meeting. No further action recommended.