

Staff Summary for October 8-9, 2025

15. California Waterfowlers Hall of Fame**Today's Item**Information ☐Action ☒

Commission recognition of newly inducted members of the California Waterfowlers Hall of Fame.

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

The California Waterfowlers Hall of Fame was established in 1999 to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to enhancing waterfowl and their habitats in California. In 2006, the Commission began formally recognizing inductees with a resolution.

A small group of interested waterfowlers was instrumental in establishing the Hall of Fame to honor the significant contributions and lasting achievements of biologists, academics and professors, federal and state administrators, legislators, sportsmen and sportswomen, agriculturalists, and other conservationists. The selection committee includes representatives from the California Waterfowl Association, Ducks Unlimited, Conservation Solutions, Gaines and Associates, University of California at Davis, National Audubon Society, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and the Department.

Inductees or their representatives will be presented with their resolutions by the California Waterfowl Association (exhibits 1-4). This year's inductees are Fritz Reid, Mike Passaglia, and Rex Carr.

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

Commission staff: Recognize this year's Waterfowlers Hall of Fame inductees with Commission resolutions.

Exhibits

1. [Resolution for Fritz Reid](#)
2. [Resolution for Mike Passaglia](#)
3. [Resolution for Rex Carr](#)

Motion

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission recognizes Fritz Reid, Mike Passaglia, and Rex Carr as the newest inductees to the California Waterfowlers Hall of Fame.

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RESOLUTION HONORING

Frederic A. Reid

WHEREAS, the Waterfowlers Hall of Fame was established in 2006 to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to enhancing waterfowl and their habitats in California; and

WHEREAS, many wildlife professionals have dedicated their life's work to management and research to conserve waterfowl and their habitats; and

WHEREAS, many sportsmen, sportswomen, and other conservationists have served a critical role in conserving waterfowl by preserving, restoring, and enhancing natural habitats, managing agricultural habitats with wildlife in mind, and implementing other land uses specifically designed to benefit waterfowl; and

WHEREAS, some sportsmen, sportswomen, and other conservationists have significantly benefited waterfowl by advocating legislation and other policies that provide needed resources for nesting and wintering waterfowl populations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Fish and Game Commission hereby recognizes the addition of Dr. Frederic "Fritz" A. Reid to the Waterfowlers Hall of Fame.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Fish and Game Commission recognizes Fritz's experience and involvement with waterfowl and wetlands for over 45 years, working with public agency conservation partners and private land managers, to conduct over 100 workshops and co-author more than 90 conservation manuscripts.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Fish and Game Commission further recognizes Fritz's successful research within Ducks Unlimited to help establish wetland complexes within the Central Valley and San Francisco Bay of California, as well as help map over 150 million acres of wetlands across Alaska.

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Michael A. Passaglia

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Fish and Game Commission hereby recognizes the addition of Michael A. Passaglia to the Waterfowlers Hall of Fame.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Fish and Game Commission recognizes Mike's experience and involvement with the Live Oak Gun Club, where he adopted forward-looking habitat management of the club's wetlands that brought a significant increase of waterfowl to the area, and was recognized for his contributions by Butte Sink Landowners Association for a number of years.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Fish and Game Commission further recognizes Mike's successful establishment of the C and P Duck Company, which controlled over 3,500 acres of wetlands and helped sports men, women and youth find places to enjoy their sport and promote retention in waterfowling.

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Rex Vernon Carr

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Fish and Game Commission hereby recognizes the addition of Rex Vernon Carr to the Waterfowlers Hall of Fame.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Fish and Game Commission recognizes Rex's experience and involvement in the development of fundamentals and marking drills for handling and training retrievers to maximize the dogs potential, making himself known as the father of modern retriever training.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Fish and Game Commission further recognizes Rex's successful research testing the first primitive electronic collars and refining their sophisticated and proper use, with his methods being the basis for almost every successful trainer in the U.S. today.

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