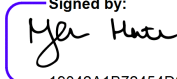


CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 20, 2026

To: Meghan Hertel, Director
Department of Fish and Wildlife

Signed by:

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From: Scott Gardner, Chief
Wildlife Branch

Subject: Big Game Management Account Advisory Committee membership update

The Big Game Management Account Advisory Committee (BGMAC) advises the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) on matters pertaining to the use of funds in the Big Game Management Account (BGMA). The BGMAC, defined in California Fish and Game Code (FGC) Section 3953(e), includes interested nonprofit organizations that have goals and objectives directly related to the management and conservation of big game species and primarily represent the interests of licensed hunters, and shall review and provide comments to the Department on all proposed projects funded from the BGMA to ensure that these requirements are met, improving accountability and transparency in the administration of funds derived from the sale of big game (bighorn sheep, black bear, deer, elk, and pronghorn antelope) hunting tags, including fundraising tags.

The Director shall determine the membership of the BGMAC based on the eligibility criteria set out in Fish and Game Code Section 3953(e). Eligible organizations interested in BGMAC membership may write to the Deputy Director, Wildlife and Fisheries Division, submitting a statement as to their eligibility at any time for consideration. When the Director approves an organization's membership to the BGMAC, the Department will follow up with written correspondence as to the membership decision. The Director may revoke an organization's BGMAC membership at any time.



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The current BGMAC membership identifies specific individuals within participating organizations. As roles change and membership fluctuates within these organizations the BGMAC membership list consequently becomes outdated. Going forward participating organizations of the BGMAC will be identified by organization and a representative title, rather than the organization and individual name to avoid the need for frequent revisions. The organizations in the table below have requested membership to the BGMAC.

Organization Name	Representative
Bill Gaines & Associates	President or their Designee
California Bowmen Hunters/State Archery Association	Legislative Director or their Designee
Backcountry Hunters and Anglers	Legislative Chair and Western Policy & Conservation Manager or their Designee
California Deer Association	CEO/Executive Director or their Designee
California Rifle and Pistol Association	Legislative Director or their Designee
California Wild Sheep Foundation	President of the Board or their Designee
California Houndsmen for Conservation	President or their Designee
HOWL for Wildlife	President/Founder or their Designee
Mendocino County Blacktail Association	President or their Designee
Mule Deer Foundation	Director of Conservation Operations or their Designee
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	Director of Government Affairs or their Designee
Safari Club International	Western State and Local Liaison or their Designee