

**Climate Change Activities within the Department of Fish and Game
Update for June 1, 2008 – July 1, 2008**

- **Director's Climate Change Task Force:**
 - The Task Force met on June 17th
 - The agenda focused on our efforts to meet the Climate Change Action Registry deadline, DFG vehicle/DGS strategy, DFG's climate change adaptation strategy for fish/wildlife, and a group discussion on carbon sequestration.
 - In addition, there were presentations on the increasingly important role of corridors and connectivity in a changing climate from Mary Orland, Ph.D. and an update from the Resource Agency on climate change activities.
- **Seminar on climate change and ecological resources in California (June 6):**

A joint climate change seminar was held by DFG and the CA Energy Commission, Public Interest Research (PIER) group. The workshop brought together nine different researchers to talk about the impacts of climate change specific to California.

 - The seminar was well attended with more than 95 participants in attendance and 35 participants on the web.
 - The seminar is available via WebEx on the DFG climate change intranet page as well as to the public on the DFG climate change internet page at <http://dfg.ca.gov/climatechange/activities.html> .
- **Workshop: Crafting a climate change adaptation strategy for fish and wildlife (June 13):**
 - This workshop included more than 60 participants (DFG 35 +).
 - Intended as a way to build on existing efforts to implement California's Wildlife Action Plan while incorporating a climate change context into the process.
 - Breakout groups based on bioregions identified in plan.
 - Asked participants to evaluate recommendations for each bioregion with a climate change lens to identify priorities that have a climate change nexus.
 - In addition, breakout group questions were formulated to help the Department address the Resource Agency effort to create a CA adaptation strategy this summer.
 - Next steps: summary of meeting for participant review, draft DFG CC priorities for use in the RA process over the summer as well as a framework that can be built on to continue to craft a meaningful adaptation plan for the Department.
 - In the fall there will be a follow up stakeholder meeting and the process will be opened up to include more DFG staff and stakeholders.
 - Special thanks to Armand Gonzales, Dale Steele, and Steve Schoenig for helping put the event together. Thanks to the Chiefs and Regional Managers for giving their staff time to attend and participate.
- **Climate change outreach to the regions**
 - Armand Gonzales provided a climate change briefing to the Region 1 and 5 all-staff meeting in May and June. The presentation included a short

climate change overview and information on the Department's efforts to address climate change.

- **Participation and Coordination with the Resource Agency:**
 - Climate Action Team (CAT) sub groups: Staff actively participates in these meetings and advises the state on factors relating to adaptation and mitigation for climate change effects on natural resources.
 - New CAT Team: DFG is a participant in the new CAT subgroup focused on Research
 - State-wide Adaptation Strategy: DFG's Climate Change Advisor is working closely with the Deputy Secretary for Climate Change and Energy to coordinate and participate in the Resource Agency's activities.

- **Web Resources:**
 - **DFG Climate Change Website:** (<http://dfg.ca.gov/climatechange/>)
 - Check out DFG's new Renewable Energy Web page at <http://dfg.ca.gov/habcon/energy/> .
 - WebEx of the Climate Change Seminar now available.
 - **DFG Intranet site: New Materials online:**
<http://dfgintranet/portal/BusinessOperations/BusinessServices/ClimateChangeResources/tabid/609/Default.aspx>
 - Monthly summaries of climate change activities now available (Feb-July)
 - WebEx of the Climate Change Seminar now available.