

## **Economic Impact Analysis**

### **Mountain Lion Carcass Possession, Section 251.4, Title 14, CCR**

#### **Creation or Elimination of Jobs Within the State, the Creation of New Businesses or the Elimination of Existing Businesses, or the Expansion of Businesses in California**

The Department estimates that only a small number of permits will be issued in any given year to individuals, nonprofit museums or educational institutions to display or use mountain lion carcasses for educational or scientific purposes. Since the effected parties are small and/or non-profit businesses the regulatory action is anticipated to generate only minor direct, indirect and induced economic impacts. The environmental education services provided are specific to California eco-systems, and thus not in competition with other states. It is therefore unlikely that the proposed regulation will have any measurable effect on the creation or elimination of jobs within the state, the creation of new businesses or the elimination of existing businesses, or the expansion of businesses in the state. In view of the small number of permits anticipated, the proposed regulation will not have a positive or negative effect on jobs or businesses in California.

#### **Benefits of the Regulation to the Health and Welfare of California Residents, Worker Safety, and the State's Environment:**

The Department does not anticipate any benefits to the health and welfare of California residents or to worker safety.

The regulation will benefit the potential permit holders by enabling them to possess and display mountain lion carcasses for educational purposes, or to use mountain lion carcasses for scientific research purposes. The proposed regulation will reduce the waste of mountain lion carcasses by allowing them to be displayed in venues such as museums and universities to draw attention to California's wildlife resources and natural history.

The Department anticipates benefits to the State's environment in that the display of mountain lion carcasses in museums and government-owned facilities open to the public will enable a better understanding by the public of mountain lions and their role in the ecosystem. The Department anticipates benefits to the State's environment though information gleaned from scientific research of mountain lion carcasses or parts.