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TO: County Clerks

Enclosed is a copy of the Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration prepared by the California Department of Fish and Game in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA Guidelines Section 15072(a)).

To provide the public with an opportunity to review and comment on the proposal contained in this document, please make it available for public review until September 20, 2007.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at the letterhead address or by telephone at (916) 445-3555.

Sincerely,

Craig Stowers for Eric Loft

Eric Loft, Chief
Wildlife Programs Branch

Enclosure

State of California – The Resources Agency
Fish and Game Commission

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT
AN INITIAL STUDY/NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROPOSED
INCREASE IN THE DAILY BAG LIMIT OF CANVASBACK DUCKS**

Date: August 22, 2007

To: Interested Agencies, Organizations, and Individuals

The California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) has directed the Department of Fish and Game (Department) to prepare an Initial Study and a proposed Negative Declaration for the proposed project. The Commission intends to adopt a Negative Declaration for the proposed project, in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines. The Commission is the lead agency for the proposed project under CEQA.

PROJECT LOCATION: Statewide

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT: The project is an increase in the daily bag limit for canvasback ducks from 1/day to 2/day during the statewide duck hunting season. The Commission establishes regulations for waterfowl hunting consistent with 'framework' regulations promulgated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. These framework regulations stipulate, among other things, the maximum daily bag limits for hunting. The Commission analyzed and certified an Environmental Document relative to changes in hunting regulations for 2007-2008 but an increase in the allowable limit for canvasbacks was not included in that analysis because the framework regulations were set after the review and comment period for that analysis.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The Initial Study/Negative Declaration is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 30 days, beginning August 22, 2007. Questions regarding the project should be directed to Dan Yparraguirre by email at dyparraguirre@dfg.ca.gov.

Written comments should be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 20, 2007. They may be sent by mailing, fax, or e-mail to the following address, and must include a contact name and mailing address:

Dan Yparraguirre, Waterfowl Environmental Coordinator
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California Department of Fish and Game
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Facsimile: (916) 445-4048

Copies of the Initial Study Negative Declaration may be reviewed online at:
www.dfg.ca.gov/wmd/waterfowlprogram.html or at the following locations during
normal business hours:

California Department of Fish and Game
1812 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

California Fish and Game Commission
1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Negative Declaration is proposed to be considered at a Fish and Game
Commission business meeting to be held:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2007
CROWNE PLAZA
CEDAR ROOM
45 John Glenn Drive
Concord, CA 94520-5604