

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2018

Meeting Time: 4:00 P.M.

Location: DER Conference Room, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Ste. C, Modesto (Stanislaus Building - 2nd floor)

AGENDA

Call Meeting to Order & Introductions:

The Stanislaus County *Fish & Wildlife Committee (F&WC)* encourages public participation and welcomes the public's interest.

Members of the public may be heard on any item of the Fish and Wildlife Committee's agenda. A person addressing the Committee will be limited to five (5) minutes, unless the Chairperson of the Committee grants a longer period of time. The Committee will allow comments by members of the public on an agenda item only during consideration of the item.

Requests for Funds & Project Updates:

1. No Fund Requests received

Correspondence:

1. Notice of Findings regarding the petition to list Cascades Frog as threatened – 10/23/17
2. Notification of Status Review for Cascades Frog – 11/13/17
3. Notice of proposed regulatory action relating to waterfowl regulations – 01/05/18
4. Notice of proposed regulatory action relating to Chinook Salmon sport fishing and Klamath River Basin sport fishing – 01/08/18

Agenda Items:

1. Public Comment(s)
2. Introduction of Attendees
3. 2017 Salmon Festival Update/Report – Alexandria Miranda
4. Elections for FW Committee Chairperson - effective January, 2018
5. Approval of October 26, 2017 Meeting Minutes
6. Approval of the 2018 Fish & Wildlife Meeting Calendar
7. Wildlife Management Report
8. Fishery Report
9. Wildlife Enforcement Report
10. Wood Duck Report
11. Old Business – Member packets and information
12. Committee Comments

Adjourn: Next meeting – Thursday, April 26, at 4:00 p.m.

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PARKS AND RECREATION
 Jami Aggers, Director
 Merry Mayhew, Asst. Director
 Ed Ayers, Chair

MINUTES

OCTOBER 26, 2017, AT 4:00 P.M.

3800 CORNUCOPIA WAY, 2ND FLOOR, CONFERENCE ROOM

(Agendas can be found online at <http://www.stancounty.com/parks/fish-wildlife-committee.shtm>)

COUNTY FISH & WILDLIFE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ed Ayers, D2
 Jim Atherstone, D3
 Bob Bashaw, D5
 Vernon Gladney, D1
 Kern Hunewill, D5
 Tom Sexton, D1
 Jason Guignard, D1
 (*present by telephone conference)

STATE FISH & GAME REPRESENTATIVE:

Capt. Phil McKay
 Joe Mello
 Tim Galas
 Ryan Detrick

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Cathy Gomez
 Ashley Garcia

EXCUSED/ABSENT:

Ed Channing, ALT
 Kenneth Meidl, D4

GUESTS PRESENT:

A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

Ed Ayers called the meeting to order. Introductions were made for all present at the meeting.

Ed Ayers

B. REQUESTS FOR FUNDS/PROJECT UPDATES

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. The request for funds received from Parks and Recreation on July 27, 2017, to plant fish at Woodward Reservoir for the Gary Dobyn's Challenge was denied. Denial of the request was based on the committee's by laws, specifically by law 13103-j, and the lack of a sustainable habitat for the fish.

*Ed Ayers, Jim Atherstone
 Cathy Gomez & Ashley Garcia,*

2. Ashley requested the committee's input regarding the timing in which the fish plant should occur for the Gary Dobyn's Challenge. The committee recommended planting the fish one month prior to the event. Committee members expressed interest to see the results after the tournament.

Ashley Garcia

3. Further discussion led to thoughts and suggestions for future habitat improvements, which included planting Christmas and willow trees as well as placing cement structures to provide hiding places for fish. The committee is open to approving funding for future habitat improvements and it was also suggested that improvements can be performed by Boy Scout members.

Jason Guignard

4. Ed discussed other projects the committee is involved in, such as, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which coordinates a fishing event for at risk youth.

Ed Ayers

C. CORRESPONDENCE	ACTIONS
The Committee acknowledged the correspondence received and suggested further action or comment be directed to the corresponding agency as listed on the agenda and referred correspondence.	<i>Ed Ayers</i>
D. PUBLIC COMMENTS	ACTIONS & REPORTER
No comment was received.	
E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES	ACTIONS
Jim motioned to accept the July 27 th meeting minutes and Tom seconded the motion	<i>Atherstone, Sexton</i>
F. WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT REPORT	ACTIONS & REPORTER
1. Capt. Phil McKay reported on an ongoing investigation regarding an elk that was killed in Merced County.	<i>Capt. Phil McKay</i>
2. Also reported were issues with beached commercial fishing vessels near the coast of San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties. The State Lands Commission is responsible for the removal; however, there is a lack of funding to remove the vessels. The Coast Guard does however remove all the fuels, batteries, gas, oils and pollutants. Anticipated funding is in the works to remedy the issue.	<i>Joe Mello</i>
G. FISHERY REPORT	ACTIONS & REPORTER
1. The Fall adult fish migration season is underway. As of October 25, 2017, there are over 1,700 fish in the Stanislaus River and 155 fish in the Tuolumne River. There were over 5,000 fish in Stanislaus River and approximately 1,000 in Tuolumne River during this time last year. Although there is not as many fish as last year, the Merced River is releasing water and reports have been received of fish in the San Joaquin and Merced Rivers as well as in other river spills.	<i>Ryan Detrick</i>
Water flow is high in the Stanislaus River, but there is no spawning yet. Last year there was over 14,000 fish that spawned in the Stanislaus River and over 3,000 in the Tuolumne River. Reservoirs are full and it's likely that any early rain will put the rivers into flood control.	
Water flow is down at the Tuolumne River which may account for the lower amount of fish; however, fish in the Tuolumne tend to come in later than in the Stanislaus River. If there is a lot of water coming down the Stanislaus and Merced rivers, fish will tend to migrate to those rivers versus the Tuolumne. For the last few years rivers mostly contain hatchery fish that stray from the Sacramento Basin. It is difficult to determine how many generations pass before the hatchery fish adapt to the river. Good out migration was experienced last year with all the water, which could lead to higher returns in future years.	
2. The Salmon Festival is November 11, 2017 in Knights Ferry.	
H. WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT REPORT	REPORTER
1. No big cases to report for Stanislaus County.	<i>Capt. Phil McKay</i>
2. There are several dairy cases in the works. One dairy was recently fined \$5,000 with 5 years probation. The second case is still in litigation.	<i>Ryan Detrick</i>

I. WOOD DUCK REPORT**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

Stanislaus County Fish and Wildlife is officially out of the wood duck program. All the boxes and ladders are now in the possession of the California Waterfowl Association. River Partners took 12 boxes for their program.

Ed Ayers

Ed attempted to connect Caroline Brady from the California Waterfowl Association and Tim Holt in hopes that they can establish a working partnership. The intent is to facilitate the process of obtaining help with the surveillance of the wood duck boxes in the Spring from students of California State University, Stanislaus. If student help is obtained, there is a possibility the committee will receive mileage reimbursement requests.

Ed is not yet aware of future plans for the wood duck boxes; however, he encouraged those that are interested in helping with this effort to do so.

J. OLD BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE COMMENTS**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

1. The committee accepted Tom Sexton and Kern Hunewill as official committee members. The members have submitted the proper forms and application for membership. Member packets with committee information were distributed to all members in attendance.

Ed Ayers

2. Ashely Garcia provided an update on the feedback received from placing the fish planting surveys on Facebook. The resounding comments and suggestions are to plant more fish at the reservoirs.

Ashley Garcia

3. Phil was recognized and presented with a plaque for his many years of work and service to the Fish and Wildlife Committee.

Cathy Gomez

K. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Fish and Wildlife Committee will be held on:

Thursday, January 25, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.
Conference Room, 2nd Floor - Stanislaus Bldg.
 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto

Prepared By: Lisa Velarde & Adrienne Rios, Fish & Wildlife Secretaries 209-525-6700

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Fish & Wildlife Committee Meeting Calendar

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January
01: New Year's Day
15: M L King Day
25: Fish & Wildlife Meeting
February
14: Valentine's Day
19: Presidents' Day
March
30: Good Friday
April
01: Easter Sunday
26: Fish & Wildlife Meeting
May
13: Mother's Day
28: Memorial Day
June
17: Father's Day
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04: Independence Day
26: Fish & Wildlife Meeting
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03: Labor Day
October
08: Columbus Day
31: Halloween
25: Fish & Wildlife Meeting
November
11: Veterans Day
22: Thanksgiving Day
December
25: Christmas Day

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October 23, 2017

TO ALL AFFECTED AND INTERESTED PARTIES:

This is to provide you with a Notice of Findings regarding the petition to list Cascades frog as threatened or endangered under the California Endangered Species Act. This notice will be published in the California Regulatory Notice Register on October 27, 2017.

Sincerely,

Sheri Tiemann
Associate Governmental Program Analyst

Attachment

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CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION NOTICE OF FINDINGS

Cascades Frog (*Rana cascadae*)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2074.2 of the Fish and Game Code, the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission), at its October 11, 2017, meeting in Atascadero, California, accepted for consideration the petition submitted to list Cascades frog (*Rana cascadae*) as a threatened or endangered species. Pursuant to subdivision (e)(2) of Section 2074.2 of the Fish and Game Code, the Commission determined that the amount of information contained in the petition, when considered in light of the Department of Fish and Wildlife's (Department) written report, the comments received, and the remainder of the administrative record, would lead a reasonable person to conclude there is a substantial possibility the requested listing could occur.

Based on that finding and the acceptance of the petition, the Commission is also providing notice that the aforementioned species is a candidate species as defined by Section 2068 of the Fish and Game Code.

Within one year of the date of publication of this notice of findings, the Department shall submit a written report, pursuant to Section 2074.6 of the Fish and Game Code, indicating whether the petitioned action is warranted. Copies of the petition, as well as minutes of the October 11, 2017 Commission meeting, are on file and available for public review from the agency representative, Valerie Termini, Executive Director, Fish and Game Commission, 1416 Ninth Street, Room 1320, Sacramento, California 95814, phone (916) 653-4899. Written comments or data related to the petitioned action should be directed to the Commission at the aforementioned address.

Fish and Game Commission

October 17, 2017

Valerie Termini
Executive Director



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November 13, 2017

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF STATUS REVIEW FOR CASCADES FROG

To whom it may concern:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) has initiated a status review of the Cascades Frog (*Rana cascadae*) pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 2074.6 and is providing this notice pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 2074.4 to solicit data and comments on the petitioned action from interested and affected parties.

The Department has initiated this status review following the Fish and Game Commission's (Commission) decision to accept for consideration the petition to list the species under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) at its October 11, 2017 meeting. Having provided public notice (Cal. Reg. Notice Reg. 2017, No. 43-Z, pp. 1633-1634; Fish & G. Code, § 2074.2), the Cascades Frog is now a candidate species under CESA. As a candidate species, the Cascades Frog receives the same legal protection afforded to an endangered or threatened species (Fish & G. Code, § 2085).

The Department has 12 months to review the petition, evaluate the available information, and report back to the Commission whether or not the petitioned action is warranted. (Fish & G. Code, § 2074.6.) The Department's recommendation must be based on the best scientific information available to the Department (Fish & G. Code, § 2074.6.).

Anyone with data or comments on the Cascades Frog's ecology, genetics, life history, distribution, abundance, habitat, the degree and immediacy of threats to reproduction or survival, adequacy of existing management, and recommendations for management of the species, is hereby requested to provide such data or comments to:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Attn: Laura Patterson
1812 9th Street
Sacramento, California 95811
wildlifemgt@wildlife.ca.gov

Please submit two hard copies if submitting by surface mail. If submitting by email, please include "Cascades Frog" in the subject heading.

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Responses and information received by **December 22, 2017**, will be evaluated for incorporation in the Department's final report to the Commission. The Department's written report will indicate, based on the best scientific information available, whether the Department concludes that the petitioned action is warranted or not warranted. Receipt of the report will be placed on the agenda for the next available meeting of the Commission after delivery. The report will be made available to the public at that time. Following receipt of the Department's report, the Commission will allow a 30-day public comment period prior to taking any action on the Department's recommendation.

As a candidate species, the Cascades Frog receives the same legal protection afforded to an endangered or threatened species under the California Endangered Species Act (Fish & G. Code, § 2085). Research on Cascades Frog requires appropriate permits issued pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 2081(a). Detection information on Cascades Frogs should be sent to the California Natural Diversity Data Base at <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Data/CNDDDB/Submitting-Data>.

Interested researchers or anyone with questions may contact Laura Patterson at 916-341-6981 or at the email or address above.

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January 5, 2018

This is to provide you with a copy of the notice of proposed regulatory action relative to Amending section 502, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, relating to waterfowl regulations, which is published in the California Regulatory Notice Register on January 5, 2018.

Please note the dates of the public hearings related to this matter and associated deadlines for receipt of written comments.

Additional information and all associated documents may be found on the Fish and Game Commission website at <http://www.fgc.ca.gov/regulations/>.

Melanie Weaver, Senior Environmental Scientist, Department of Fish and Wildlife at (916) 445-3717, has been designated to respond to questions on the substance of the proposed regulations.

Sincerely,


Jon D. Snellstrom

Associate Governmental Program Analyst

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TITLE 14. Fish and Game Commission
Notice of Proposed Changes in Regulations

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fish and Game Commission (Commission), pursuant to the authority vested by Sections 202 and 355 of the Fish and Game Code and to implement, interpret or make specific Sections 202, 355, and 356 of said Code, proposes to amend Section 502, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, relating to Waterfowl regulations.

Informative Digest/Policy Statement Overview

Current regulations in Section 502, Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR), provide definitions, hunting zone descriptions, season opening and closing dates, and establish daily bag and possession limits for waterfowl hunting.

California, and other states, must set its waterfowl hunting regulations within the federal Frameworks. The Frameworks for the 2018-19 season have been approved by the Flyway Councils and will be considered for adoption at the United States Fish and Wildlife Service Regulation's Committee meeting on October 17-18, 2017. The proposed Frameworks allow for a liberal duck season which includes a 107 day season, 7 daily duck limit including 7 mallards but only 2 hen mallards, 2 pintails, 2 canvasbacks, 2 redheads, and 3 scaup (during an 86 day season). Duck daily bag limit ranges, duck season length ranges and goose season length ranges have been provided to allow the Commission flexibility. Lastly, Federal regulations require that California's hunting regulations conform to those of Arizona in the Colorado River Zone and with those of Oregon in the North Coast Special Management Area. Based on the Frameworks, the Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) provides an annual recommendation to the Commission.

The Department's recommendations are as follows:

1. Create the Klamath Basin Special Management Area in subsection 502(b)6. This change will cause the renumbering of subsequent special management areas in this section.
2. Allow the white-fronted goose season to be split into three segments in the Northeastern California Zone subsection 502(d)(1)B.

Minor editorial changes are also proposed to clarify and simplify the regulations and to comply with existing federal Frameworks.

Non-monetary benefits to the public

The Commission does not anticipate non-monetary benefits to the protection of public health and safety, worker safety, the prevention of discrimination, the promotion of fairness or social equity, and the increase in openness and transparency in business and government.

Evaluation of incompatibility with existing regulations

The Commission has reviewed its regulations in Title 14, CCR, and conducted a search of other regulations on this topic and has concluded that the proposed amendments to Section 502 are neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing State regulations. No other State agency has the authority to promulgate waterfowl hunting regulations.

Summary of Proposed Waterfowl Hunting Regulations for 2018-19			
AREA	SPECIES	SEASONS	DAILY BAG & POSSESSION LIMITS
Statewide	Coots & Moorhens	Concurrent w/duck season	25/day. 75 in possession
Northeastern Zone <i>Season may be split for Ducks, Pintail, Canvasback, Scaup, Dark Geese and White Geese. White geese and dark geese may be split 3-ways.</i>	Ducks	Between 38 & 105 days	[4-7]/day, which may include: [3-7] mallards no more than [1-2] females. 2 pintail, 2 canvasback, 2 redheads, 3 scaup. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
	Scaup	86 days	
	Geese	No longer than 105 days	30/day, which may include: 20 white geese, 10 dark geese, no more than 2 Large Canada geese. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone <i>Season may be split for Ducks, Pintail, Canvasback and scaup</i>	Ducks	Between 38 & 105 days	[4-7]/day, which may include: [3-7] mallards no more than [1-2] females. 2 pintail, 2 canvasback, 2 redheads, 3 scaup. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
	Scaup	86 days	
	Geese	Between 38 & 105 days	30/day, which may include: 20 white geese, 10 dark geese. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
Southern California Zone <i>Season may be split for Ducks, Pintail, Canvasback and Scaup</i>	Ducks	Between 38 & 100 days	[4-7]/day, which may include: [3-7] mallards no more than [1-2] females. 2 pintail, 2 canvasback, 2 redheads, 3 scaup. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
	Scaup	86 days	
	Geese	No longer than 100 days	23/day, which may include: 20 white geese, 3 dark geese. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
Colorado River Zone <i>Season may be split for Ducks, Pintail, Canvasback and Scaup</i>	Ducks	101 days	[4-7]/day, which may include: [3-7] mallards no more than [1-2] females or Mexican-like ducks. 2 pintail, 2 canvasback, 2 redheads, 3 scaup. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
	Scaup	86 days	
	Geese	101 days	24/day, up to 20 white geese, up to 4 dark geese. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
Balance of State Zone <i>Season may be split for Ducks, Pintail, Canvasback, Scaup and Dark and White Geese.</i>	Ducks	Between 38 & 100 days	[4-7]/day, which may include: [3-7] mallards no more than [1-2] females. 2 pintail, 2 canvasback, 2 redheads, 3 scaup. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
	Scaup	86 days	
	Geese	Early Season: 5 days (Canada goose only) Regular Season: no longer than 100 days Late Season: 5 days (whitefronts and white geese)	30/day, which may include: 20 white geese, 10 dark geese. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS	SPECIES	SEASON	DAILY BAG & POSSESSION LIMITS
North Coast <i>Season may be split</i>	All Canada Geese	105 days except for Large Canada geese which cannot exceed 100 days or extend beyond the last Sunday in January.	10/day, only 1 may be a Large Canada goose. Possession limit triple the daily bag. Large Canada geese are closed during the Late Season.
Humboldt Bay South Spit (West Side)	All species	Closed during brant season	
Klamath Basin (NEW)	Dark and white geese	105 days except for Large Canada geese which cannot exceed 100 days or extend beyond the last Sunday in January.	30/day, which may include: 20 white geese, 10 dark geese only 2 may be a Large Canada goose. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
Sacramento Valley	White-fronted geese	Open concurrently with general goose season through Dec 21	3/day. Possession limit triple the daily bag.

Morro Bay	All species	Open in designated areas only	Waterfowl season opens concurrently with brant season.
Martis Creek Lake	All species	Closed until Nov 16	
Northern Brant	Black Brant	Open Nov 8 extending for 37 days	2/day. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
Balance of State Brant	Black Brant	Open Nov 9 extending for 37 days	2/day. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
Imperial County <i>Season may be split</i>	White Geese	Up to 103 days	20/day. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS	(NOTE: To participate in these Youth Waterfowl Hunts, federal regulations require that hunters must be 17 years of age or younger and must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult 18 years of age or older.)		
	SPECIES	SEASON	DAILY BAG & POSSESSION LIMITS
Northeastern Zone	Same as regular season	The Saturday fourteen days before the opening of waterfowl season extending for 2 days.	Same as regular season
Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone	Same as regular season	The Saturday following the closing of waterfowl season extending for 2 days.	Same as regular season
Southern California Zone	Same as regular season	The Saturday following the closing of waterfowl season extending for 2 days.	Same as regular season
Colorado River Zone	Same as regular season	The Saturday following the closing for waterfowl season extending for 2 days.	Same as regular season
Balance of State Zone	Same as regular season	The Saturday following the closing of waterfowl season extending for 2 days.	Same as regular season
FALCONRY OF DUCKS	SPECIES	SEASON	DAILY BAG & POSSESSION LIMITS
Northeastern Zone	Same as regular season	Between 38 and 105 days	3/day. Possession limit 9
Balance of State Zone	Same as regular season	Between 38 and 107 days	3/day. Possession limit 9
Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone	Same as regular season	Between 38 and 107 days	3/day. Possession limit 9
Southern California Zone	Same as regular season	Between 38 and 107 days	3/day. Possession limit 9
Colorado River Zone	Same as regular season	105 days	3/day. Possession limit 9

Benefits of the regulations

The benefits of the proposed regulations are consistency with federal law and the sustainable management of the State's waterfowl resources. Positive impacts to jobs and/or businesses that provide services to waterfowl hunters will be realized with the continued adoption of waterfowl hunting seasons in 2018-19.

Consistency and Compatibility with State Regulations

The Fish and Game Commission, pursuant to Fish and Game Code Sections 200, 202 and 203, has the sole authority to regulate hunting in California. Commission staff has searched the California Code of Regulations and has found no other agency with the authority to regulate the waterfowl hunting in California. Therefore the Commission has determined that the proposed amendments are neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing State regulations.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that any person interested may present statements, orally or in writing, relevant to this action at a hearing to be held in the Resources Building, Auditorium, First Floor, 1416 Ninth Street Sacramento, California, on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 8:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that any person interested may present statements, orally or in writing, relevant to this action at a hearing to be held in Four Points by Sheraton Ventura Harbor

Resort, 1050 Schooner Drive, Ventura, California, on Thursday, April 19, 2018, at 8:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. It is requested, but not required, that written comments be submitted on or before 5 p.m. on April 5, 2018 at the address given below, or by email to FGC@fgc.ca.gov. Written comments mailed, or emailed to the Commission office, must be received before 12:00 noon on April 13, 2018. All comments must be received no later than April 19, 2018, at the hearing in Ventura, California. If you would like copies of any modifications to this proposal, please include your name and mailing address.

Availability of Documents

The Initial Statement of Reasons, text of the regulations, as well as all related documents upon which the proposal is based (rulemaking file), are on file and available for public review from the agency representative, Valerie Termini, Executive Director, Fish and Game Commission, 1416 Ninth Street, Box 944209, Sacramento, California 94244-2090, phone (916) 653-4899. Please direct requests for the above mentioned documents and inquiries concerning the regulatory process to Valerie Termini or Jon Snellstrom at the preceding address or phone number.

Melanie Weaver, Senior Environmental Scientist, (916) 445-3717, has been designated to respond to questions on the substance of the proposed Waterfowl hunting regulations. Copies of the Notice of Proposed Action, the Initial Statement of Reasons, and the text of the regulation in underline and strikeout can be accessed through our website at <http://www.fgc.ca.gov>.

Availability of Modified Text

If the regulations adopted by the Commission differ from but are sufficiently related to the action proposed, they will be available to the public for at least 15 days prior to the date of adoption. Circumstances beyond the control of the Commission (e.g., timing of Federal regulation adoption, timing of resource data collection, timelines do not allow, etc.) or changes made to be responsive to public recommendation and comments during the regulatory process may preclude full compliance with the 15-day comment period, and the Commission will exercise its powers under Section 202 of the Fish and Game Code. Regulations adopted pursuant to this section are not subject to the time periods for adoption, amendment or repeal of regulations prescribed in Sections 11343.4, 11346.4 and 11346.8 of the Government Code. Any person interested may obtain a copy of said regulations prior to the date of adoption by contacting the agency representative named herein.

If the regulatory proposal is adopted, the final statement of reasons may be obtained from the address above when it has been received from the agency program staff.

Impact of Regulatory Action/Results of the Economic Impact Assessment

The potential for significant statewide adverse economic impacts that might result from the proposed regulatory action has been assessed, and the following initial determinations relative to the required statutory categories have been made:

- (a) Significant Statewide Adverse Economic Impact Directly Affecting Businesses, Including the Ability of California Businesses to Compete with Businesses in Other States:

The proposed action will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

The proposed regulations would provide additional recreational opportunity to the public and could result in minor increases in hunting days and hunter spending on equipment, fuel, food and accommodations.

- (b) Impact 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 California; Benefits of the Regulation to the Health and Welfare of California Residents, Worker Safety, and the State's Environment:

The Commission does not anticipate any impacts on the creation or elimination of jobs, the creation of new business, the elimination of existing businesses or the expansion of businesses in California. The proposed waterfowl regulations will set the 2018-19 waterfowl hunting season dates and bag limits within the federal Frameworks. Little to minor positive impacts to jobs and/or businesses that provide services to waterfowl hunters may result from the proposed regulations for the waterfowl hunting season in 2018-19.

The most recent U.S. Fish and Wildlife national survey of fishing, hunting, and wildlife associated recreation for California (2016 data has not been released as of October 2017), estimated that migratory bird hunters contributed about \$169,115,000 to businesses in California during the 2011 migratory bird hunting season. The impacted businesses are generally small businesses employing a few individuals and, like all small businesses, are subject to failure for a variety of causes. Additionally, the long-term intent of the proposed regulations is to sustainably manage waterfowl populations, and consequently, the long-term viability of these same small businesses.

The Commission anticipates benefits to the health and welfare of California residents. Hunting provides opportunities for multi-generational family activities and promotes respect for California's environment by the future stewards of the State's resources. The Commission anticipates benefits to the State's environment by the sustainable management of California's waterfowl resources. The Commission does not anticipate any impacts to worker safety because the proposed amendments will not affect working conditions.

- (c) Cost Impacts on a Representative Private Person or Business:

The Commission is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

- (d) Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State: None.

- (e) Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies: None.

- (f) Programs Mandated on Local Agencies or School Districts: None.

- (g) Costs Imposed on Any Local Agency or School District that is Required to be Reimbursed Under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4, Government Code: None.

- (h) Effect on Housing Costs: None.

Effect on Small Business

It has been determined that the adoption of these regulations may affect small business. The Commission has drafted the regulations in Plain English pursuant to Government Code Sections 11342.580 and 11346.2(a)(1).

Consideration of Alternatives

The Commission must determine that no reasonable alternative considered by the Commission, or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the Commission, would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed, would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action, or would be more cost effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

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TO ALL INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES:

This is to provide you with a copy of the notice of proposed regulatory action relative to subsections (b)(5), (b)(68), and (b)(156.5) of Section 7.50, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, relating to Central Valley Chinook Salmon sport fishing, which will be published in the California Regulatory Notice Register on January 12, 2018.

Please note the dates of the public hearings related to this matter and associated deadlines for receipt of written comments.

Additional information and all associated documents may be found on the Fish and Game Commission website at <http://www.fgc.ca.gov/regulations/2018/index.aspx>.

Roger Bloom, Environmental Program Manager, Department of Fish and Wildlife, has been designated to respond to questions on the substance of the proposed regulations. Mr. Bloom can be reached at (916) 445-3777 or Roger.Bloom@wildlife.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Rick Pimentel
Associate Governmental Program Analyst

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TITLE 14. Fish and Game Commission Notice of Proposed Changes in Regulations

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fish and Game Commission (Commission), pursuant to the authority vested by sections: 200, 205, 265, 270, 315, 316.5, and 399 of the Fish and Game Code and to implement, interpret or make specific sections 200, 205, 265, 270, and 316.5 of said Code, proposes to amend subsections (b)(5), (b)(68), and (b)(156.5) of Section 7.50, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, relating to Central Valley Chinook Salmon Sport Fishing Regulations.

Informative Digest/Policy Statement Overview – Inland Fisheries

The current, 2017, sport fishing regulations prescribe seasons and daily bag and possession limits for Chinook Salmon fishing in the American, Feather and Sacramento rivers. The Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) is recommending new Chinook Salmon bag and possession limits in the American, Feather, and Sacramento rivers for the 2018 season.

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) is responsible for adopting recommendations for the management of recreational and commercial ocean salmon fisheries in the Exclusive Economic Zone (three to 200 miles offshore) off the coasts of Washington, Oregon, and California. When approved by the Secretary of Commerce, these recommendations are implemented as ocean salmon fishing regulations by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

The PFMC will develop the annual Pacific coast ocean salmon fisheries regulatory options for public review at its March 2018 meeting and develop the final PFMC regulatory recommendations for adoption by NMFS at its April 2018 meeting.

Based on the action taken by NMFS and the recommendation of the Department, the Commission will adopt bag and possession limits for the American, Feather, and Sacramento rivers which may increase or decrease the current Chinook Salmon bag and possession limits based on the PFMC salmon abundance estimates and recommendations for ocean harvest for the coming season.

Benefits of the Regulations

The proposed regulation will provide benefits to the environment. Adoption of scientifically based Central Valley Chinook Salmon bag and possession limits provides for the maintenance of sufficient populations of Chinook Salmon to ensure their continued existence. Other benefits of the proposed regulations are concurrence with federal law, sustainable management of the Central Valley Chinook Salmon resources, general health and welfare of California residents and promotion of businesses that rely on Central Valley Chinook Salmon sport fishing.

Consistency and Compatibility with State Regulations

Article IV, Section 20 of the State Constitution specifies that the Legislature may delegate to the Commission such powers relating to the protection and propagation of fish and game as

pursuant to this section are not subject to the time periods for adoption, amendment or repeal of regulations prescribed in Sections 11343.4, 11346.4, 11346.8, and 11347.1 of the Government Code. Any person interested may obtain a copy of said regulations prior to the date of adoption by contacting the agency representative named herein.

If the regulatory proposal is adopted, the final statement of reasons may be obtained from the address above when it has been received from the agency program staff.

Impact of Regulatory Action/Results of the Economic Impact Assessment

The potential for significant statewide adverse economic impacts that might result from the proposed regulatory action has been assessed, and the following initial determinations relative to the required statutory categories have been made:

- (a) Significant Statewide Adverse Economic Impact Directly Affecting Businesses, Including the Ability of California Businesses to Compete with Businesses in Other States:

The proposed action will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. The proposed changes are necessary for the continued preservation of the resource and, therefore, the prevention of adverse economic impacts.

- (b) Impact 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 California; Benefits of the Regulation to the Health and Welfare of California Residents, Worker Safety, and the State's Environment:

The Commission does not anticipate any significant impacts on the creation or elimination of jobs, the creation of new business, the elimination of existing businesses or the expansion of businesses in California. The minor variations in the bag and possession limits as may be established in the regulations are, by themselves, unlikely to impact business.

The Commission anticipates benefits to the health and welfare of California residents. Providing opportunities for a Chinook Salmon sport fishery encourages consumption of a nutritious food. The Commission anticipates benefits to the environment by the sustainable management of California's Chinook Salmon resources.

The Commission does not anticipate any non-monetary benefits to worker safety.

Other benefits of the proposed regulations are concurrence with federal law and promotion of businesses that rely on Central Valley Chinook Salmon sport fishing.

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TO ALL INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES:

This is to provide you with a copy of the notice of proposed regulatory action relative to subsection (b)(91.1) of Section 7.50, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, relating to Klamath River Basin sport fishing, which will be published in the California Regulatory Notice Register on January 12, 2018.

Please note the dates of the public hearings related to this matter and associated deadlines for receipt of written comments. Additional information and associated documents may be found on the Fish and Game Commission website at <http://www.fgc.ca.gov/regulations/2018/index.aspx>.

Wade Sinnen, Senior Environmental Scientist, Department of Fish and Wildlife, has been designated to respond to questions on the substance of the proposed regulations. Mr. Sinnen can be reached by telephone at (707) 822-5119 or by email at Wade.Sinnen@wildlife.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Associate Governmental Program Analyst

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Informative Digest/Policy Statement Overview

The Klamath River Basin, which consists of the Klamath River and Trinity River systems, is managed through a cooperative system of State, federal, and tribal management agencies. Salmonid regulations are designed to meet natural and hatchery escapement needs for salmonid stocks, while providing equitable harvest opportunities for ocean sport, ocean commercial, river sport and tribal fisheries.

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) is responsible for adopting recommendations for the management of sport and commercial ocean salmon fisheries in the Exclusive Economic Zone (three to 200 miles offshore) off the coasts of Washington, Oregon, and California. When approved by the Secretary of Commerce, these recommendations are implemented as ocean salmon fishing regulations by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

The Commission adopts regulations for the ocean salmon sport (inside three miles) and the Klamath River Basin sport fisheries which are consistent with federal fishery management goals.

Two tribal entities within the Klamath River Basin, the Hoopa Valley Tribe and the Yurok Tribe, maintain fishing rights for ceremonial, subsistence and commercial fisheries that are managed consistent with federal fishery management goals. Tribal fishing regulations are promulgated by the Hoopa and Yurok tribes.

For the purpose of PFMC mixed-stock fishery modeling and salmon stock assessment, salmon greater than 22 inches are defined as adult salmon (ages 3-5) and salmon less than or equal to 22 inches are defined as grilse salmon (age 2).

Klamath River Fall-Run Chinook Salmon

Adult Klamath River fall-run Chinook Salmon (KRFC) harvest allocations and natural spawning escapement goals are established by the PFMC. The KRFC harvest allocation between tribal and non-tribal fisheries is based on court decisions and allocation agreements between the various fishery representatives.

All proposed closures for adult KRFC are designed to ensure sufficient spawning escapement in the Klamath River Basin and equitably distribute harvest while operating within annual allocations.

Klamath River Spring-Run Chinook Salmon

The Klamath River Basin also supports Klamath River spring-run Chinook Salmon (KRSC). Naturally produced KRSC are both temporally and spatially separated from KRFC in most cases.

anglers do not exceed established subquota targets.

Current Sport Fishery Management

The KRFC in-river sport harvest allocation is divided into geographic areas and harvest is monitored under real time subquota management. KRSC in-river sport harvest is managed by general season, daily bag limit, and possession limit regulations.

The Department presently differentiates the two stocks by the following dates:

Klamath River

1. January 1 through August 14 - General Season KRSC.
For purposes of clarity, daily bag and possession limits apply to that section of the Klamath River downstream of the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec to the mouth.
2. August 15 to December 31 - KRFC quota management.

Trinity River

1. January 1 through August 31 – General Season KRSC.
For purposes of clarity, daily bag and possession limits apply to that section of the Trinity River downstream of the Old Lewiston Bridge to the confluence with the South Fork Trinity River.
2. September 1 through December 31 – KRFC quota management.

The daily bag and possession limits apply to both stocks within the same sub-area and time period.

Due to the extremely small quota, take and possession of adult and grilse KRFC was prohibited in 2017.

Proposed Changes

Because PFMC recommendations are not known at this time, a range (shown in brackets in the text below) of bag and possession limits, which encompass historical quotas, is being proposed for the 2018 KRFC fishery in the Klamath and Trinity rivers. The final KRFC bag and possession limits will align with the final federal regulations to meet biological and fishery allocation goals specified in law or established in the PFMC Salmon Fishery Management Plan, otherwise harvest opportunities may be reduced in the California ocean fisheries.

If the full closure of the fall salmon fishing season is deemed necessary again for 2018, the no change alternative provides this option.

The proposed open seasons and range of bag and possession limits for KRFC stocks are as follows:

KRFC QUOTA MANAGEMENT: Seasons, Bag and Possession Limits

For public notice requirements, the Department recommends the Commission consider an allocation range of 0 – 67,600 adult KRFC in the Klamath River Basin for the river sport fishery.

This recommended range encompasses the historical range of the Klamath River Basin allocations and allows the PFMC and Commission to make adjustments during the 2018 regulatory cycle.

As in previous years, no retention of adult KRFC is proposed for the following areas, once the

4,800 fish. Daily bag and possession limits specified for fall-run Chinook Salmon apply during this exception.

No changes are proposed for the general (KRSC) opening and closing season dates, and bag, possession and size limits.

Other changes are proposed for clarity and consistency.

Benefits of the Proposed Regulations

It is the policy of this State to encourage the conservation, maintenance, and utilization of the living resources of the ocean and inland waters under the jurisdiction and influence of the State for the benefit of all the citizens of the State. In addition, it is the policy of this State to promote the development of local California fisheries in harmony with federal law respecting fishing and the conservation of the living resources of the ocean and inland waters under the jurisdiction and influence of the State. The objectives of this policy include, but are not limited to, the maintenance of sufficient populations of all species of aquatic organisms to ensure their continued existence and the maintenance of a sufficient resource to support a reasonable sport use. Adoption of scientifically-based Klamath River Basin salmon seasons, size limits, and bag and possession limits provides for the maintenance of sufficient populations of salmon to ensure their continued existence.

The benefits of the proposed regulations are conformance with federal law, sustainable management of Klamath River Basin fish resources, health and welfare of California residents and promotion of businesses that rely on sport salmon fishing in the Klamath River Basin.

Consistency and Compatibility with Existing Regulations

The proposed regulations are neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing State regulations. The Legislature has delegated authority to the Commission to promulgate sport fishing regulations (Sections 200, 205, 315, and 316.5, Fish and Game Code). The Commission has reviewed its own regulations and finds that the proposed regulations are neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing State regulations. Commission staff has searched the California Code of Regulations and has found no other State regulations related to sport fishing in the Klamath River Basin.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that any person interested may present statements, orally or in writing, relevant to this action at a hearing to be held in the Resources Building Auditorium, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, California, on Thursday, February 8, 2018, at 8:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that any person interested may present statements, orally or in writing, relevant to this action at a teleconference originating in the Fish and Game Commission conference room, 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1320, Sacramento, California, on Thursday, April 12, 2018, at 8:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. It is requested, but not required, that written comments be submitted on or before 5:00 p.m. on March 29, 2018, at the address given below, or by email to FGC@fgc.ca.gov. Written comments mailed, or emailed to the Commission office, must be received before 12:00 noon on April 6, 2018. All comments must be received no later than April 12, 2018, at the teleconference hearing. If you would like copies of any modifications to this proposal, please include your name and mailing address.

are necessary for the continued preservation of the resource and therefore the prevention of adverse economic impacts.

- (b) Impact 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 California; Benefits of the Regulation to the Health and Welfare of California Residents, Worker Safety, and the State's Environment:

The proposed regulations to reopen the KRFC fishery for 2018 range from no fishing of adult KRFC to a 2016 KRFC season structure. The Commission anticipates positive impact on the creation or elimination of jobs in California. The potential positive employment impacts range from 0 to 45 jobs. The Commission anticipates positive impacts on the creation, elimination or expansion of businesses in California from increased revenues to the approximately 30 businesses that serve sport fishing activities. The impacted businesses are generally small businesses employing few individuals and, like all small businesses, are subject to success or failure for a variety of causes. Additionally, the long-term intent of the proposed action is to increase sustainability in fishable salmon stocks and, consequently promoting the long-term viability of these same small businesses.

The Commission anticipates benefits to the health and welfare of California residents. Providing opportunities for a salmon sport fishery encourages a healthy outdoor activity and the consumption of a nutritious food.

The Commission anticipates benefits to the environment by the sustainable management of California's salmonid resources.

The Commission does not anticipate any benefits to worker safety because the proposed action does not affect working conditions.

Other benefits include concurrence with federal regulation and promotion of businesses that rely on salmon sport fishing in the Klamath River Basin.

- (c) Cost Impacts on a Representative Private Person or Business: The Commission is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.
- (d) Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State: If bag and possession limits are increased, the Department may have an increase in salmon card sales revenue estimated up to \$88,550. The Commission does not anticipate any costs or savings in federal funding to the State.
- (e) Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies: If the KRFC fishery is reopened for 2018, it may result in increased visits and angler spending in the Klamath River Basin area; local governments' sales, motor fuel and transient occupancy taxes may increase by as much as \$138,000, and state and local income taxes may increase by as much as \$431,724.
- (f) Programs Mandated on Local Agencies or School Districts: None.