Staff Summary, Meeting of December 11, 2013

Following is a summary of the subject meeting as prepared by staff. A record of the meeting may be obtained from www.cal-span.org.

Pursuant to the call of the President, the Fish and Game Commission met at the Hilton San Diego Mission Valley, 901 Camino del Rio South, San Diego, California on December 11, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by President Sutton.

FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

Michael Sutton President Present
Richard Rogers Vice President Present
Jim Kellogg Member Present
Jack Baylis Member Absent
Jacque Hostler-Carmesin Member Present

Persons present:

COMMISSION STAFF

Sonke Mastrup Executive Director
Adrianna Shea Deputy Executive Director
Mary Brittain Administrative Assistant
Sherrie Fonbuena Analyst
Caren Woodson Analyst

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Christopher Ames Senior Assistant Attorney General

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Chuck Bonham Director
Dan Yparraguirre Deputy Director, Wildlife and Fisheries Division
Jordan Traverso Deputy Director, Office of Communications, Education and Outreach
Mike Carion Deputy Director, Law Enforcement Division
Thomas Gibson General Counsel
Craig Shuman Regional Manager, Marine Region
The following persons were present and heard:

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President Sutton introduced members of the Commission, its staff, Department of Fish and Wildlife Directorate and Christopher Ames of the Attorney General’s Office.

ITEMS WERE TAKEN OUT OF ORDER BUT ARE SHOWN IN NUMERICAL ORDER IN THIS SUMMARY.

1. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION’S 2014 RULEMAKING CALENDAR
Executive Director Mastrup provided a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed rulemaking calendar. Received public testimony.

MOVED BY R. ROGERS, SECONDED BY J. KELLOGG, THAT THE FISH AND GAME COMMISSION HEREBY ADOPTS THE PROPOSED RULEMAKING CALENDAR FOR 2014.
AYES: J. HOSTLER-CARMESIN, J. KELLOGG, R. ROGERS, M. SUTTON.
ABSENT: J. BAYLIS.
MOTION PASSED.

2. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO DEPARTMENT LANDS REGULATIONS (SECTIONS 550, 550.5, 551, 552, 553, 630, AND 703, TITLE 14, CCR)
Received the Department’s update from Eric Loft. Received public testimony.
3. **REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF COMMISSION INTENT TO AMEND MAMMAL HUNTING REGULATIONS (SECTIONS 360, 361, 362, 363, AND 364, TITLE 14, CCR)**

Received the Department’s review of the mammal hunting proposals from Eric Loft. No public testimony.

_Moved by J. Kellogg, seconded by R. Rogers, that the Fish and Game Commission hereby authorizes its staff to publish notice of commission intent to amend the mammal hunting regulations in sections 360, 361, 362, 363 and 364, Title 14, CCR._

_Ayes: J. Hostler-Carmesin, J. Kellogg, R. Rogers, M. Sutton._

_Absent: J. Baylis._

_Motion passed._

4. **DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO COMMERCIAL MARKET SQUID TWO-TON INCIDENTAL TAKE FISHING REGULATIONS (SECTION 149 AND SUBSECTION 149.1(a), TITLE 14, CCR)**

Received the Department’s PowerPoint presentation from Briana Brady. Marine Regional Manager Shuman provided additional information. Received public testimony.

5. **REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF COMMISSION INTENT TO AMEND KLAMATH RIVER SALMON FISHING REGULATIONS (SUBSECTION 7.50(b)(91.1), TITLE 14, CCR)**

Received the Department’s PowerPoint presentation from Stafford Lehr. Received public testimony.

_Moved by R. Rogers, seconded by M. Sutton, that the Fish and Game Commission hereby authorizes staff to publish notice of its intent to amend the Klamath/Trinity River sport fishing regulations as proposed by the Department with the addition of the following two options: a year round closure of the spit and closure of the spit when 15 percent of the lower Klamath River quota has been taken as presented by Mr. Huber._

_Ayes: J. Hostler-Carmesin, J. Kellogg, R. Rogers, M. Sutton._

_Absent: J. Baylis._

_Motion passed._

6. **REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF COMMISSION INTENT TO AMEND OCEAN SALMON SPORT FISHING REGULATIONS (SECTION 27.80, TITLE 14, CCR)**

(A) _APRIL 2014 AND OCEAN SALMON POSSESSION LIMIT CHANGE (SUBSECTIONS 27.80(c) AND (e), TITLE 14, CCR)_

Received the Department’s PowerPoint presentation from Barry Miller. No public testimony.
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MOVED BY J. KELLOGG, SECONDED BY R. ROGERS, THAT THE FISH AND GAME COMMISSION HEREBY AUTHORIZES STAFF TO PUBLISH NOTICES OF ITS INTENT TO AMEND THE OCEAN SALMON SPORT FISHING REGULATIONS.
AYES:  J. HOSTLER-CARMESIN, J. KELLOGG, R. ROGERS, M. SUTTON.
ABSENT:  J. BAYLIS.
MOTION PASSED.

7. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF COMMISSION INTENT TO ESTABLISH PACIFIC HALIBUT AUTO-CONFORMANCE REGULATIONS (SECTION 28.20, TITLE 14, CCR)
Received the Department’s PowerPoint presentation from Marci Yaremko. No public testimony.

MOVED BY R. ROGERS, SECONDED BY M. SUTTON, THAT THE FISH AND GAME COMMISSION HEREBY AUTHORIZES STAFF TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF COMMISSION INTENT TO AMEND SECTION 28.20, TITLE 14, CCR, REGARDING THE RECREATIONAL PACIFIC HALIBUT FISHERY AUTOCONFORMANCE REGULATIONS.
AYES:  J. HOSTLER-CARMESIN, J. KELLOGG, R. ROGERS, M. SUTTON.
ABSENT:  J. BAYLIS.
MOTION PASSED.

8. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF COMMISSION INTENT TO AMEND MARINE PROTECTED AREAS REGULATIONS – CLEAN-UP PACKAGE (SECTION 632, TITLE 14, CCR)
Received the Department’s PowerPoint presentation on proposed amendments and the Master Plan from Tom Mason. Craig Shuman explained that there had been some concerns regarding the Elkhorn Slough SMR changes at Kirby Park and indicated that the item could be withdrawn from the package. Received public testimony.

MOVED BY R. ROGERS, SECONDED BY J. KELLOGG, THAT THE FISH AND GAME COMMISSION HEREBY AUTHORIZES STAFF TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF ITS INTENT TO AMEND THE MARINE PROTECTED AREAS REGULATIONS AS PRESENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT INCLUDING THE DISCUSSED CHANGES AS FOLLOWS:  WITHDRAW THE REQUEST TO ADJUST THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF ELKHORN SLough SMR TO ALLOW SHORE FISHING AT KIRBY PARK AND TO ADD CLARIFYING LANGUAGE FOR TRANSITTING THROUGH MPAS WITH SPEAR FISHING GEAR.
AYES:  J. KELLOGG, R. ROGERS, M. SUTTON.
ABSENT:  J. BAYLIS, J. HOSTLER-CARMESIN.
MOTION PASSED.
## Consent Items

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**Moved by R. Rogers, seconded by M. Sutton, that the Fish and Game Commission hereby adopts the consent calendar, Items 9-14.**

**Ayes:** J. Kellogg, R. Rogers, M. Sutton.

**Absent:** J. Baylis, J. Hostler-Carmesin.

**Motion passed.**

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<td>(A) Adoption/ratification of commission findings regarding the acceptance of the petition to list the northern spotted owl (Strix occidentalis caurina) as a threatened or endangered species (pursuant to Section 2074.2 of the Fish and Game Code)</td>
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Executive Director Mastrup provided a review of the issue. Received public testimony.

**Moved by R. Rogers, seconded by M. Sutton, that the Fish and Game Commission hereby adopts findings regarding decision adding northern spotted owl to the list of candidate species under CESA.**
AYES:  J. HOSTLER-CARMESIN, R. ROGERS, M. SUTTON.
NOES:  J. KELLOGG.
ABSENT:  J. BAYLIS.
MOTION PASSED.

(B) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUEST BY CALIFORNIA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION FOR COMMISSION ADOPTION OF EMERGENCY REGULATION AUTHORIZING INCIDENTAL TAKE OF THE NORTHERN SPOTTED OWL (Strix occidentalis caurina) DURING CANDIDACY PERIOD (PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 240 AND 2084 OF THE FISH AND GAME CODE)
Executive Director Mastrup provided a review of the issue. Received public testimony. CA Forestry Association verbally retracted their petition at the meeting.

No further action required by the Commission.

16. ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION
Senior Assistant Attorney General Ames reported there was nothing to report. No public testimony.

17. COMMISSION STAFF REPORT FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION
(A) RECOMMENDATIONS ON ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM PRIOR MEETINGS
There were no recommendations.

(B) PREVIEW OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND MEETING LOGISTICS
Executive Director Mastrup reported on the following items to be scheduled for the February meeting. No public testimony.
  • Election of President and Vice President
  • Committee Elections
  • Receipt of White Shark status report
  • Receipt of Gray Wolf Status Report
  • Tribal Consultation Informational rollout

(C) WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
I. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF DRAFT AGENDA
Executive Director Mastrup reported that the Wildlife Resources Committee meeting was scheduled on January 15, 2014, at Van Nuys State Office Building Auditorium, in Van Nuys. Commission approved the draft agenda as proposed. No public testimony.

(D) NEW BUSINESS
There was no new business. No public testimony.
18. DEPARTMENT INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

(A) DIRECTOR’S REPORT
Director Bonham reported on the following issues: Strategic Vision recommendations, highlighted the Department’s progress of information management and technology, Science Symposium, appointment of a tribal liaison within the Office of the General Counsel, and process of advertising for a full time attorney assigned to the Fish and Game Commission Office. No public testimony.

(B) UPDATE ON CA LAW REVISION PROCESS
Executive Director Mastrup reported that the California Law Revision office would provide an update at the February 5, 2014, Commission meeting. No public testimony.

(C) WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES DIVISION AND ECOSYSTEM CONSERVATION DIVISION
Deputy Director Yparraguirre reported that Bill Clark, a retired Department employee had recently passed away.

  I. CALIFORNIA HATCHERY SCIENTIFIC REVIEW PANEL MEETING
  Received an update from Stafford Lehr. He reported that a workshop had been scheduled for February 4, 2014, at the Department of Consumer Affairs Building in Sacramento. No public testimony.

(D) LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
Lt. Mike Ference reported on the local fishing and hunting seasons and success rates and two significant cases involving failure to complete log books and a commercial fisherman operating with a revoked license. No public testimony.

(E) MARINE
  I. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE LOBSTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGARDING THE LOBSTER FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN
  Received the Department’s PowerPoint update from Kristine Barsky. Received public testimony.

  II. UPDATE ON DUNGENESS CRAB PETITION
  Received the Department’s update from Craig Shuman. He reported a task force meeting was scheduled for April 2014. Received public testimony.

(F) ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT – MARINE AQUACULTURE
Received the Department’s update from Randy Lovell. No public testimony.

(G) OTHER
There was no report. No public testimony.

19. OTHER INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

(A) LEGAL COUNSEL
There was no report. No public testimony.

(B) FEDERAL AGENCIES
I. RECEIPT OF PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL NOVEMBER 2013 DECISION SUMMARY DOCUMENT
Diane Windham provided information regarding the merger of regions, reorganization updates, and that someone would be designated to attend Commission meetings. No public testimony.

20. PUBLIC FORUM
Received public testimony from the following individuals: Robert Williams, Volker Hoehne, David Pierce, Chris Voss, Cheri Jacobs Aspenleiter, Josh Chatten-Brown, Paul Weakland, Michelle Clemente, Ray Heimstra, John Leek, Mike McCorkle, Jim Drost, and David Johnson.

THE FISH AND GAME COMMISSION HEREBY DEFERS THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR ANALYSIS IN THE NEXT SPORT FISH REGULATORY PACKAGE: ADD THE REQUEST FOR DOUBLE DAILY TAKE FOR FRESHWATER SALMON, REQUEST TO PUNCH CARDS FOR RECREATIONAL TAKE OF DUNGENESS CRAB AND CHINOOK.

THE FISH AND GAME COMMISSION ALSO REQUESTED TO FOLLOW UP ON THE SCULPIN NEARSHORE BYCATCH PERMIT ISSUE AND CHILDREN’S POOL.

2014 FISH AND GAME COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE
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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
(NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC)

PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 11126(a)(1)  
AND (e)(1), AND SECTION 309 OF THE FISH AND GAME CODE, THE COMMISSION  
WILL MEET IN CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION. THE PURPOSE OF THIS EXECUTIVE  
SESSION IS TO CONSIDER:

A.  **PENDING LITIGATION TO WHICH THE COMMISSION IS A PARTY**
I. BIG CREEK LUMBER COMPANY AND CENTRAL COAST FOREST ASSOC. vs. CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION RE: COHO LISTING, SOUTH OF SAN FRANCISCO.

II. JAMES BUNN AND JOHN GIBBS vs. CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION RE: SQUID PERMITS.

III. CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY vs. CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION AND DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME RE: PACIFIC FISHER.

IV. UNITED ANGLERS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA; COASTSIDE FISHING CLUB; AND ROBERT C. FLETCHER vs. CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION RE: SOUTH COAST STUDY REGION AND NORTH CENTRAL COAST STUDY REGION MARINE PROTECTED AREAS UNDER THE MARINE LIFE PROTECTION ACT.

V. CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND EARTH ISLAND INSTITUTE vs. FISH AND GAME COMMISSION ADOPTING EMERGENCY REGULATION TO AUTHORIZE INCIDENTAL TAKE OF THE BLACK-BACKED WOODPECKER DURING CANDIDACY PERIOD.

B. POSSIBLE LITIGATION INVOLVING THE COMMISSION

C. STAFF PERFORMANCE AND COMPENSATION

D. RECEIPT OF HEARING OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS ON LICENSE AND PERMIT ITEMS

There being no further business, the Fish and Game Commission meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.