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Fish and Game Commission



May 21, 2014

The Honorable Connie Conway
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3104
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Honorable Conway:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding hunting permits for non-profit and service club fundraising and the possibility of creating a special use designation for such purposes. Your request will be considered by the Fish and Game Commission (Commission) at its meeting in Fortuna on June 4, 2014 at the River Lodge Conference Center. (Agenda attached)

As you know, there are two types of hunt "club" permits identified in state law, the commercial hunt club and the licensed game bird club. The Commission has very limited authority related to commercial hunt clubs, but more flexibility and authority for licensed game bird clubs; in the case of the latter, a special use permit could potentially be created for one- or two-day events, but would require a rulemaking process to enact regulations.

Staff anticipates that there will likely be support from the Commission for your suggestion. However, given the Commission's current workload and the amount of effort required to generate regulations, we shared with Randy Parreira of the Pixley Lions Club that it will be important for the group to step forward and champion this change in conjunction with other, similarly-situated clubs in California.

Commission staff can assist Mr. Parreira and his club in understanding the process for developing and shepherding proposed regulations. My staff understands that Department of Fish and Wildlife staff who have been working with the Pixley Lions Club on its annual pheasant hunt may potentially be able to assist in such a process as well.

Thank you again for your letter and suggestion. If you have any questions, please contact me at the letterhead address or phone number.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Sonke Mastrup". The signature is fluid and cursive, extending across the width of the page.

Sonke Mastrup
Executive Director

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Attachment

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