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Dear Honorable Tribal Leaders,

The California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) is announcing the beginning of its process to develop a Tribal Consultation Policy. In the spirit of Governor Brown's Executive Order B-10-11, we support effective government to government consultation between the Commission and Tribes on policies that affect California Tribal communities.

In order to strengthen communication and collaboration between the Commission and California Federally Recognized Tribes and Tribal Communities, the Commission will create a Tribal Committee as one of the working committees within the Commission.

It is our desire that the development of this consultation process include dialogue, direction and input from Tribal Leaders as part of our planning process. This announcement will be made at the February 5, 2014 Commission meeting in Sacramento. That meeting agenda is attached and the announcement may be viewed live that day on our website: www.fgc.ca.gov.

The Commission is the constitutionally created state regulatory agency with responsibilities that include:

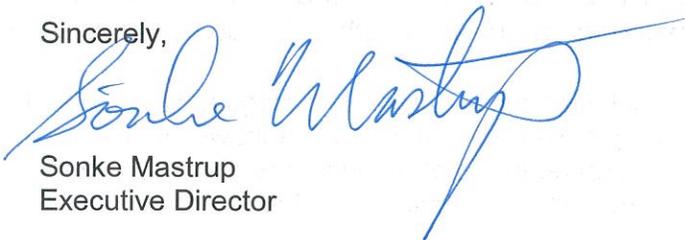
- Formulation of general policies for the conduct of the Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Seasons, bag and possession limits and methods of take for game animals, sport fishing and some commercial fishing
- Controlling non-native species importation, possession, sale
- Establishing protected lands/waters (marine protected areas, wildlife areas and ecological reserves)
- Regulating uses of various protected areas
- Listing and delisting of threatened/endangered species under CA Endangered Species Act
- Accepting mitigation lands on behalf of the state
- Leasing state water-bottom for shellfish cultivation
- Leasing kelp beds for harvest
- Authorizing terms and conditions for Private Lands Management Program
- Assuming a quasi-judicial role in considering appeal hearings for revocation or suspension of licenses and permits.

- Prescribing terms and conditions for issuance, suspension, revocation of most licenses/permits issued by the Department: Commercial/recreational fishing, hunting, hunting/fishing guide, falconry, raptor capture, game bird club, trapping, fur agent/dealer, restricted species, aquaculture registration, game breeders, fallow deer farming, nuisance bird abatement, domesticated migratory game bird shooting area, game bird club, native reptile propagation, wild animal care, wild animal exhibitor, Association of Zoos and Aquaria, and detrimental species

The initial goal of the Tribal Committee will be the development of draft Tribal Consultation Policy language that will ultimately be adopted by the full Commission and supported by California Tribes. We hope you will be able to participate in this important process. We look forward to continuing to strengthen the relationship among Tribal Governments, the Commission and to further the informed decision making in managing our shared natural resources.

If you have any questions about this process or the development of the Consultation Policy and Tribal Committee, please contact Deputy Director Adrianna Shea at 916-653-4899 or Adrianna.Shea@fgc.ca.gov

Sincerely,



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