

Memorandum

Date: March 26, 2015

To: Sonke Mastrup
Executive Director
Fish and Game Commission

From: Charlton H. Bonham
Director

Subject: **Agenda Item for the April 8-9, 2015 Fish and Game Commission Meeting Regarding Request to Amend Division 1, Subdivision 2 and Sections 353 and 475, Repeal Section 355, and Add Section 250.1, Title 14, California Code of Regulations.**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) is submitting the attached Pre-adoption Statement of Reasons Re: Prohibition on the Use of Lead for the Take of Wildlife with Firearms, to the Fish and Game Commission (Commission) to indicate that 65 public comments have been received as of March 19, 2015 and no additional regulatory changes have been made since the public notice of the Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR).

The Department's proposal strives to balance the statutory requirements and deadlines of Fish and Game Code Section 3004.5 with the complex relationship between ammunition production, retail availability, and consumer demand. The regulatory proposal accounts for the availability of nonlead rifle and shotgun ammunition during the first three years of the transition, and as compared to any earlier phase-in, provides ammunition manufacturers more time to meet the increased demand for nonlead ammunition.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Craig Stowers, Program Manager, Game Species Conservation Program, at (916) 445-3553, or by email at Craig.Stowers@wildlife.ca.gov.

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