

## STAFF SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 4-5, 2015

**37. 5-YEAR PLM LICENSE AND PLAN (CONSENT)****Today's Item**Information Action 

Approve the new 5-year Private Lands Wildlife Habitat Enhancement and Management (PLM) Area management plans, applications, and 2015 harvest programs for four properties.

**Summary of Previous/Future Actions (N/A)****Background**

DFW has reviewed the renewal applications and 5-year management plans for these properties and found that they are in compliance with FGC policies for private lands management (Exhibit1).

**Significant Public Comments (N/A)****Recommendation**

**FGC staff:** Supports DFW recommendation under a motion adopting the consent calendar.

**DFW:** Approve the specified 2015-2020 wildlife management plans, applications, and 2015 harvest programs under the conditions specified in Exhibit 2.

**Exhibits**

1. [DFW memo, received Jun 30, 2015](#)
2. [PLM 5-year plan details, 2015-2020](#)

**Motion/Direction**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ that the Commission adopts the Consent Calendar, items 33-37.

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## Memorandum

Date: June <sup>29</sup>17, 2015

To: Sonke Mastrup  
Executive Director  
Fish and Game Commission

From: Charlton H. Bonham  
Director



**Subject: Agenda Item for the August 4-5, 2015 Fish and Game Commission Meeting 5-year Private Lands Wildlife Habitat Enhancement and Management (PLM) Area License**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife has reviewed the 5-year management plans and renewal applications for 4 properties in 5 counties consisting of 21,215 acres.

The new 5-year management plans for these areas are in compliance with Commission policy requirements for private lands management. The applicants have identified the location where records will be kept and made available for inspection. Habitat improvements accomplished under these plans will enhance and maintain wildlife resources on and around the PLM areas. The goals and objectives stated in the management plans are compatible with Department management plans for appropriate species in these areas. In addition, access to public lands will not be diminished under implementation of these management plans.

The Department recommends that the Commission approve the specified wildlife management plans, applications, and the 2015 harvest programs under the conditions specified in the attached table.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Victoria Barr at (916) 445-4034 or by email at [victoria.barr@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:victoria.barr@wildlife.ca.gov).

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**PLM AREA LICENSE  
NEW 5-YEAR MANAGEMENT PLANS, 2015-2020  
PROPOSED SEASONS, HARVESTS, AND HABITAT IMPROVEMENTS**

PLM Area	Proposed Season and Harvest	Habitat Improvement Program
<b><i>NORTHERN REGION</i></b>		
FIVE DOT RANCH – SCHOOL SECTION  DEER ZONE X5A  LASSEN  640 ACRES	<p><b><i>Authorized Harvest:</i></b> 1 buck deer forked horn or better</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issue 1 buck deer tag to take 1 forked horn or better buck deer for the period of September 19, 2015 through November 30, 2015.</li> <li>• No person shall take more than 1 buck deer annually in the X zones.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Limit livestock grazing from May 1 to September 1 to stimulate growth of grasses and forbs for wildlife.</li> <li>➤ Maintain the livestock exclusion fence around a ½ acre aspen patch as needed.</li> <li>➤ Cut and disperse 50 mountain mahogany limbs to spread seed to new areas to recruit young plants.</li> <li>➤ Provide mineral supplements containing selenium at 6 sites to improve wildlife health.</li> </ul>
<b><i>NORTH CENTRAL REGION</i></b>		
ROCK CREEK  DEER ZONE C4  BUTTE/TEHAMA  9,945 ACRES	<p><b><i>Authorized Harvest:</i></b> 30 buck deer forked horn or better</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issue 33 deer tags to take 30 forked horn or better buck deer for the period of August 15, 2015 through November 30, 2015.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Improve Cat Trail Springs on the West part of the Garner Ranch by opening up the spring to promote good water flow and fencing the area to keep cattle out. Brush piles will be put inside and outside the fenced area for wildlife escape habitat.</li> <li>➤ Install 1 mile of “wildlife friendly” cross fencing from Cohasset Rd to the South over Buck Eye Ridge and down to Rock Creek cattle guard. From there extend the fence NW to the Loafer Creek property boundary.</li> <li>➤ A 90’ bridge over Rock Creek is planned to be installed on the Rose Ranch. Construction is planned to start in 2016 but might not be feasible until 2017.</li> <li>➤ Continue to graze at a sustainable level. Cattle levels and duration will be adjusted for drought.</li> <li>➤ Continue maintenance on all ponds, springs, wells, troughs, and fencing.</li> </ul>

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**NEW 5-YEAR MANAGEMENT PLANS, 2015-2020**  
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PLM Area	Proposed Season and Harvest	Habitat Improvement Program
SPURLOCK RANCH  DEER ZONE B3  GLENN  2,630 ACRES	<p><b>Authorized Harvest:</b> 10 buck deer forked horn or better</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issue 10 buck deer tags for the period of August 15, 2015 through December 15, 2015.</li> <li>• No more than 2 buck deer may be harvested after December 1, 2015. These tags will be donated for injured military veterans through the Field of Dreams charity hunting program.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Cattle numbers on property reduced from 250 to 200 cow/calf pairs; grazing season October 25 to May 20.</li> <li>➤ Construct cattle exclusion fence around</li> <li>➤ Mallard Pond and adjacent riparian area; wildlife-friendly fencing</li> <li>➤ Plant and maintain young willows inside new fence at adjacent riparian area below Mallard Pond.</li> <li>➤ Treat approximately 30-45 acres of yellow-star thistle and/or bull thistle with herbicide.</li> </ul>

**CENTRAL REGION**

BARDIN RANCH  MONTEREY  8,000 Acres	<p><b>Authorized Harvest:</b> 2 bull and 4 antlerless elk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issue 2 bull elk tags for the period October 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.</li> <li>• Issue 4 antlerless elk tags for the period October 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Replace trough and pipeline at Water Canyon to provide water for wildlife.</li> <li>➤ Maintain existing springs, troughs and reservoirs to provide water for wildlife.</li> <li>➤ Create 10 brush piles for use by wildlife.</li> <li>➤ Maintain rotational grazing system and allow cattle access to the upper hills only from November-June to reserve forage for wildlife.</li> <li>➤ Plant 10 acres of forage mix in the Corral and Lower hayfields in Gabilan Canyon for use by wildlife.</li> </ul>
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