

STAFF SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 9-10, 2015

23C. OTHER ITEMS – LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Today's Item	Information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Action <input type="checkbox"/>
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Review and discuss legislation of interest, and provide staff direction.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

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| • Brief legislative update | Oct 7-8, 2015; Los Angeles |
| • Today's update and possible action | Dec 9-10, 2015; San Diego |

Background

FGC staff has prepared a list of legislative bills that may be of interest to FGC, which includes a brief synopsis and current bill status. Items highlighted in yellow indicate legislation of particular interest or that may impact FGC's resources and workload.

This is an opportunity for FGC to provide direction to staff concerning any proposed legislation. At any meeting FGC may direct staff to provide information or share concerns with bill authors. FGC members also have the option to take positions on bills at the same meeting an update is provided.

The State legislature recessed on September 11, 2015, and will reconvene on January 4, 2016. The last day for the Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature was October 11, 2015.

Updates on Adopted Legislation (N/A)**Updates on Pending Legislation**

AB 290 (Bigelow) – This is a 2-year bill; would re-define “pigs”, prohibit release into uncontrolled areas, eliminate DFW-required management plan, require up to 40% of funds from sale of wild pig validations be used to remedy damage by pigs, replace the wild pig tag with a validation on the hunting license which permits unlimited take and possession, set pig validation at \$15 for residents and \$30 for nonresidents, and prohibit take at night unless DFW is notified by 3:00 p.m. prior to the planned take.

AB 435 (Chang) – This is a 2-year bill; would require that each department, board, and commission of the Natural Resources Agency, except as specified, and each department, board, and office of the California Environmental Protection Agency webcast all onsite public meetings, in a manner that enables listeners and viewers to ask questions and provide public comment by telephone or electronic communication commensurate with those attending the meeting.

AB 665 (Frazier) – This is a 2-year bill; would confirm that the state fully occupies the field of authority for the taking and possession of fish and game. The bill was amended to alleviate concerns regarding the prohibition of cities and counties from enacting laws that affect incidental take for the purpose of protecting health and/or safety. The bill clarifies that unless otherwise authorized by the Fish and Game Code or other state or federal law, FGC and DFW

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are the only entities that may adopt or promulgate regulations regarding the take or possession of fish and game on any lands or waters within the state.

AB 729 (Atkins) – This is a 2-year bill. Per FGC request, staff met with Speaker Atkins' staff. Legislative staff indicated Speaker Atkins is not seeking to remove FGC's aquaculture lease authority. FGC staff agreed to keep in touch with the office and monitor the legislation.

SB 345 (Berryhill) – This is a 2-year bill. If passed, the bill would (1) authorize charitable organizations to possess fish taken under a sport fishing license in excess of a possession under certain provisions, (2) require FGC to adopt regulations to clarify when a possession limit is not violated by processing into food lawfully taken sport fish, (3) make annual fishing licenses valid for a full 12 months, and (4) create a junior fishing license.

Significant Public Comments (N/A)

Recommendation (N/A)

Exhibits (N/A)

Motion/Direction (N/A)