

State of California  
Department of Fish and Wildlife

## Memorandum

Date: January 13, 2015

To: Sonke Mastrup  
Executive Director  
Fish and Game Commission

From: Charlton H. Bonham  
Director



Subject: **Agenda Item for the February 11, 2015, Fish and Game Commission Meeting Re: Proposed Amendments to Section 27.65(b) and Section 28.38(b), Title 14, CCR: Pacific Bluefin Tuna Daily Bag Limit and Tuna Fillet Procedures**

At its December 3, 2014 meeting, the Fish and Game Commission (Commission) authorized publication of a notice of its intent to amend existing regulations pertaining to the recreational fishery for Pacific bluefin tuna (Sections 27.65(b) and 28.38(b), Title 14, CCR).

The Department of Fish and Wildlife's (Department) Initial Statement of Reasons is attached, which proposes regulatory changes needed to align state regulations with federal regulations. This will allow for discussion and adoption at the February 11, 2015 and April 8, 2015 Commission meetings, respectively.

Initially the Commission requested a change, if possible, to the Department's proposal to allow skipjack tuna fillets to be brought ashore as two pieces instead of the required six pieces. After legal review of the proposal, the Commission's requested modification was determined to conflict with the State's conformance with the expected final federal regulations and was dropped from this regulatory proposal.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mandy Lewis, Environmental Scientist, Marine Region, at (562) 342-7169, or [Mandy.Lewis@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Mandy.Lewis@wildlife.ca.gov).

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