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Bob Hattoy, President of the California Fish and Game Commission, Passes Away

California Fish and Game Commissioner Bob Hattoy, 56, died early Sunday morning, Commission Executive Director John Carlson, Jr. announced Monday.

Commissioner Hattoy, a resident of Santa Monica and most recently, Sacramento, was originally appointed by Gov. Gray Davis to the Commission on Aug. 29, 2002, and was reappointed on April 2, 2003 to a six-year term. In February 2007 he was elected as the Fish and Game Commission's President and the Chairman of the Wildlife Conservation Board.

“Bob was a tireless and dedicated Fish and Game Commissioner who will be sorely missed by us all,” said Commission Vice President Richard Rogers.

Over his distinguished career, Mr. Hattoy was a consultant and motivational speaker with a wide range of experience in political, governmental and communications issues. He served as an appointee of President Bill Clinton, as a deputy in the Office of White House Personnel from 1993 to 1994. From 1994 to 1999 he was the White House liaison to the Department of the Interior. President Clinton also appointed him to the Presidential Commission on HIV/AIDS, where he served as Chair of the Research Committee. He also worked for the Sierra Club from 1981 to 1992, where he was a Regional Director for California and Nevada working on various environmental justice issues.

His term on the Commission was set to end on Jan. 15, 2009.

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