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Fish and Game Commission

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TO ALL PERSONS SELLING TURTLES AND FROGS IN LIVE ANIMAL MARKETS:

The California Fish and Game Commission is concerned about the release of imported frogs and turtles into waters of the State. At its April 1, 1998 meeting in Long Beach, the Commission did not take action to ban the importation of these animals for food and instead required that operators of live animal markets post signs stating that **frogs and turtles should not be sold alive** and release of these animals into public waters is against the law. The Commission is hereby directing you to place the signs accompanying this letter at a location fully visible to the public within your place of business.

Your cooperation is very important in this matter. The Commission is hoping that the use of signs, increased enforcement and minor changes in the Commission's regulations will preclude the need to ban the importation of frogs and turtles for sale as food.


Richard Thierlot
President