

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

DATE: April 19, 2010

TO: John McCamman, Director

FROM: John Carlson, Jr., Executive Director

SUBJECT: Possible Adoption of Commission Policy Regarding Non-Native Frogs and Turtles

The Commission, at its April 8, 2010, meeting in Monterey, adopted the following Commission policy regarding non-native frogs and turtles. Please forward the policy to appropriate Department regions, branches, and/or programs.

The Fish and Game Commission declares that:

1. The Fish and Game Commission and the Department of Fish and Game have been charged by the Legislature to protect and wisely manage the State's living natural resources and the habitats upon which they depend.
2. The importation of non-native turtles and frogs poses threats not only to the State's native turtles and frogs, but also to the native source populations of the imported turtles and frogs.
3. These threats include, but are not limited to: disease, hybridization, competition, and predation.

Therefore, it is the policy of the Fish and Game Commission that the Department of Fish and Game shall cease issuing importation permits for any live non-native turtles or frogs pursuant to Section 236, Title 14, CCR.

(Adopted: April 8, 2010)

cc: Chief Deputy Director, Kevin Hunting
Deputy Director Mastrup
All Branches
All Regions