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AREA	SPECIES	DAILY BAG
Northeastern Zone	Canvasback	2
Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone	Canvasback	2
Colorado River Zone	Canvasback	2
Southern California Zone	Canvasback	2
Balance of State Zone	Canvasback	2

VI. Summary of Primary Considerations Raised in Support of or Opposition to the Proposed Actions and Reasons for Rejecting those considerations:

Two letters, both from Mike Maier, dated September 5 and 7, 2007 support the proposed bag limit increase to two canvasback ducks and oral comments from Walt Mansell and Bill Gaines received during the discussion hearing on October 12, 2007 both supported the proposed change. There were no comments received, orally or in writing, in opposition to the proposed change.

VII. Location and Index of Rulemaking File:

A rulemaking file with attached file index is maintained at:
 California Fish and Game Commission
 1416 Ninth Street
 Sacramento, California 95814

VIII. Location of Department files:

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IX. Description of Reasonable Alternatives to Regulatory Action:

- (a) Alternatives to Regulatory Action:
 No other alternatives were identified.

- (b) No change Alternative:
 - 1. The No Change Alternative would keep the existing daily bag limit of 1 canvasback
- (c) Consideration of Alternatives: In view of information currently possessed, no reasonable alternative considered would be more effective in carrying out the purposes for which the regulation is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to the affected private persons than the proposed regulation.

X. Impact of Regulatory Action:

The potential for significant statewide adverse economic impacts that might result from the proposed regulatory action has been assessed, and the following determinations relative to the required statutory categories have been made:

- (a) Significant Statewide Adverse Economic Impact Directly Affecting Businesses, Including the Ability of California Businesses to Compete with Businesses in Other States:

The proposed action will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. The proposed regulations are intended to provide additional recreational opportunity to the public. The response is expected to be minor in nature.

- (b) Impact on the Creation or Elimination of Jobs Within the State, the Creation of New Businesses or the Elimination of Existing Businesses, or the Expansion of Businesses in California: None.

- (c) Cost Impacts on a Representative Private Person or Business:

The agency is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

- (d) Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State: None.

- (e) Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies: None.

- (f) Programs mandated on Local Agencies or School Districts: None.

- (g) Costs Imposed on Any Local Agency or School District that is Required to be Reimbursed Under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: None.
- (h) Effect on Housing Costs: None.

Updated Informative Digest/Policy Statement Overview

Current regulations in Section 502, Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR), provide definitions, hunting zone descriptions, season opening and closing dates, and establish daily bag and possession limits. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, after analysis of waterfowl population survey and other data, has changed federal regulations which will permit an increase in the daily bag limit for Canvasbacks.

The Department's proposal is to increase the daily bag limit for canvasbacks from 1 per day to 2 per day.

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