Section 365. Bear

Description of Proposed Action by Public: Opposes the proposed expansion of the Southern California bear hunting area to include San Luis Obispo County.

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Analysis: The Department originally proposed to expand the Southern California bear hunting area to include San Luis Obispo County. At the April 21, 2009 meeting of the Fish and Game Commission, the Department modified the original proposal to the no change alternative. The Fish and Game Commission approved (vote 5 – 0) the modified proposal thereby leaving bear hunting regulations unchanged from the existing regulations.

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394. (See Item #10) Tracy DelRio, Arroyo Grande (letter dated April 16, 2009)
395. (See Item #11) Henry Hilgert & Kathryn Morgaine, Atascadero (letter dated April 13, 2009)
396. (See Item #12) Grace Pacheco, Inez Indian Reservation (letter dated April 17, 2009)
397. (See Item #13) Adam Hill, San Luis Obispo (letter dated April 14, 2009)
398. (See Item #14) Maureen Stanly, Arroyo Grande (letter dated April 15, 2009)
399. (See Item #15) Carol Fitzgerald, Paso Robles (letter dated April 8, 2009)
400. (See Item #16) James Little, Ojai (letter dated April 15, 2009)
401. (See Item #17) Joneen Liston, Cambria (letter dated April 7, 2009)
402. (See Item #18) Tess Taggart, San Luis Obispo (letter dated April 14, 2009)
403. (See Item #19) R. R. Johnson, Paso Robles (letter dated April 20, 2009)
404. (See Item #20) Lucy Nelson, San Luis Obispo (letter dated April 13, 2009)
405. (See Item #21) Veronica Quezada, San Luis Obispo (letter dated April 14, 2009)
406. (See Item #22) Chris Dille, Santa Barbara (letter dated April 16, 2009)
407. (See Item #23) Charles Getzoff, Nipomo (letter dated April 21, 2009)
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States • Ventana Wilderness Alliance • Wildlife Alive • (letter dated April 8, 2009 and email)

409. (See Item #81) Katie Stewart, Atascadero and form emails from 75 other individuals
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Recommendation: Accept

Analysis: The Department originally proposed to eliminate the early, in-season closure when 1,700 bears are reported killed by bear hunters. At the April 21, 2009 meeting of the Fish and Game Commission, the Department modified the original proposal to the no change alternative. The Fish and Game Commission approved (vote 5 – 0) the modified proposal thereby leaving bear hunting regulations unchanged from the existing regulations.

Description of Proposed Action by Public: Supports the proposed expansion of the Southern California bear hunting area to include San Luis Obispo County.

Proposal Source:
Peter Meyer (public testimony at FGC meeting, April 9, 2009, Lodi, CA)
Josh Brones (public testimony at FGC meeting, April 9, 2009, Lodi, CA)
Dan Tichner, California Houndsmen for Conservation (public testimony at FGC meeting, April 9, 2009, Lodi, CA)
Ed Worly, CA Rifle and Pistol Assn. (public testimony at FGC meeting, April 9, 2009, Lodi, CA)
Tom Pederson, CA Rifle and Pistol Assn. (public testimony at FGC meeting, April 9, 2009, Lodi, CA)
Bill Gaines, California Outdoor Heritage Alliance (public testimony at FGC meeting, April 9, 2009, Lodi, CA)
Sony Ammons, Eldorado County (public testimony at FGC meeting, April 9, 2009, Lodi, CA)
Dick Dasmann, Arroyo Grande Sportsmen (public testimony at FGC meeting, April 9,
Recommendation: Reject

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Description of Proposed Action by Public: Supports the proposed elimination of the early, in-season closure when 1,700 bears are reported killed by bear hunters.

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525. Peter Meyer (public testimony at FGC meeting, April 9, 2009, Lodi, CA)
526. Josh Brones (public testimony at FGC meeting, April 9, 2009, Lodi, CA)
527. Dan Tichner, California Houndsmen for Conservation (public testimony at FGC meeting, April 9, 2009, Lodi, CA)
528. Ed Worly, CA Rifle and Pistol Assn. (public testimony at FGC meeting, April 9, 2009, Lodi, CA)
529. Tom Pederson, CA Rifle and Pistol Assn. (public testimony at FGC meeting, April 9, 2009, Lodi, CA)
530. Bill Ganes, California Outdoor Heritage Alliance (public testimony at FGC meeting, April 9, 2009, Lodi, CA)
531. Sony Ammons, Eldorado County (public testimony at FGC meeting, April 9, 2009, Lodi, CA)
532. Dick Dasmann, Arroyo Grande Sportsmen (public testimony at FGC meeting, April 9, 2009, Lodi, CA)
533. (See Item #485) Craig Righetti, San Luis Obispo (letter dated April 15, 2009)
534. (See Item #486) James Kirby, Yuba City (letter dated April 14, 2009)
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543. (See Item #524) Cathy Duncan c.mduncan@sbcglobal.net

Recommendation: Reject

Analysis: The Department originally proposed the elimination of the early, in-season closure when 1,700 bears are reported killed by bear hunters. At the April 21, 2009 meeting of the Fish and Game Commission, the Department modified the original proposal to the no change alternative. The Fish and Game Commission approved (vote 5 – 0) the modified proposal thereby leaving bear hunting regulations unchanged from the existing regulations.
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Description of Proposed Action by Public: Recommends hunting mountain lions at the same time as hunting bears in San Luis Obispo County

Proposal Source:
Cathy Duncan c.mduncan@sbcglobal.net

Recommendation: Reject

Analysis: Neither the Department nor the Fish and Game Commission have the legal authority to establish a hunting season for mountain lions in California.