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Dear Director Ashe,

The California State Fish and Game Commission (Commission) submits this letter to certify to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) that on March 6, 2013 the Commission adopted changes to the California State Falconry regulations bringing them in compliance with the Final Rule on Migratory Bird Permits; Changes in the Regulations Governing Falconry published by the Service in the Federal Register, Vol. 73, No. 196, on October 8, 2008, specifically Section 21.9 of Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations.

Included with this letter are the following as required by 50 CFR 21.29:

1. A copy of the revised California State Falconry Regulations, Section 670, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, as adopted by the Commission and approved by the California Office of Administrative Law; and
2. A copy of the revised California State Apprentice Falconer examination.

The Commission further certifies that it will work with the Service and Department of Fish and Wildlife to implement an electronic Form 3-186A reporting system for take, transfer, loss and release of falconry birds for residents in California.

By this letter the Commission is requesting approval from the Service of California's certification and further requesting that California State be authorized to continue to allow falconry in the State in compliance with the federal falconry regulations contained in 50 CFR 21.29.

Thank you for your review and consideration of the Commission's certification. Please contact me if you have any questions concerning this certification.

Sincerely,

Sonke Mastrup
Executive Director