

**Table 3: Summary of verbal comments made at the Fish and Game Commission’s August 5, 2015 adoption hearing.**

Public verbal comments are matched to Attachment 1, Summary of Public Comments and Responses.

<b>Comment Number</b>	<b>Commenter</b>	<b>Summary of Comment</b>	<b>Response (See response in Attachment 1)</b>
a)	Tom O’Key, Joshua Tree Project Bobcat (Special speaker)	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. Initiated this process when he realized that a trapper was poaching on his private property. C. Consider Lacey Act concerning illegal export of pelts. D. Dept. should provide incentives to the public to report poaching.	A. 1 B. 23 C. 30, 31 D. 33
b)	California Trappers Association (CTA) James Schmidt	CTA was given the opportunity to make a presentation of its reasons for rejecting a partial closure of the state to trapping (Option 1) and rejecting a full statewide ban on bobcat trapping (Option 2). The CTA supports an alternative which would require the Commission and the Department to work more closely with the licensed trappers to develop a different strategy for continuing bobcat trapping in California. The PowerPoint presentation was contained in the meeting documents submitted to FGC. A copy of the August 5 PP can be found in Doc 15114.	2, 11, 14, 16, 18, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28
c)	The Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) Jean Su	CBD was given the opportunity to make a presentation of its reasons for rejecting continued trapping (Option 1) and supporting a full statewide ban on bobcat trapping (Option 2). The PowerPoint presentation was contained in the meeting documents submitted to FGC. A copy of the August 5 PP can be found in Doc 14192.	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 26, 34, 35, 37, 41

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d)	Assemblyman Bloom (Special speaker)	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. Option 1 leaves out important parks. C. Costs of a bobcat trapping program are unlikely to be recouped based on the proposed fees. D. FGC has authority to end trapping even if the legislature had not approved AB 1213.	A. 1 B. 3 C. 10  D. The Commission agrees with this comment regarding its regulatory authority.
e)	Supervisor Mark Lovelace, Humboldt Co. (Special speaker)	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. Wrong to require economic and environmental studies of Option 2 but not of Option 1.	A. 1 B. 9, 16, 19,
1.	Kimberly Richard Napa Valley Democrats	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban.	A. 1
2.	Lynn Cullens Mountain Lion Foundation	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. Traps are indiscriminate and cruel	A. 1 B. 22
3.	Randal Massaro Union Members for the Preservation of Wildlife	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. Trappers trespass	A. 1 B. 23
4.	Tom Boo Friends of the Inyo	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. Option 1 must have a population study	A. 1 B. 14, 15, 16
5.	Amber Shelton EPIC	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. Prohibiting traps benefits future generations.	A. 1 B. 36
6.	Leah Sturgis	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. Option 1 must be supported by much higher fees.	A. 1 B. 10
7.	Diane Fairchild Beck Redwood Chapter Sierra Club	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. Trapping leads to environmental degradation.	A. 1 B. 20

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8.	Garrett Bell Trapper	A. Opposed to both options. B. Trapping controls predators that harm both domestic animals and wildlife.	A. 2 B. 29
9.	John Clark CA Trappers Assoc.	A. Opposed to both options.	A. 2
10.	Reid Aiton Trapper, Aiton Fur Company	A. Opposed to both options. B. The Commission should have held meetings more convenient to trappers.	A. 2 B. 21
11.	Kim Davis CA Houndsmen for Conservation	A. Opposed to both options.	A. 2
12.	Noelle Cremers CA Farm Bureau Federation	A. Opposed to both options. B. Trapping controls predators that harm both domestic animals and wildlife.	A. 2 B. 29
13.	Valeree Woodard	A. Supports Option 2, a statewide ban. B. Trapping is barbaric and promotes sale of bobcat 'parts.' C. Friendly bobcats near park have been taken.	A. 1 B. 22, 30 C. 41
14.	John Rice Rancher	A. Opposed to both options. B. Trapping controls predators that harm both domestic animals and wildlife.	A. 2 B. 29
15.	Caroline Kraus Project Coyote	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. Read Live Oak Assoc. 8/3 letter to the FGC (Doc 15109).	A. 1 B. 18,22,30,34,35,37,40,42,43
16.	Camilla Fox Executive Director Project Coyote	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. Asserted that the organization has 30,000 signatures supporting a complete ban and submitted letters from 4 <sup>th</sup> graders (Doc 15117).	A. 1 B.10, 22, 34, 38, 39
17.	Miriam Seger	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. The process for adding properties is unclear.	A. 1 B. 5

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18.	Karen Rice Rancher	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban.	A. 1
19.	Kathryn Gruenthal Student, Humboldt State Univ.	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. Bobcats (and other animals) have emotions.	A. 1 B. 22
20.	Rich Klug Siskiyou Co. Fish & Game Commission	A. Opposed to both options. B. Other methods such as GPS for determining distance should be used in Option 1.	A. 2 B. 27
21.	January Bill Bird Ally X	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. Trapping leads to environmental degradation.	A. 1 B. 20
22.	Jude Power	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. End taxpayer support of trappers by prohibiting bobcat trapping.	A. 1 B. 32
23.	Monte Merrick Bird Ally X	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. Trapping leads to environmental degradation. C. Drought is endangering wildlife.	A. 1 B. 20 C. 36, 42
24.	Jane Eagle	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. Trapping is cruel.	A. 1 B. 22
25.	Ben Newby	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban.	A. 1
26.	Mercer Lawing CA Trapping Assoc.	A. Opposed to both options. B. Read letter from CTA (Doc 14196).	A. 2 B. 6, 11, 16, 18, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 50
27.	Ann Knight Conservation Committee	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. Bobcats are useful to ranchers because they control pests.	A. 1 B. 34, 37
28.	Josh Brones Al Taucher Conservation Coalition	A. Opposed to both options. B. A bobcat study should be done before adopting any change. C. The proposed amendments are unreasonable and based upon political and social factors.	A. 2 B. 16, 26 C. 18
29.	Lucinda Adamson Bird Ally X	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban.	A. 1

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30.	Bob Fisher	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. Submitted letters supporting ban (Doc 15107).	A. 1 B. 8,10,16,19,22,23,26,34,35,39,41,42,45
31.	Dale Pelton	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. Trappers use lures which cause bobcat to leave. the protected areas therefore boundaries are no good.	A. 1 B. 22, 23
32.	Jana Hofeditz	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban.	A. 1
33.	Ruth Fledman Project Coyote	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban.	A. 1
34.	Tina Colafranceschi EAC	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. Poachers are active in Humboldt County.	A. 1 B. 33
35.	Ruth Steel Mock	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. There is no need for CA or the US to participate in the international fur trade.	A. 1 B. 30
36.	Rob Diperna EPIC	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban.	A. 1
37.	Judie Mancuso	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. Partial ban is unenforceable.	A. 1 B. 8, 10, 13
38.	SP Parker Sierra Mountain Center	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. Partial ban will concentrate bobcat take in smaller area.	A. 1 B. 41
39.	Katie Cleary	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban.	A. 1
40.	Ken Zarzynski Trapper	A. Opposed to both options. B. Recreation, rather than profit, is the major motivating factor for those who trap bobcats.	A. 2 B. 24
41.	Gary Crompt	A. Opposed to both options. B. Hunting licenses and fees provide funding state conservation.	A. 2 B. 48

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42.	Robert Martin Trapper	A. Opposed to both options.	A. 2
43.	Sheryl Esparza	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. Traps are cruel.	A. 1 B. 22
44.	Joseph Bowling Trapper	A. Opposed to both options. B. Trapping controls predators that harm both domestic animals and wildlife. C. The Commission should have held meetings more convenient to trappers.	A. 2 B. 29 C. 21
45.	Kim Stringfellow Project Bobcat	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban.	A. 1
46.	Rudy Morrison Regional Manager Mule Deer Foundation	A. Opposed to both options. B. Trapping controls predators that harm both domestic and wildlife.	A. 2 B. 29
47.	Paul Trouette Mendocino Co. Blacktail	A. Opposed to both options. B. The focus should be on science, bobcat is not endangered.	A. 2 B. 18, 29
48.	Erin Hauge	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban.	A. 1
49.	Kathy Lynch Sportsman's Group	A. Opposed to both options. B. The Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee rejected a statewide ban.	A. 2 B. 16, 28
50.	Gisele Albertine	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. CEQA is required.	A. 1 B. 9, 19
51.	Bonnie MacRaith EPIC & Humboldt Wildlife Center	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban.	A. 1
52.	Karen Mayer	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. Bobcat is valuable to the environment.	A. 1 B. 34, 39
53.	Alice Chan	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban.	A. 1

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54.	Jon Spitz	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban.	A. 1
55.	Esther Shaw	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. There is no need for CA or the US to participate in the international fur trade .	A. 1 B. 30
56.	Harry Blumenthal	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban.	A. 1
57.	Halle Pennington Klamath River Keeper	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban.	A. 1
58.	Mike Shaw Project Bobcat	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. Traps are cruel	A. 1 B. 22
59.	Traci Pellar Mendocino Wildlife Advocates	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban.	A. 1
60.	Jennifer Fearing Humane Society of the US	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban.	A. 1
61.	Robert Pound Center for Biological Diversity	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. No current data to support trapping.	A. 1 B. 14, 16
62.	Monica B Mendocino Wildlife Advocates	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban.	A. 1
63.	Brendan Cummings Center for Biological Diversity	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. Continued trapping under Option 1 could double bobcat killed to cover costs of fees.	A. 1 B. 10, 50
64.	Fauna Tomlinson	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. Continued trapping will be an enforcement problem.	A. 1 B. 6, 8, 10, 13
65.	Nathan Pennington Klamath River Keeper	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban.	A. 1

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66.	Aaliyah Macan-Chaney 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. There is no need for CA or the US to participate in the international fur trade.	A. 1 B. 30
67.	Ed Macan	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban.	A. 1
68.	Carol Carson Project Coyote	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. Protect animals because global climate change will cause extinction of wildlife.	A. 1 B. 34, 36, 42
69.	Dr. Gabrielle Gopinath Humboldt State	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. Extinction is imminent.	A. 1 B. 36, 42
70.	Anne Hubbard	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban.	A. 1
71.	Eric Mills Action for Animals	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. Reasons for recommending Option 1 are unsupported by science or good policy (Note: "flyer" was not received by FGC staff).	A. 1 B. 16
72.	Lynn Boulton	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. Include the Tule Elk State Natural Reserve and the Mono Lake State Tufa Reserve.	A. 1 B. 4
73.	Mark Hennelly, VP CA Waterfowl Asso.	A. Opposed to both options. B. The Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee rejected a statewide ban. C. Trapping is a tool for managing predators in wetlands.	A. 2 B. 28 C. 29
74.	Aruna Prabhala	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. Preserve bobcats for the enjoyment of everyone.	A. 1 B.39
75.	Kathy Siegel	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban.	A. 1
76.	Tom Wheeler EPIC	A. EPIC has 15,000 members and supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. Traps are indiscriminate and cruel.	A. 1 B. 22

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77.	Tanya Marseille	A. Supports Option 2, statewide ban. B. There is no need for CA or the US to participate in the international fur trade.	A. 1 B. 30
78.	Bill Gaines Gaines & Assoc. CA Houndsmen for Conservation, CA Bowmen Hunters	A. Opposed to both options. B. Reasons for recommending Option 1 are unsupported by science or good policy. C. There is no reason to differentiate between the level of investigative work required under Option 1 and Option 2. D. Both options are unreasonable, and seem to be based solely on political and social factors. E. An added option should have been worked out with affected trappers.	A. 2 B. 16 C. 12 D. 18 E. 2, 21, 48