

April 2009

Delta Fly Fishers

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Flyfishing

President's Message by Stephen Johnson (the top dog in camp)

April, 2009

“Fine fly rods can be made from different materials, but bamboo is the benchmark against which all the rest are compared”. George Black, Splitting Cane

That's it...I've exhausted my brain power for this month. Just kidding but I'm really tired. I just had lunch with a really old and close friend, haven't seen him for ages (thank you Lord) as at this age of my life I couldn't handle to many days a field with Gary.

First the guy is like the Energizer Bunny, non-stop from before sunup to hours after, and then when he does go to bed...he snores, not just the average “old guy” snorting and wheezing...this Son of Satan snore will raise the dead. Mach speed for hours and then keeps you awake all night with his noise.

Now this takes me to an earlier part of my life ...pre-college...I romanized about being a COWBOY...grew up on a cattle and sheep ranch rode a horse for hours on end, roped and roped everything that would walk...got pretty damn good at it to ...I qualified for the national finals rodeo while still in High School. The cowboy way of life was the simple way...no electronics, no stress, no money problems...hell I could and did, eat beans and hot dogs 5 days a week, just simple and easy.

Now back to Gary, my friend I mentioned earlier...he tried everything known to man, spent thousands of dollars, had at least 2 surgeries to try and rid himself of this snoring problem ... nothing worked and I drifted to fly fishing for my major life's entertainment and he stuck it out with duck hunting. Don't get me wrong I love duck hunting...but couldn't handle sleeping with him at the club and driving back and forth was out of the question. Now let's apply cowboy simplicity to this problem and see if you don't agree, Cowboy's are pretty darn smart.

Biff, Walt, Fred, and Bob were all at an elk camp. No one wanted to room with Bob because he snored so loudly. They decided it wasn't fair to make one of them stay with him the whole time, so they voted to take turns.

The first night Biff slept with Bob and came to breakfast the next morning with his hair a mess and his eyes all bloodshot. They said, “Man, what happened to you?” Biff said, “Bob snored so loudly, I just sat up and watched him all night.”

The next night it was Walt's turn. In the morning, same thing: hair all standing up and eyes all bloodshot. They said, “Man, what happened to you?” Walt said, “Man, that Bob shakes the roof with his snoring. I watched him all night.”

The third night was Fred's turn. Fred was a tanned, older cowboy, a man's man. The next morning he came to breakfast bright-eyed and bushy-tailed. “Good morning!” he said. They couldn't believe it. They said, “Man, what happened?” He said, “Well, we got ready for bed. I went and tucked Bob into bed, patted him on the butt, and kissed him goodnight. Bob sat up and watched me all night.” See the cowboy's way...simple. Hey isn't this supposed to be about fly fishing? Yea but I thought you would...Ah never mind.

Hey check out Katy's quote from another of her fly fishing books. “From my observations I think that most of us spend too much time worrying about our tackle and too little time learning the intimate characteristics of the fish and streams we fish most.” Ray Bergman Trout, New York : Knopf 1938

Now this brings me to my soap box...Ladies and Gentlemen, we have got to take a stand, loud, no LOUDER...EBMUD is going to kill one of our beloved rivers. This proposal of theirs, to build a new damn, is just plain wrong. It's greedy and we all know what greed does for our society...not a damn thing.

Please take a moment to read the following; <http://www.calsport.org/3-24-09.htm> <http://www.calsport.org/3-19-09.htm>

<http://www.calsport.org/3-17-09b.htm> <http://www.calsport.org/3-16-09d.htm> <http://www.calsport.org/3-13-09.htm>

<http://www.foothillconservancy.org/page/?page=68> I'm going to get involved and do whatever I can to stop this. I would like your help. The “intimate characteristics” of Mokelumne River are too important. Got to run....wife is calling. General trout season opens this month, lot's more water to fish. See ya on the river.

Membership Form

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Dues are for one year, from September 1 to August 31
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Delta Fly Fishers P.O. Box 77862, Stockton, CA 95207

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suzasbs@clearwire.net.

Wednesday Night Casting & Fly Tying

The weekly Wednesday evening fly casting sessions will continue through the Spring, Summer and Fall. Meet at the Nature Center, in the Oak Grove Park, at 6:30. The exception is the 2nd Wednesday night when DFF has its monthly meeting.

Whether you are a novice and want tips on how to cast or an expert that wants an excuse to get out of the house, then come out for the camaraderie of other members. This is an excellent chance improve your fly Casting and/or BS abilities. For more information contact Jim Rich at 477-6404.

There also will be opportunities for fly tying. For more information contact Joe Balderston at 474-8515.

Oak Grove Parking

Jim Rich wants to inform DFF members that they will now need a DFF parking permit to display on your dash as the county sheriff's office will be writing tickets for non DFF members on Wednesday nights. Jim is going to print up placards or permits, so see Jim to get one. Information: 477-6404 or jrich1@sbcglobal.net

One Fly Contest White Pines Lake

The Calaveras Fly Fishers had to cancel the one fly contest Scheduled for May 9 at White Pines Lake for this year as it is on the DFG no stock list and will not be stocked by Calaveras County as they had hoped.

Fishing Buddy Request

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(2) _____

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Please describe what you would like help with _____

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Bob Souza at 209-607-6604 or suzasbs@clearwire.net

Grady Lee at 951-3623 or gmississippikid@aol.com

Mail the form to: Delta Fly Fishers P.O. Box 77862, Stockton, CA 95207

DFF's April Outings

Delta Fly Fishers will have two outings in April. One on April 4 at the Kelsey Bass Ranch, the second will be On April 22 - 14 at Pyramid Lake.

Kelsey Bass Ranch

It's that time of the year. The days are getting longer, the weather is getting warmer and the bass are hungry! Join the Delta Fly Fishers on their annual trip to the Kelsey Bass Ranch Pond on Saturday April 4th.

Those attending, meet at the Kelsey Bass Ranch, just outside of the town of Snelling. The outing includes lunch, cooked by Al Smatsky. For directions or more information contact Al at (209) 368-9261. For more information on the Kelsey Bass Ranch, look at Al's Excellent Adventures web site at:

<http://www.excellentadventures.org/>



Outing at Pyramid Lake

DFF's Outing 2nd outing will be at Pyramid Lake – Nevada April 22-24. For those attending, plan on leaving Stockton, mid-day Wednesday, April 22, 2009 and meeting at the Reno Fly Shop at 4:00 p.m. There you can get those special flies and your fishing license. The group will be staying at the Nugget Courtyard - Sparks, Nevada 1-800-648-1177 - make your own reservation. We will fish Thursday, April 23 and Friday, April 24 and return home after fishing on Friday.

YOU WILL NEED TO BRING:

We will be fishing from the shore, these are the items I suggest you bring:

1. Waders
2. 3-step ladder
3. 6 to 9 wt rods
4. Sinking and floating lines
5. Day fishing license (get at fly shop or at the lake)
6. Best flies at the Reno Fly Shop

If you plan to go call Larry Mettler so he will know who to look for and we can meet up, etc.

Larry Mettler
(209) 481-6478 cell



Fish and Game Commission Meeting April 7-8, 2009

The Fish and Game Commission will meet April 7th and 8th at the Wine and Roses Inn in Lodi. Among the many items they will be looking at, the Commission will be setting the seasons and regulations for Salmon and Steelhead in the Ocean catch, Klamath and Sacramento River System. For further information you can read the full agenda at:

http://www.fgc.ca.gov/regulations/new/2009/proposedregs09.asp#7_00.

This is your opportunity to comment about these and other items on the agenda. Speak up or forever hold your peace!

Conservation by Ron Forbes

One of the things I have noticed over the years in dealing with conservation is the self interest of the groups we find ourselves in conflict with. They seem never to be concerned with the issues as they conflict with others, but only are concerned with their special interest. These groups are the water (water districts, etc.) and agricultural interests (growers, corporate interests etc.). In my dealings with these conflicts, it seems the people concerned with the fisheries understand the need for water for the agriculture and water for urban use. The other side is only interested in their viewpoint regardless of the harm it will inflict on the environment and our fisheries.

Case in point, the California Sport Fishing Protection Alliance (CSPA) has sent out an alert action dated 3/18/09. Legislation has been introduced that will eradicate the striped bass in the delta. In this legislation, now pending, Assemblywoman Jean Fuller (R-Bakersfield) has introduced a bill that will kill the Striped bass fishery as we know it. She is acting on behalf of corporate agricultural and irrigation districts in the central San Joaquin Valley.

Her bill is AB1253. Years ago the DFG enacted legislation to stop the commercialization of striper fishing. This saved our sport. However Ms. Fuller's legislation would do the following:

- Prohibit the importing, shipping, transporting or planting of any striped bass within the State of California
- Require DFG to carry out these provisions
- Fine anyone who violates this law up to \$10,000.
- It deletes all harvest restrictions. In other words catch all the fish you want regardless of the size or numbers (Commercialization would be back).
- It would delete striped bass from the money for which the Sport Fishing Enhancement Stamp revenues were to be used.

Jean Fuller is the "front woman" for farmers and irrigation districts in the Central Valley. She tries to justify her legislation by claiming that striped bass eat and hurt the Delta smelt which are protected under the Endangered Species Act. However, Dr Peter Moyle of UCD (and others) exposed their "science" as being wrong and not based of the real science available. Fuller and her friends did what is normal for them. They just changed their propaganda. Now they claim that that the stripers eat the salmon and steelhead also protected under the EPA. And once again science has shown them not to be correct. Latest results show that stripers cause little predation neither on either the winter or the spring run salmon nor on the steelhead.

They really don't care about the facts. Science is showing that the most important factor is the decline of our Delta's fish population and among other pelagic species is what we had claimed all along. That, of course is the water exports... nothing more, nothing less. However Ms. Fuller and friends will not address this issue. They prefer blame something else like the stripers rather than their purposed water exports as the cause of the problem they have created.

The bottom line is that Jean Fuller is just another pathetic front for the people who pay her. She doesn't care about any truth in science. She doesn't care about the fact the water districts and farming interest that "influence" her have helped destroy a sport fishing industry that once brought in about \$4 billion per year. These people don't give a damn on what they have to destroy in order to get what they want. Even if it is, the entire striped bass fishery. Now through Assembly Woman Jean Fuller they are trying to do it again.

FFF NEWS and ITEMS OF INTEREST

FFF Headquarters Change of Address

Please make note of our new addresses as of February 28th. All mail addressed to 215 E Lewis address are now being forwarded to the PO Box. All mail should be sent to: F.F.F. – PO Box 1688 – Livingston, MT 59047
UPS & Fed X Shipments to: F.F.F. – 5237 US Hwy 89 S – Livingston, MT 59047

FFF Magazine Moving Towards Sending Via E-mail

FFF is working towards being able to send out the Flyfisher Magazine to our members electronically. By sending the Flyfisher this way the FFF will be saving rising printing and postage costs that can then go towards our many programs. There is no need to send an e-mail to our office if you want to continue receiving the magazine by hard copy.

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Please put the following in Subject Field of your e-mail: Flyfisher

Advise FFF member number if you have it on hand – not required

Give your full name – city & state – e-mail address you would like the magazine sent to.

FFF Annual Conclave 2009

This years Conclave will be held in Loveland, Colorado and the dates are July 28th – August 1st. Please join us in the fun and fellowship.

Conclave pre-registration will open April 2009. Lodging information can be found on this web page:

<http://www.federationconclave.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4868>

Wild Trout Symposium

Holiday Inn,

Sunspreet Resort and Conference Center

West Yellowstone, Montana

Welcome Reception: Monday Evening September 27, 2010

Conference Dates: Tuesday Sept. 28 through Thursday September 30, 2010 <http://www.wildtroutsymposium.com>

The tenth international Wild Trout Symposium will be held September 27th-30th, 2010 at the Holiday Inn in West Yellowstone, Montana, USA, adjacent to the west entrance to Yellowstone National Park. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the USDA Forest Service, the Trout and Salmon Foundation, other agencies, the Federation of Fly Fishers, and Trout Unlimited are cosponsors of this event. Originated in 1974, this symposium offers exposure to the latest information on status, science, technology, philosophy, and preservation of cold-water wild-salmonid, in an international forum for professional wild trout biologists and fishery advocates.

Focusing on the needs of working-level wild trout professionals and fishery conservationists, the Wild Trout Symposium provides a valuable opportunity for information exchange and will equip participants to better conserve and restore these magnificent resources. Questions: WT-X Chairman, Dirk Miller, dirk.miller@wgf.state.wy.us, (307)777-4556

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See Jacob Loyko 468-2664 for info on merchandise and videos at all the meetings.

Membership Meeting

April 8

February Board Meeting

April 15

May Newsletter

The deadline for the May issue is April 25th

April Monthly Meeting Andrew Harris Confluence Outfitters Fishing the Waters of Northern California

The Delta Fly Fishers April program will be a presentation by Redding fly fishing guide Andrew Harris of Confluence Outfitters of Redding. His program will focus on the Redding area fisheries, the Upper and Lower Sacramen-

to River, the McCloud River, the Pit River, Hat Creek, Fall River, the Trinity River as well as the best fisheries in the Feather River Country, including the North and Middle Forks of the Feather and Steelhead fishing on the Lower Feather River.

Andrew Harris began his guiding career in 1997 when he attended the "Guide

School" at Clearwater House on Hat Creek. Since then, Andrew has guided for Clearwater House during the summer and independently during the winter months. Since 2006 Andrew's guide service has been a part of Confluence Outfitters, a regional guide service serving northern California and southern Oregon.

Andrew's interest in fly fishing has taken him to the Bahamas, Belize, Chile, Costa Rica, Mexico, Venezuela, New Zealand, Tasmania, and to countless destinations in North America. Andrew lives in Red Bluff, California with his wife Katie and daughter Mackenzie.

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- Author of Plumas National Forest Trout Fishing Guide
- Contributor to Northwest Fly Fishing Magazine
- Contributor to California Fly Fisher Magazine

Andrew's program will be given at 7pm, Wednesday April 8, at John R. Williams School 2450 Meadow Ave. Stockton. Program is free and open to the public. Information: Marty Kjelson: 477-6644.



Family Day at the River #2

by Joe Balderston

3-14-09



Inside the building were troughs full of salmon fry waiting to be transferred and steelhead eggs that were not yet hatched.

Thanks for this program need to go out to the Hall family for supplying equipment, Discount Pet store for filters, and the following members for sharing their abundant wisdom and patience: Bill, Charlie, Larry, Jim, Tony, and Walt. Thanks guys!

Two teachers and six DFF volunteers joined around thirty students and their families for Hazelton Elementary's second annual Family Day at the Mokelumne River. The main event of this trip was to release 34 salmon fry which were raised in the classroom. Students took turns with one fish each, giving advice to look for cover and "...stay away from the big guys, they might eat you." Eggs were delivered on January 5th. Students learned all about salmon and steelhead including their life cycle, habitat and threats to their population. (One budding genius put together the expanding Humboldt squid range with the decline in Chinook population.)

Many bugs were collected from the stream and identified including 5 very large cased caddis (size 6 or 8). Damselfly nymphs and large pale olive dragonfly nymphs were also found in the slower, weedy section. Several students took turns in a small inflatable raft paddling with a bucket. Judging from the loud giggling, they didn't seem to mind being up the creek with out a paddle!

The Hatchery raceways were almost empty with the exception of a small batch of steelhead scheduled for release into Lodi Lake sometime later this month.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Wed (except meeting nights)	Nature Center Oak Grove Park Stockton	WEDNESDAY EVENING FLY TYING Contact: Joe Balderston 474-8515 Jim Rich 477-6404
Every 2nd Wed (except July & Aug) 7:00 PM	John R Williams School Stockton	Membership Meeting Contact Marty Kjelson 477-9618 John Keagy 369-5690
Every 3rd Wed (except July) 7:00 PM	Nature Center Oak Grove Park Stockton	Board Meeting All Members Welcome
Saturday April 4	Kelsey Bass Ranch	DFF's Monthly Outing Kelsey Ranch Bass Lake - Fishmeister Al Smatsky
Tuesday - Wednesday April 8-9, 2009	Wine and Roses Inn Lodi, CA	Fish and Game Commission Meeting
Wednesday April 8	John R Williams School Stockton	Membership Meeting Andrew Harris
Wednesday April 15	Nature Center Oak Grove Park Stockton	Board Meeting All Members Welcome
Friday, Saturday Sun- day April 24, 25, 26	Pyramid Lake Nevada	Pyramid Lake Outing Fishmeister Larry Mettler
Wednesday May 13	John R Williams School Stockton	Membership Meeting
Saturday May 15	Ladd's Marina Stockton, CA	The Bass-n-Fly Challenge Fly Fishing Only Bass Tournament
Wednesday May 20	Nature Center Oak Grove Park Stockton	Board Meeting All Members Welcome
Saturday June 6	Oak Grove Park Stockton	Catfish Derby

The Bass-n-Fly Challenge May 15, 2009

Bass-n-Fly, along with the Stockton Bass Club, is sponsoring their second California Delta fly fishing only bass tournament on Friday, May 16, 2009. The tournament will stage at, and leave from; Buckley Cove/Ladd's Marina at 6:00 am and the weigh in will be at 2:00 pm.

More information can be found at <http://www.bassnfly.com/The%20Bass-n-Fly%20Challenge%20tournament.html> or from the Stockton Bass Club, Contact David Sanchez 518-9299 or Rick Soriano 406-5562. Entries can be dropped off at The Outdoor Sportsman on March Lane.

Dean Watson

March 2, 1969 - February 20, 2009

As many of you know by now, Dean passed away on February 20, 2009. He is survived by his loving wife, Laura, and his precious daughters, Madeline and Emily; parents, Jim and Diana Watson of Stockton and Melinda Belland of Stockton; grandparents, JoAnn and Fred Kaufman of Stockton, Marlene Watson of Lodi, Laverne and Vernon Ghiorzo of Stockton; great-grandmother, Margaret Morgan; his sister and her husband, Wendy and Tony Ott of Lodi; sister and her husband, Shylia and Dustin Hurley; brother, Seth Lord; many nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws. Dean was preceded in death by his grandfather, Albert Watson.

Dean was born in Stockton and graduated from Lincoln High School. He went on to get his degree in Computer Aided Drafting from ITT Technical Institute. At the time of his passing, Dean was the Chief Cadastral Technician of the Mapping Department for the County of San Joaquin. In his spare time, he was an avid fly fisherman and was Historian of the Delta Fly Fishers. He also loved to cook.

Herman Spalinger

How fortunate I feel to have known Dean through our club. When I was president, I was keeping an eye out for members who might make a good future president to carry on our tradition and Dean was certainly one of them. He had such a positive attitude toward our club and an eagerness to participate in its activities. He eagerly jumped at the opportunity to be Historian as he said he loved history. He spent time with Leo interviewing him regarding the club's beginnings; he served well as club secretary, even though he did it so I could be kicked into the president's chair. He volunteered to gather up the club's shirts and caps, etc, and was planning to set up a way to sell off our inventory and get some new T-shirts with our club's logo on them. He was such a fun-loving person to be around that he was too young to have his life come to an end. My prayers and thoughts go out to his lovely wife and two daughters. Dean will really be missed by me. I wish I could have had more time to spend with him. Rest in Peace, Dean.



Cheater Stick's Revenge

Joe Balderston

I met Dean through the club a few years ago and we started fishing together.

From the beginning, he said he was strictly a fly fisherman. We fished for bass and I out fished him mainly because when the fish weren't biting very well I like to use a spinning rod with a rubber worm.

He gave me a hard time and called that my cheaters stick.

Well after a couple trips he was asking where to buy those rubber worms.

One day we launched at Garlic Brothers on Ben Holt for bass in our pontoon boats and the fishing was slow. So Dean pulls out a great big rubber fish with red treble hooks and throws it right into the tules.

He was pulling and tugging trying to get it out of the tules when it came flying back and hit the front end of his boat. His inflatable boat.... Our club has an award for things like this. Dean was such a good fishing buddy I kept it a secret until now. I really miss him.

The cheater stick's revenge.

Marty Kjelson

Memories on Dean:

I remember Dean as a committed DFF Board member that did a great job as club historian bringing our club's past activities up to date for all of us to learn from and enjoy. He was a friendly man that was eager to help in any way and he

enriched our club spirit. I was honored to have been his fellow member but regret we did not get to fish more together so I could have got to know him better and more personally.

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Trout season
Friday, April 24th

Celebrate the beginning of another Spectacular Season
Fly Tying Demonstrations Fly Fishing Industry Reps DFG Representative Free Food 11am-5:30pm

Dear Fellow Anglers:
The Fly Shop in Redding, California, is excited more than ever to announce the beginning of another spectacular trout season. The Fly Shop's Trout Opening Day party here in beautiful Northern California is something you won't want to miss. Whether you're a seasoned veteran or just a beginner, you need to be here! If free food, great advice, and good people appeal to you, then The Fly Shop is the place to be to kick off the celebrations. Our knowledgeable staff will be on hand to answer any questions and will point you in the right direction with the right equipment.

Join us April 24th for information on local fishing and equipment along with free food and sodas. The Shasta Fly Fishers will be here to help cook the food and will be accepting memberships. Come join the fun! It's finally time to tangle with our finned friends again.

You will agree that this popular event is not only newsworthy but also beneficial to any of your club members who plan on fishing this awesome area during the upcoming season. In appreciation of helping get the word out by enclosing our press release in your club newsletter, we would be happy to donate a **\$50 gift certificate to your club**. Please be sure to mail us a copy of the newsletter so we can send out your gift certificate in a timely manner. Thank you.

This year is going to be something special. We hope to share it with you as you make your way towards one of the many great fishing destinations in Northern California. Thank you for your continued support.



Zack Thurman's Fly Tying 11:00 am **Tim Fox's Fly Tying** 1:00 pm **Mike Mercer's Fly Tying** 3:00 pm **Justin Miller's Fly Tying** 5:00 pm

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April 8-9, 2009 Meeting Agenda

Meeting of
April 8, 2009 (Wednesday)
10:00 a.m. **

Wine and Roses Country Garden Inn
Garden Ballroom*
2505 W. Turner Road
Lodi

ALL MEETINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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1. PUBLIC FORUM— *Any member of the public may address and/or ask questions of the Commission relating to the implementation of its policies or any other matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission. As a general rule, action cannot be taken on issues not listed on the agenda. Staff will normally be requested to follow up on such items at the discretion of the Commission. Submittal of written comments is encouraged to ensure that all comments will be included in the record before the Commission. Please be prepared to summarize your comments to the time allocated by the President.*
2. UPDATE ON MARINE LIFE PROTECTION ACT (MLPA) FOR NORTH CENTRAL COAST STUDY REGION.
 - (A) REGULATION TIMELINE AND CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT DOCUMENT.
 - (B) ESTIMATED COSTS AND ANTICIPATED FUND SOURCES.

(Note: Public testimony will be limited to items 2.(A) and 2.(B) at this meeting. Public testimony regarding proposed regulations related to the North Central Coast Study Region is tentatively scheduled for the Commission's May 2009, meeting.)
3. RECEIPT AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DRAFT NEGATIVE DECLARATION REGARDING DELISTING THE AMERICAN PEREGRINE FALCON.
4. UPDATE ON SMITH RIVER ISSUES AND MANAGEMENT.
5. (A) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF FINDINGS ON THE PETITION TO DESIGNATE PACIFIC FISHER (*Martes pennanti*) AS AN ENDANGERED OR THREATENED SPECIES CANDIDATE.
(B) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE EMERGENCY ACTION TO ADD SECTION 749.5, TITLE 14, CCR, RE: SPECIAL ORDER RELATING TO INCIDENTAL TAKE OF PACIFIC FISHER DURING CANDIDACY PERIOD.
6. SCOPING OF POSSIBLE DEPARTMENT AND COMMISSION 2009 UPLAND GAME REGULATION CHANGE PROPOSALS.
7. DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME LEGISLATIVE REPORT UPDATE AND POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION OF COMMISSION POSITIONS ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION.
8. RECEIPT OF DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.
 - (A) RECEIPT OF DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIRECTOR'S REPORT.
 - (B) UPDATE ON THE AUTOMATED LICENSE DATA SYSTEM.
 - (C) STATUS UPDATE ON THE REPORT REGARDING LEVELS OF LEAD FOUND IN

CALIFORNIA CONDORS DURING 2008. (Note: The Commission is required to issue this report by June 2009, pursuant to Section 3004.5 of the Fish and Game Code.)

- (D) UPDATE ON AQUACULTURE.
 - (E) RECEIPT OF DEPARTMENT TEMPLATE FOR STATE BOTTOM LEASE.
 - (F) UPDATE ON ENFORCEMENT.
 - (G) UPDATE ON PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL ISSUES.
 - (H) OTHER.
- 9. RECEIPT OF COMMISSION INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.
 - 10. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.
 - (A) MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE.
 - (B) AL TAUCHER'S PRESERVING HUNTING AND SPORT FISHING OPPORTUNITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE.
 - 11. RECEIPT OF FEDERAL AGENCIES INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.
 - 12. FISH AND GAME COMMISSION/DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME WORKLOAD PLANNING AND COORDINATION.
 - 13. RECEIPT OF LEGAL COUNSEL INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.
 - 14. NEW BUSINESS.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
(NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC)

PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 11126(a)(1) and (e)(1), AND SECTION 309 OF THE FISH AND GAME CODE, THE COMMISSION WILL MEET IN CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION. THE PURPOSE OF THIS EXECUTIVE SESSION IS TO CONSIDER:

- A. PENDING LITIGATION TO WHICH THE COMMISSION IS A PARTY:
 - I. SAN LUIS AND DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY AND WESTLAND WATER DISTRICT; STATE WATER CONTRACTORS; KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY; AND OTHER REAL PARTIES IN INTEREST vs. CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION RE: LONGFIN SMELT.
 - II. CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY vs. CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION RE: TIGER SALAMANDER.
 - III. BIG CREEK LUMBER COMPANY AND CENTRAL COAST FOREST ASSOC. vs. CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION RE: COHO LISTING, SOUTH OF SAN FRANCISCO.
 - IV. LINDY O'LEARY vs. CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION RE: R.R.S.A.C. AND R.R.S.S. PERMIT DENIALS.
 - V. NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, ET AL., vs. CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION RE: CALIFORNIA CONDORS EXPOSURE TO LEAD AMMUNITION.
 - VI. COALITION FOR SUSTAINABLE DELTA, ET AL., vs. CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION RE: SPORTFISH REGULATIONS AND TAKE OF LISTED SPECIES.

- VII. JAMES BUNN AND JOHN GIBBS vs. CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION RE: SQUID PERMITS.
- VIII. CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY vs. CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION RE: AMERICAN PIKA.
- B. POSSIBLE LITIGATION INVOLVING THE COMMISSION.
- C. STAFF PERFORMANCE AND COMPENSATION.
- D. RECEIPT OF HEARING OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS ON LICENSE AND PERMIT ITEMS AND ADOPTION OF COMMISSION FINDINGS:

Meeting of
April 9, 2009 (Thursday)
8:30 a.m.

Wine and Roses Country Garden Inn
Garden Ballroom
2505 W. Turner Road
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- 15. ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.
- 16. [RECEIPT OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO SUBSECTION \(b\)\(91.1\) OF SECTION 7.50, TITLE 14, CCR, RE: KLAMATH-TRINITY SALMON FISHING REGULATIONS.](#) (Note: The Commission will consider adoption of the proposed changes at its April 21, 2009, teleconference meeting.)
- 17. [RECEIPT OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO SECTIONS 7.00 AND 7.50, TITLE 14, CCR, RE: CENTRAL VALLEY SALMON FISHING REGULATIONS.](#) (Note: The Commission will consider adoption of the proposed changes at its April 21, 2009, teleconference meeting.)
- 18. [RECEIPT OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO SECTION 27.80, TITLE 14, CCR, RE: OCEAN SALMON FISHING REGULATIONS.](#) (Note: The Commission will consider adoption of the proposed changes at its April 21, 2009, teleconference meeting.)
- 19. [RECEIPT OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON TAG QUOTA CHANGES, CLARIFICATIONS AND URGENCY CHANGES FOR THE 2009-2010 MAMMAL HUNTING REGULATIONS.](#) (Note: The Commission will consider adoption of the proposed changes at its April 21, 2009, teleconference meeting.)
- 20. [RECEIPT OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO SECTION 124, TITLE 14, CCR, RE: HALIBUT TRAWLING.](#) (Note: The Commission will consider adoption of the proposed changes at its May 14, 2009, meeting in Sacramento.)
- 21. [CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO SUBSECTION \(b\)\(178\) OF SECTION 7.50, TITLE 14, CCR, RE: SILVER KING CREEK SPORT FISHING REGULATIONS.](#)
- 22. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATED TO THE REQUEST OF JAMES L. BUCHAL FOR THE COMMISSION TO AMEND SUBSECTION (b)(91.1)(B)2. OF SECTION 7.50, TITLE 14, CCR, RE: EXEMPTION TO GENERAL AREA CLOSURES ON THE KLAMATH RIVER WHICH ALLOWS THE USE OF HAND -HELD DIP NETS BY THE KARUK INDIAN TRIBE AT ISHI PISHI FALLS.

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23. COMMISSION FOLLOW-UP.

24. MEETING REVIEW AND STAFF DIRECTION.

OTHER

25. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUTURE MEETINGS.

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** The Commission may break for lunch at approximately 12:00 noon.

NOTE: The public is encouraged to comment on any item on the agenda. In order for the Commission to adequately consider public comments, the public is requested to submit written comments no later than 10 days prior to the meeting. Written comments received fewer than ten days preceding the meeting will not be submitted to the Commission at the meeting; however, Commission staff is unable to deliver material received one day before and on the day of the meeting to the Commissioners when the meeting is not in Sacramento. Please send your comments to be received no later than two days before the meeting.

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