

STAFF SUMMARY FOR APRIL 17, 2019

14. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMITTEE (WRC)**Today's Item**Information Action

Discuss and consider approving draft agenda topics for the next WRC meeting. Consider approving new topics for WRC to address at a future meeting.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

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| • Most recent WRC meeting | Jan 10, 2019; WRC, Sacramento |
| • Today consider approving WRC work plan | April 17, 2019; Santa Monica |
| • Next WRC meeting | May 16, 2019; WRC, Sacramento |

Background**(A) WRC Work Plan and Draft Timeline**

FGC directs committee work. The updated work plan in Exhibit 1 includes topics and draft timelines for items referred by FGC to WRC. Draft agenda topics proposed for the May 2019 WRC meeting include:

- initial vetting of mammal hunting regulation changes;
- initial vetting of waterfowl hunting regulation changes;
- initial vetting of Central Valley and Klamath-Trinity sport fishing regulation changes;
- discussion and potential recommendation for the simplifying statewide inland fishing regulations,
- discussion and potential recommendation for DFW-manged lands regulations, and
- discuss the draft Delta Fisheries Management Policy.

(B) New WRC Topics

There are no new topics proposed for referral to WRC.

Significant Public Comments

1. Concern from a member of the public regarding chytrid fungus and importation of non-native bullfrogs and turtles (Exhibit 2).

Recommendation

FGC staff: Approve the draft agenda topics for the May 2019 WRC meeting.

Exhibits

1. [WRC work plan, updated Apr 8, 2019](#)
2. [Email from Eric Mills, Action for Animals, received Mar 29, 2019](#)

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Motion/Direction

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission approves the draft agenda topics for the May 2019 Wildlife Resources Committee meeting.

**Wildlife Resources Committee (WRC) 2018-19 Work Plan
Scheduled Topics and Timeline for
Items Referred to WRC by the California Fish and Game Commission
Updated April 8, 2019**

Topic	Category	2019			2020
		JAN	MAY	SEP	Jan
		Ontario	Sacramento	Santa Rosa	TBD
Annual Regulations					
Upland (Resident) Game Birds	Annual	X/R			
Sport Fishing	Annual				
Mammal Hunting	Annual		X	X/R	
Waterfowl	Annual		X	X/R	
Central Valley Salmon Sport Fishing	Annual		X	X/R	
Klamath River Basin Sport Fishing	Annual		X	X/R	
Regulations & Legislative Mandates					
Falconry	Referral for Review				
Department Lands Regulations	Informational	X	X/R		
Simplification of Statewide Inland Fishing Regulations	Informational	X/R	X/R		
Special Projects					
Bullfrogs and Non-native Turtles	Referral for Review		X		
Emerging Management Issues					
Wild Pig Management	Referral for Review				
Policies					
Delta Fisheries Forum Recommendations and Delta Fisheries Policy	Referral for Review	X	X	X	

KEY: X Discussion scheduled X/R Recommendation developed and moved to FGC

From: afa@mcn.org
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Subject: CHYTRID FUNGUS - National Geographic - March 2019]

Friday

See link below to article on the chytrid fungus (Bd) in this week's NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC.

Forget the proposed live market hearings. STOP THE MARKET FROG/TURTLE IMPORTS NOW.

Recent studies have documented that the majority of the bullfrog imports test positive for Bd.

Those illegal imports (ALL are diseased and/or parasitized) pose serious threats to the environment, the public health, and the animals themselves.

These non-native animals (bullfrogs & turtles) when released into local waters (illegal, but common), they prey upon and displace the natives, while spreading all sorts of diseases and parasites. The frogs & turtles are routinely "housed" four and five deep, often without food or water, and butchered while fully conscious. And frequently released (illegally) into the wild by Buddhist sects in "animal liberation" ceremonies and by well-meaning "do-gooders."

As you may recall, the Fish & Game Commission twice voted unanimously voted 5:0 to cease these imports, but were ignored by the Department. The official response: "The Director acts at the pleasure of the Governor." And it's "business as usual," the environment, public health and animal welfare be damned.

E.O. Wilson was right: "We, as a species, are 'innately dysfunctional.'" ("The Meaning of Human Existence," 2015)

Follow the money.

Any responses appreciated.

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