

## STAFF SUMMARY FOR APRIL 17, 2019

**4. INITIAL PLM LICENSE AND HARVEST PROGRAM (CONSENT)****Today's Item**Information Action 

Approve the initial private lands wildlife habitat enhancement and management (PLM) area license and seasons, harvests and habitat improvements for 2019-2023 for one property (Anderson Ranch in Glenn County).

**Summary of Previous/Future Actions (N/A)****Background**

Fish and Game Code sections 3400-3409 and Title 14, Section 601 prescribe conditions for a PLM program that provides incentives for landholders to manage their property for the benefit of fish and wildlife in exchange for access to increased recreational opportunities, such as hunting tags or extended seasons ("harvest program"). In return for a harvest program, the landholder must prepare a biologically-sound wildlife management plan and complete specific wildlife habitat improvements on the PLM property.

There are three types of actions associated with the PLM program: an initial five-year PLM license; an annual list of PLM seasons, harvests, and habitat improvements; and a five-year PLM license renewal, with conditions unique to each participant's property.

Proposed annual seasons, harvests, and habitat improvements for one PLM property—Anderson Ranch in Glenn County—have been reviewed by DFW and found to be in compliance with FGC regulations and policies for PLMs; the applicant has identified the location where records will be kept and made available for inspection (Exhibit 1).

**Significant Public Comments (N/A)****Recommendation**

**FGC staff:** Approve initial license and seasons, harvests, and habitat improvements for one PLM property as recommended by DFW, under a motion to adopt the consent calendar.

**DFW:** Approve initial license and annual seasons, harvests, and habitat improvements for one property, under the conditions specified in Exhibit 2.

**Exhibits**

1. [DFW memo, received Apr 8, 2019](#)
2. [PLM Area License: Initial 5-Year Management Plan, 2019-2023, Proposed Seasons, Harvests, and Habitat Improvements, received Apr 8, 2019](#)

**Motion/Direction**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ that the Commission adopts items 4-11 on the consent calendar.

## Memorandum

**Date:** April 8, 2019

**To:** Melissa Miller- Henson  
Acting Executive Director  
Fish and Game Commission

**From:** Charlton H. Bonham  
Director

**Subject:** **Agenda Item for the April 17, 2019 Fish and Game Commission Meeting - Private Lands Wildlife Habitat Enhancement and Management (PLM) Area Licenses**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife has reviewed the Annual renewals, five-year renewals and an Initial PLM Management Plan for a total of 55 properties in 16 counties encompassing approximately 885,226 acres.

The Annual renewal PLM areas were previously licensed under Commission regulations Section 601, Title 14, California Code of Regulations. Full payment was made for all tags used in 2018, and all habitat work was completed.

The Initial and five-year renewal management plans comply with Commission policy for private lands management. Applicants have identified the location where records will be kept and made available for inspection. Public notices were published in local newspapers, and certified letters were mailed to adjacent landowners with notification of intent by the initial applicant to enter into the program. No letters of concern were received by the Department.

Habitat improvements accomplished under these plans will enhance and maintain wildlife resources on and around the PLM areas. Goals and objectives stated in the management plans are compatible with Department management plans for applicable species in these areas. In addition, implementation of these management plans will not diminish access to public lands.

The Department recommends the Commission approve the specified wildlife management plans, applications, and each 2019/20 harvest program under conditions specified in the attached table.

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Fish and Game Commission  
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If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Victoria Barr at (916) 445-4034 or by email at [Victoria.Barr@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Victoria.Barr@wildlife.ca.gov).

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**PLM AREA LICENSE**  
**INITIAL 5-YEAR MANAGEMENT PLAN, 2019-2023**  
**PROPOSED SEASONS, HARVESTS, AND HABITAT IMPROVEMENTS**

PLM Area	Proposed Season and Harvest	Habitat Improvement Program
<b>NORTH CENTRAL REGION</b>		
<p>ANDERSON RANCH</p> <p>DEER ZONE C-4</p> <p>GLENN</p> <p>400 ACRES</p>	<p><b>Authorized Harvest:</b> 3 buck deer forked horn or better and 3 antlerless deer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issue 3 deer tags to take 3 buck deer for the period of September 21, 2019 through October 6, 2019 and October 26, 2019 to November 3, 2019. After the initial year the hunting period will be November 1 to December 31.</li> <li>• Issue 3 deer tags to take 3 antlerless deer for the period of September 21, 2019 through October 6, 2019 and October 26, 2019 to November 3, 2019. After the initial year the hunting period will be November 1 to December 31. These 3 antlerless tags will be donated to the SHARE Program.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ High fence 20 acres of newly planted walnut trees.</li> <li>➤ Protect re-plants with wire baskets.</li> <li>➤ ~150 wire baskets will be placed around new plantings.</li> <li>➤ Plant 20 acres of cover crops including winter wheat and mustard plants.</li> </ul>