

STAFF SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 11-12, 2019

3. CALIFORNIA WATERFOWLER'S HALL OF FAME**Today's Item**Information Action

Recognize newly inducted members of the California Waterfowler's Hall of Fame.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

As a sponsor of the California Waterfowler's Hall of Fame, FGC annually recognizes inductees through the presentation of signed resolutions.

Background

The California Waterfowler's Hall of Fame was established in 2006 to recognize those individuals who have made significant contributions to enhancing waterfowl and their habitats in California.

A small group of interested waterfowlers was instrumental in establishing the Hall of Fame so that major contributions and achievements of biologists, academics/professors, federal/state administrators, legislators, sportsmen, agriculturalists and other conservationists could be recognized. The selection committee includes representatives from the California Waterfowl Association, Ducks Unlimited, Conservations Solutions, Gaines and Associates, University of California Davis, National Audubon Society, and DFW.

Inductees or their representatives will be presented with certificates by the California Waterfowl Association. This year's inductees are L. Ryan Broddrick, Dean A. Cortopassi, John M. Eadie, Richard Janson, and Mickey W. Saso.

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

FGC staff: Recognize this year's Waterfowler's Hall of Fame inductees with FGC resolutions.

Exhibits

1. [Resolution for L. Ryan Broddrick](#)
2. [Resolution for Dean A. Cortopassi](#)
3. [Resolution for John M. Eadie](#)
4. [Resolution for Richard Janson](#)
5. [Resolution for Mickey W. Saso](#)

Motion/Direction

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission recognizes L. Ryan Broddrick, Dean A. Cortopassi, John M. Eadie, Richard Janson, and Mickey W. Saso as members of the California Waterfowler's Hall of Fame.

CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION
RESOLUTION HONORING

L. Ryan Broddrick

WHEREAS, the Waterfowler's Hall of Fame was established in 2006 to recognize those individuals who have made significant contributions to enhancing waterfowl and their habitats in California; and

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WHEREAS, many sportsmen and women and other conservationists have served a critical role in conserving our waterfowl by preserving, restoring, and enhancing natural habitats, managing agricultural habitats with wildlife in mind, and implementing other land uses specifically designed to benefit waterfowl; and

WHEREAS, some sportsmen and women and other conservationists have significantly benefited waterfowl by advocating legislation and other policies that provide needed resources for nesting and wintering waterfowl populations;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Fish and Game Commission hereby recognizes the addition of Mr. L. Ryan Broddrick to the Waterfowler's Hall of Fame.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Fish and Game Commission recognizes Mr. Broddrick's life work to lead the hunting, fishing and conservation communities in proactive and meaningful collaborative efforts that effectively promote conservation. He has served as director of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, chair of California Waterfowl, western regional director of conservation policy for Ducks Unlimited, and executive director of the Northern California Water Association.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Fish and Game Commission further recognizes that Mr. Broddrick's conservation efforts in California wouldn't be where they are today without his concerted efforts. He has put his heart and soul into educating staff, elected leaders, business leaders, sportsmen and women, and conservationists that we have the responsibility to preserve the magic of the marsh.

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Dean (Dino) A. Cortopassi

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Fish and Game Commission hereby recognizes the addition of Mr. Dean (Dino) A. Cortopassi to the Waterfowler's Hall of Fame.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Fish and Game Commission recognizes Mr. Cortopassi for his successful strategic approach to addressing wetland and waterfowl conservation issues in the Delta. He has long been concerned with subsidence issues in the Delta and was one of the pioneers in growing rice in the Delta as a means of combating soil loss.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Fish and Game Commission further recognizes Mr. Cortopassi for creating and managing The Wetland Preservation Foundation. Under the foundation, landowners will be relieved from the burden of management and levee maintenance if they agree to let a portion of their land be converted by the foundation into a wetland reserve.

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FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Fish and Game Commission recognizes Dr. Eadie for his significant accomplishments in advancing undergraduate and graduate students at UC Davis, grantsmanship, University Extension, and waterfowl research. Notably, he was instrumental in starting the California Waterfowl Association College Camp at Bird Haven Ranch, providing a guided waterfowl hunt experience for UC Davis students from non-hunting backgrounds.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Fish and Game Commission further recognizes Dr. Eadie's publishing of over 100 manuscripts, principally on waterfowl ecology, and his leadership in wintering energetics, wood duck and goldeneye nesting ecology, and rice and moist-soil management.

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Richard “Fresh Air Dick” Janson

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FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Fish and Game Commission recognizes Mr. Janson as one of the most prolific and talented duck decoy carvers of the Pacific Flyway and perhaps all North America.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Fish and Game Commission further recognizes that Mr. Janson – who carved primarily pintails, canvasbacks, and scaup – set the standard for great working-decoy carving. His work is enjoyed to this day by hunters, carvers, collectors, and lovers of fine art.

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Mickey W. Saso

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FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Fish and Game Commission recognizes Mr. Saso as one of the giants in the duck call manufacturing world, having developed the Wingsetter Duck Call Company and its legendary 8 in 1 Call. He has supported youth and conservation through the donation of thousands of his calls to various non-profits.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Fish and Game Commission further recognizes Mr. Saso for developing the 200-acre Wingsetter Ranch, creating a unique property in the riparian zone along the San Joaquin River. He also has been a valuable resource to state managers for monitoring the pulse of the waterfowling community on reservoirs and wetland areas in the Modesto vicinity.

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