

STAFF SUMMARY FOR JUNE 20-21, 2018

24. INITIAL PLM HARVEST PROGRAMS (CONSENT)**Today's Item**Information Action

Approve the initial Private Lands Wildlife Habitat Enhancement and Management (PLM) Area license for 2018-2023, and wildlife management plan with seasons, harvests and habitat improvements for 2018-2019, for one property.

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.

The proposed annual seasons, harvests, and habitat improvements for one PLM property 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 the DFW recommendation, under a motion to adopt the consent calendar.

DFW: Approve the initial PLM license for 2018-2023, and the wildlife management plan with annual seasons, harvests and habitat improvements for 2018-2019, on one property, under the conditions specified in Exhibit 2.

Exhibits

1. [DFW memo, received May 31, 2018](#)
2. [Proposed initial management plan details](#)

Motion/Direction

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission adopts the consent calendar, items 23-28.

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State of California
Department of Fish and Wildlife

Memorandum

Date: May 31, 2018

To: Valerie Termini
Executive Director
Fish and Game Commission

From: Charlton H. Bonham
Director



Subject: **Agenda Item for the June 20-21, 2018 Fish and Game Commission (Commission) Meeting Private Lands Wildlife Habitat Enhancement and Management (PLM) Area Licenses**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) has reviewed the Annual renewals, 5-year renewals and an Initial PLM Management Plan for 53 properties in 16 counties consisting of approximately 635,948 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 2017, and all habitat work was completed.

The Initial and 5-year renewal management plans are in compliance with Commission policy for private lands management. The 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 the Initial applicant intent 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. The goals and objectives stated in the management plans are compatible with Department management plans for applicable species in these areas. In addition, access to public lands will not be diminished under implementation of these management plans.

Valerie Termini, Executive Director
Fish and Game Commission
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The Department recommends Commission approval of the specified wildlife management plans, applications, and each 2018/19 harvest program under conditions specified in the attached tables.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Victoria Barr at (916) 445-4034 or by email at victoria.barr@wildlife.ca.gov.

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**PLM AREA LICENSE
INITIAL MANAGEMENT PLAN, 2018-2023
PROPOSED SEASON, HARVEST, AND HABITAT IMPROVEMENTS**

PLM Area	Proposed Season and Harvest	Habitat Improvement Program
NORTHERN REGION		
<p>OBSERVATION PEAK RANCH DEER ZONE X5B LASSEN 640 ACRES</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 1 buck deer forked horn or better</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Issue 1 buck tag for the period of September 25, 2018 through November 30, 2018. ➤ No person shall take more than 1 buck deer annually in the X zones. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Install a 750 gallon wildlife guzzler with wildlife-friendly livestock exclusion fencing. ➤ Seed 1 acre of mountain mahogany at a rate of 0.20 pounds per acre. ➤ Water bitterbrush seedlings during the summer.