

STAFF SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 17, 2018

2. PUBLIC COMMENT**Today's Item****Information** **Action**

Receive public comments, petitions for regulation change, and requests for non-regulatory actions for items not on the agenda.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

- **Today's receipt of petitions, requests and comments** **Oct 17, 2018; Fresno**
- Consider granting, denying or referring **Dec 12-13, 2018; Oceanside**

Background

This agenda item is primarily to provide the public an opportunity to address FGC on topics not on the agenda. Staff also includes written materials and comments received prior to the meeting as exhibits in the meeting binder (if received by written comment deadline), or as late comments at the meeting (if received by late comment deadline), for official FGC "receipt."

Public comments are generally categorized into three types under public forum: (1) petitions for regulation change; (2) requests for non-regulatory action; and (3) informational-only comments. Under the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, FGC cannot discuss any matter not included on the agenda, other than to schedule issues raised by the public for consideration at future meetings. Thus, petitions for regulation change and non-regulatory requests generally follow a two-meeting cycle (receipt and direction); FGC will determine the outcome of the petitions for regulation change and non-regulatory requests received at today's meeting at the next in-person FGC meeting following staff evaluation.

As required by the Administrative Procedure Act, petitions for regulation change will be either denied or granted and notice made of that determination. Action on petitions received at previous meetings is scheduled under a separate agenda item titled "Petitions for regulation change". Action on non-regulatory requests received at previous meetings is scheduled under a separate agenda item titled "Non-regulatory requests."

Significant Public Comments

1. New petitions for regulation change are summarized in Exhibit 1, and the original petitions are provided as exhibits 3-4.
2. Requests for non-regulatory action are summarized in Exhibit 2, and the original requests are provided as exhibits 5-6.
3. Informational comments are provided as exhibits 7-9.

Recommendation

Consider whether any new future agenda items are needed to address issues that are raised during public comment and are within FGC's authority.

Exhibits

1. [Summary of new petitions for regulation change received by Oct 4; 2018 at 5:00 p.m.](#)

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2. [Summary of requests for non-regulatory action received by Oct 4, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.](#)
3. [Petition 2018-013: Ridgeback prawn trawl fishing hours, received Sep 19, 2018](#)
4. [Petition 2018-014: Boat limit for finfish, received Oct 4, 2018](#)
5. [Email from Brigitte Robertson, requesting cancellation of the hunting season in areas affected by recent wildfires, received Aug 17, 2018](#)
6. [Email from Steffanie Byrnes, requesting action to reduce the coyote population in urban areas, received Sep 5, 2018](#)
7. [Letters from Alpine County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Kirkwood Meadows Public Utility District Board of Directors, and Alpine Watershed Group Board of Directors, in support of a request from the Alpine County Board of Supervisors to remove Hope Valley Wildlife Area from the DFW Lands Pass Program, received Aug 7, Sep 20, and Sep 24, 2018, respectively](#)
8. [Email from Eric Mills, representing Action for Animals, regarding the banning of commercial collection of native freshwater turtles in Texas, received Aug 23, 2018](#)
9. [Email from Ace Carter, concerning the testing for radioactive pollution in the ocean environment, received Sep 20, 2018](#)

Motion/Direction (N/A)

CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION
RECEIPT LIST FOR REGULATION CHANGE REQUESTS: RECEIVED BY 5 PM ON OCTOBER 4, 2018
 Revised 10-10-2018

FGC - California Fish and Game Commission **DFW** - California Department of Fish and Wildlife **WRC** - Wildlife Resources Committee **MRC** - Marine Resources Committee

Tracking No.	Date Received	Accept or Reject	Name of Petitioner	Subject of Request	Code or Title 14 Section Number	Short Description	FGC Decision
2018-013	9/19/2018	A	Mike McCorkle	Ridgeback Prawn	T14, 120.3	Allow Ridgeback Prawn to be only taken by trawl from sunrise to sunset as noted on monthly calendar.	Receipt: 10/17/2018 Action scheduled: 12/12-13/2018
2018-014	10/4/2018	A	James Stone	Boat Limit of Finfish	T14, 27.60 C	Request is to allow anglers to continue fishing until boat limits are reached while fishing for finfish in inland waters. This will achieve parity with existing regulations for ocean and bay fishing.	Receipt: 10/17/2018 Action scheduled: 12/12-13/2018

CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION
RECEIPT LIST FOR NON-REGULATORY ACTION: RECEIVED BY 5 PM ON OCTOBER 4, 2018
Revised 10-09-18

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Date Received	Name of Petitioner	Subject of Request	Short Description	FGC Decision
8/17/2018	Brigitte Robertson	Hunting in areas affected by wildfires	Request that FGC cancel the hunting seasons in areas affected by recent wildfires.	Receipt: 10/17/2018 Action scheduled: 12/12-13/2018
9/5/2018	Steffanie Byrnes	Coyote	Request FGC to take action to reduce the coyote population in urban areas.	Receipt: 10/17/2018 Action scheduled: 12/12-13/2018



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Tracking Number: (2018-013)

To request a change to regulations under the authority of the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission), you are required to submit this completed form to: California Fish and Game Commission, 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1320, Sacramento, CA 95814 or via email to FGC@fgc.ca.gov. Note: This form is not intended for listing petitions for threatened or endangered species (see Section 670.1 of Title 14).

Incomplete forms will not be accepted. A petition is incomplete if it is not submitted on this form or fails to contain necessary information in each of the required categories listed on this form (Section I). A petition will be rejected if it does not pertain to issues under the Commission's authority. A petition may be denied if any petition requesting a functionally equivalent regulation change was considered within the previous 12 months and no information or data is being submitted beyond what was previously submitted. If you need help with this form, please contact Commission staff at (916) 653-4899 or FGC@fgc.ca.gov.

SECTION I: Required Information.

Please be succinct. Responses for Section I should not exceed five pages

1. Person or organization requesting the change (Required)

Name of primary contact person: Click here to enter text. **MIKE MCCORKLE SCFA**
 Address: Click here to
 Telephone number:
 Email address: Clic

2. Rulemaking Authority (Required) - Reference to the statutory or constitutional authority of the Commission to take the action requested: Click here to enter text. **Sections 8591, 8841, & 8842 added by petitioner via email on 10/9/2018 (attached)**

3. Overview (Required) - Summarize the proposed changes to regulations: Click here to enter text. **Add - RIDGE BACK PRAWN MAY ONLY BE TAKEN BY TRAWL FROM SUN RISE TO SUNSET AS NOTED ON MONTHLY CALENDAR**

4. Rationale (Required) - Describe the problem and the reason for the proposed change: Click here to enter text. **OVER FISHING IS TAKING PLACE BY BOATS FISHING 24 HRS. A DAY SOME TIMES UP TO 36 HRS STRAIGHT. THIS IS TAKING PLACE ON AREAS OF SMALL SHRIMP**

SECTION II: Optional Information **By Day ALLOWING DAYLIGHT hrs. of fishing this could cut THE EFFORT IN HALF, which would SAVE A LOT OF SMALL SHRIMP FROM BEING TAKEN.**

5. Date of Petition: Click here to enter text. **9-14-18** **MOST RB SHRIMP FISHERMEN SUPPORT THIS CHANGE**

6. Category of Proposed Change

- Sport Fishing
- Commercial Fishing
- Hunting
- Other, please specify: Click here to enter text.



7. **The proposal is to:** (To determine section number(s), see current year regulation booklet or <https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs>)
 Amend Title 14 Section(s): ADD TO CURRENT REGS.
 Add New Title 14 Section(s): Click here to enter text.
 Repeal Title 14 Section(s): Click here to enter text.
8. **If the proposal is related to a previously submitted petition that was rejected, specify the tracking number of the previously submitted petition** Click here to enter text.
 Or Not applicable.
9. **Effective date:** If applicable, identify the desired effective date of the regulation. If the proposed change requires immediate implementation, explain the nature of the emergency: THE SHRIMP ARE BEING OVERFISHED AND ARE NOT REACHING FULL GROWTH.
10. **Supporting documentation:** Identify and attach to the petition any information supporting the proposal including data, reports and other documents: Click here to enter text.
11. **Economic or Fiscal Impacts:** Identify any known impacts of the proposed regulation change on revenues to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, individuals, businesses, jobs, other state agencies, local agencies, schools, or housing: Click here to enter text. NONE
12. **Forms:** If applicable, list any forms to be created, amended or repealed:
 Click here to enter text.

SECTION 3: FGC Staff Only

Date received: Click here to enter text.

FGC staff action:

- Accept - complete
- Reject - incomplete
- Reject - outside scope of FGC authority

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Meeting date for FGC consideration: _____

FGC action:

- Denied by FGC
- Denied - same as petition _____
 Tracking Number
- Granted for consideration of regulation change

From: McCorkle Fishing Enterprises
Sent: Tuesday, October 9, 2018 3:50 PM
To: Ashcraft, Susan@FGC
Cc: FGC
Subject: Re: Ridgeback Prawn Petition to Fish and Game Commission

Susan,

I would like to add to our petition on Ridge back prawn the following code sections, 8591, 884`1 and 8842.

Mike Mccorkle , Southern Ca. Trawlers assn.

On 10/4/2018 7:05 PM, Ashcraft, Susan@FGC wrote:

Dear Mike,

I mentioned in my last email that I would send you a separate message regarding your recently submitted petition to limit the fishing hours for ridgeback prawn fishing from sunrise to sunset. There is some information that needs to be revised before we can accept it as complete and schedule it for receipt by the Commission at their October meeting.

In Section 1 of the petition, there is a part to fill in Authority (Part 2 of Section 1). I noticed that you identified the *regulation* section you wish to change in Title 14, CCR. However, this section requires that you identify the specific law (either in legislatively enacted code or in the state constitution) that would allow the change you request. In other words, the law that authorized the Commission to adopt regulations governing ridgeback prawn in the first place, and authorizes them to make the changes you request. You started at a good point, by looking at the existing regulations. Each regulations section includes a list of laws (or Fish and Game Code sections) that those regulations cite to for authority. You referenced Section 120.3 of Title 14 CCR. That regulation cites **Sections 710.7, 711, 713, 1050, 8591, 8841, and 8842** of the Fish and Game Code. I have provided a link to the Fish and Game Code below.

You can look up the cited sections to identify which one(s) give the Commission authority to make the change you re requesting. Or you could just stop by the Department of Fish and Wildlife office in Santa Barbara, and they have a printed book copy of the whole Fish and Game Code that you can use to review the sections I listed above to identify which apply.

If you want to try doing it online, the link for Fish and Game Code is:

<https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codesTOCSelected.xhtml?tocCode=FGC>

On the right side above the list of code sections there is a drop down menu for "Code" and then you can type in the "Section" number.

Once you decide which sections you'd like to list, please send an email to FGC@fgc.ca.gov (with a cc to me) with the list, and in the email request that we add the list to Section 1 of your petition.

Thanks so much Mike, and just give me a call if you have questions or if you need assistance with completing your petition.

Best regards,

Susan

Susan Ashcraft

Marine Advisor

California Fish and Game Commission

1416 9th Street, Room 1320

Sacramento, CA 95814

Office: (916) 653-1803

Cell: (650) 222-9036



Tracking Number: 2018-014

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SECTION I: Required Information.

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1. Person or organization requesting the change (Required)

Name of primary contact person: Northern California Guides and Sportsmen's Association, James Stone, President

Address:

Telephone number:

Email address: jstone@ncgasa.org

2. Rulemaking Authority (Required) - Reference to the statutory or constitutional authority of the Commission to take the action requested: Authority Cited: Sections 200, ~~202~~265, and 7071 and ~~8587.1~~, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections ~~205~~, 210255, 7071 and 7120, Fish and Game Code.

3. Overview (Required) - Summarize the proposed changes to regulations: The Northern California Guides and Sportsmen's Association (NCGASA) is asking for an amendment to 27.60(c) relative to boat limits. 27.60 (c) currently allows, when two or more persons that are licensed or otherwise authorized to sport fish in ocean waters off California or in the San Francisco Bay District, defined in Section 27.00, are angling for finfish aboard a vessel in these waters, fishing by all authorized persons aboard may continue until boat limits of finfish are taken and possessed aboard the vessel as authorized under this section or Section 195, Title 14, CCR. The authorization for boat limits aboard a vessel does not apply to fishing trips originating in California's Sacramento Valley and Delta, creating a parity issue between bay and ocean fishing parties, and those who choose to fish inland, in the Delta, or other locations.

4. Rationale (Required) - Describe the problem and the reason for the proposed change: There is a parity issue between guided fishing trips in the bay and the ocean and those occurring inland (Delta and Sacramento Valley) when it comes to boat limits with two or more anglers on board. In the bay and ocean, ALL anglers may continue to fish, with their rods in the water, until boat limits of finfish are taken aboard. On guided trips inland, in the Delta and Sacramento Valley, once an angler has taken his/her limit of fish, that angler must REMOVE their rod from the river and sit in the boat until the other anglers have caught their limit. This can result in some anglers sitting idly in guides boats for hours on



end, reducing enthusiasm and willingness to participate in such activities in the future. NGCASA believes that our clients, who are abiding by all the same rules and regulations, and subject to the annual bag limits imposed by the Commission, should qualify for the same boat limits flexibility as bay and ocean fishing trips, allowing all anglers to continue pursuit until boat limits of finfish are taken. This issue was exacerbated in 2018 when the inland fishery bag limit for fall run salmon was reduced to 1 per person. This change, prompted by significant declines of returning adults, has led to a reduced interest in booking inland river guided trips. We are further exacerbating the situation by imposing the “you can only fish for your own fish” standard when the same does not apply to bay and ocean fishing. Many of our clients, who also fish those waters, are not familiar with the restriction, and don’t find out about it until they are sitting in our boats and we have to take their rods and tell them they are done for the day. Several have told us point blank that with a 1 per person limit, coupled with this restriction, that they would rather take their money and business to guided trips on the bay and ocean (please see the economic section below for further justification of this exact problem). Establishing boat limit parity for inland fisheries would create a more enjoyable experience for all parties involved, the anglers, sportsmen and women, fishing guides, and the communities that benefit from fishing tourism. It would also provide incentive for anglers to book fishing trips in the Sacramento Valley, especially with the restrictions of the 1 fish bag limit. (As an illustrative example, this regulation change would allow a father to hook a fish for his daughter, and hand it off to her to achieve her limit, while educating and teaching her the values of conservation and the pursuit of angling harvest).

SECTION II: Optional Information

- 5. Date of Petition: 10/3/18**
- 6. Category of Proposed Change**
 - Sport Fishing
 - Commercial Fishing
 - Hunting
 - Other, please specify: [Click here to enter text.](#)
- 7. The proposal is to:** *(To determine section number(s), see current year regulation booklet or <https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs>)*
 - Amend Title 14 Section(s):27.60 (c)
 - Add New Title 14 Section(s): [Click here to enter text.](#)
 - Repeal Title 14 Section(s): [Click here to enter text.](#)
- 8. If the proposal is related to a previously submitted petition that was rejected, specify the tracking number of the previously submitted petition** [Click here to enter text.](#)
Or Not applicable.
- 9. Effective date:** If applicable, identify the desired effective date of the regulation.
If the proposed change requires immediate implementation, explain the nature of the emergency: [Effective for the start of the 2019 recreational fishing season.](#)
- 10. Supporting documentation:** Identify and attach to the petition any information supporting the proposal including data, reports and other documents: None



11. Economic or Fiscal Impacts: Identify any known impacts of the proposed regulation change on revenues to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, individuals, businesses, jobs, other state agencies, local agencies, schools, or housing: The following is an economic analysis on the impacts of a declining fishery on professional guides and the communities in which they do their business. NOTE: These numbers are just for the FALL RUN salmon season. It does not include stripers, late fall run, shad, sturgeon, steelhead, and rainbow trout. At the peak of the fishery in the early 2000's, it is estimated that guiding and associated industries brought in roughly \$55M for the counties of Sacramento, Shasta, Butte, Sutter, Yuba, Tehama, Glenn, and Colusa. Roughly \$30M of that was direct revenue for guide services. As the health of the fishery has declined, so to have the economics of the industry. By 2017 the industry had collapsed to a fraction of its former self, roughly \$14.5M in total and \$10.5M in direct guide revenue. How do we calculate these numbers? For direct guide revenue: There are currently 100 full time guides that guide 350 clients per year. There are 350 part time guides who guide 50 clients per year. This is a total of 52,500 clients. The average charge, per person, in 2017 was \$200/head. This is \$10.5M in revenue. For community revenue: Roughly 65% of clientele come from out of the area. At two beds per room per night (conservative assuming people share rooms), that's 34,125 clients in 17,062 hotel room nights. At \$100 per night, that's \$1.7M. For just those from out of town, calculate lunch and dinner at \$20 per meal for a total \$1,365M. Add breakfast at \$10 for a total of \$341,250. Assume 3 people travel per car and need one tank of gas, so that's 34,125 / 3 per car = 11,375 cars x \$60 fill up for a total of \$682,500 for fuel. That is the additional \$4M in community benefit. None of this accounts for revenue from fishing licenses to CDFW (either 1 day, 2 day, or annual licenses), bait, tackle, gear, tips, alcohol, additional entertainment (movies, shopping, etc). It also doesn't include guides expenditures in the community: buying fuel, gear, boat repairs, etc. Given how shocking the economic decline is between 2000 and 2017, it's even worse in 2018 with the newly imposed 1 fish bag limit. In 2018, everyone has dropped rates \$25 to \$50 to encourage bookings. Full timers did not drop prices as much, part-timers did more, but everyone is taking a haircut. In addition, bookings with guides, based on conservative estimates, are off at least 50%. Out of town visitors are simply not coming, considering 1 fish limit not worth the time and expense to book a fishing trip. Calculating the 2018 economic impact: Use an average rate of \$175 (\$200/head minus \$25 reduction) 100 full time and 350 part time guides, with a 50% decrease in bookings, direct guide revenue alone is down to \$4,593,750. Cut in half the number of hotel rooms, meals, gas and other incidentals and you start to see the impacts on the broader community. The total economic benefit estimate for 2018 is \$7,294,375, a 86% reduction from the early 2000's. Guides are losing homes, leaving their families behind (if they can) and guiding and fishing in OR, WA, AK, and ID to make money (roughly 15% of the guiding community have left). This data is compiled from NCGASA members (500+ guides) and their clients. Information was collected via direct guide surveys over phone, email, and Facebook polls.

12. Forms: If applicable, list any forms to be created, amended or repealed:

None

SECTION 3: FGC Staff Only

Date received: [Click here to enter text.](#)

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FGC staff action:

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Accept - complete

Reject - incomplete



State of California – Fish and Game Commission

PETITION TO THE CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION FOR REGULATION CHANGE

FGC 1 (NEW 10/23/14) Page 4 of 4

Reject - outside scope of FGC authority

Tracking Number

Date petitioner was notified of receipt of petition and pending action: October 17, 2018

Meeting date for FGC consideration: December 12-13, 2018

FGC action:

Denied by FGC

Denied - same as petition _____

Tracking Number

Granted for consideration of regulation change

From: Brigitte
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2018 12:20 PM
To: FGC
Subject: Please cancel hunting season

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to ask you to please cancel hunting season in the areas affected by the wildfires this year. They have suffered enough! Please don't forget that these animals are sentient beings.

Brigitte Robertson, RN, MA, LMFT

This e-mail message is intended only for the named recipient(s) above. This e-mail is confidential and may contain information that is privileged or exempt from disclosure under applicable law. If you have received this message in error, please immediately notify the sender by return e-mail and delete this e-mail message from your computer.

From:
Sent: Wednesday, September 5, 2018 11:34 AM
To: FGC
Subject: Coyotes

I would like to share a very upsetting experience with a coyote. Sadly, my bengal managed to escape from my home in Orange, California. She was killed by a coyote soon after. There are missing posters are over Orange of missing pets. It is usually small dogs and cats. We have a out of control population in this area. Stray cats, as well as ferals, do not last long in this area. On social media in thos area, people complain about this issue constantly.

I have a friend that has the same issue in Long Beach, California. The coyotes are not even afraid of people anymore. This issue has gotten so bad that pets have been taken from backyards, as well as on the leash during daytime hours while their guardians walk them.

My friend was walking her small sized dog and a pack of young coyotes tried to attack her dog. Luckily, she spotted the coyotes in back of her and scared them off.

I am beyond tired of the California Fish and Wildlife ignoring this issue because of animal right activists. The population in some areas are out of control. It is jeopardizing the well being of innocent pets as well as other wildlife. Coyotes have no known predator, and thrive in urban environments. It is time to cull the population to a manageable size! We cannot live in harmony with coyotes being able to kill indiscriminately. You have a obligation to the people of California, as well as other wildlife being killed daily. It is also dangerous that these animals have lost their fear of people. Ignoring this problem is wrong and is negligence! People should be able to enjoy walking in their neighborhoods without worrying about their pets being constantly killed. You should be able to enjoy your backyard without a coyote jumping over the fence and killing pets!

Dogs should be able to use the restroom without their owner constantly watching them with pepper spray at hand in their own backyards. Why should we have to live like this?! Just because some organizations which ignore reality is against this?! Is California going to pay me the 800 dollars for the loss of my bengal?! Please do something about this issue. Please stop ignoring this problem. Sometimes hard choices need to be made for the betterment of California!

Thank you so much for not banning hybrid cats in 2014. I will always be grateful for that. As I love mine to death. Please stop ignoring this issue and do something!

Thank You,

Steffanie Byrnes



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Friday, August 3, 2018

Ms. Valerie Termini
Executive Director
California Fish and Game Commission
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

RE: Removal of the Hope Valley Wildlife Area Land
Pass Program

Dear Ms. Termini:

We would like to submit our support letter for the Alpine County Board of Supervisors' petition to the California Fish and Game Commission for a regulation change to remove Hope Valley Wildlife Area from the Lands Pass Program.

As a community that relies heavily on a strong tourism market, this program greatly impacts our local businesses, residents and our visitors that enjoy the Hope Valley area year round.

We feel strongly that these lands remain open without fees for all to access and enjoy.

Thank you for working with the Alpine County Board of Supervisors to reverse this regulatory action.

Sincerely,

Teresa Burkhauser, CMP
Executive Director on behalf of the
Alpine County Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors

3 WEBSTER STREET
P.O. BOX 265
MARKLEEVILLE, CA 96120
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fax (530) 694-2478

cc: Alpine County Board of Supervisors



KIRKWOOD MEADOWS
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August 30, 2018

Valerie Termini, Executive Director
California Fish and Wildlife Commission
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, CA 94224-2090
RE: Request to remove Hope Valley Area from the Lands Pass Program

Dear Ms. Termini,

The Kirkwood Meadows Public Utility District (District) Board of Directors joins the Alpine County Board of Supervisors in support of their request that the California Fish and Wildlife Commission remove the Hope Valley Wildlife Area from the Lands Pass Program.

The enforcement area of the Lands Pass Program within the Hope Valley Wildlife Area is largely unknown, not only by the local community, but more importantly tourists, and there is a dearth of signage explaining the rules of the Lands Pass Program or delineating the boundaries of an enforcement area. This is an added expense and a deterrent to people wishing to enjoy recreation in Hope Valley, which in turn, has a direct impact on the local economy. Some of our own employees have stopped using this area for recreation due to this confusion.

Hope Valley has a rich history of land use and recreation and was ultimately preserved for public enjoyment by a group of engaged citizens, Friends of Hope Valley. The District's Board of Directors supports keeping these lands public and open for all to access and enjoy, free of charge.

We thank you for considering the impacts of the Lands Pass Program on our community and working with the Alpine County Board of Supervisors to remove the Hope Valley Wildlife Area from the Lands Pass Program.

Sincerely,

Erik M. Christeson
General Manager, Kirkwood Meadows PUD



Alpine Watershed Group

Protecting the Headwaters of the California Alps

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September 19, 2018

California Fish and Wildlife Commission
PO Box 944209
Sacramento, CA 94224-2090

Attn: Valerie Termini, Executive Director

Re: Request to Remove the Hope Valley Unit from the Lands Pass Program

Dear Ms. Termini,

On behalf of the Alpine Watershed Group's Board of Directors, this letter is to request removal of Hope Valley from the Lands Pass Program. Our organization seeks to increase public use and appreciation of the public lands of the valley, and we find that the Lands Pass is a deterrent to these public goals.

A key issue is the handicapped access point which was funded separately and especially to allow wheelchair access to the West Fork of the Carson River (see photos at end of letter). Unfortunately, a warning sign at that point is a significant deterrent. It is certainly inappropriate to charge for use of this facility. Cell phone access is limited or non-existent at that location, and even if connected, the visitor cannot obtain instant permission for entry. Visitors are turned away.

A further concern is that many visitors take nothing from the land, as they are simply into hiking, painting, cross-country skiing, or photography. No warden or other state employee is needed to supervise their use. Even the trash containers are maintained by private interests, not California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).

Land ownership in the valley is a mixture of US Forest Service, private, and CDFW. It is not possible for a visitor to know which lands are which. Such uncertainty further exacerbates public use and enjoyment of the area.

Our organization regularly leads volunteers in conducting stream flow and water quality monitoring in this reach, and we also lead stream field trips and educational workshops to involve the public in stream and watershed restoration. It would be counterproductive to ensure that all have permits or to simply avoid CDFW lands along the river.

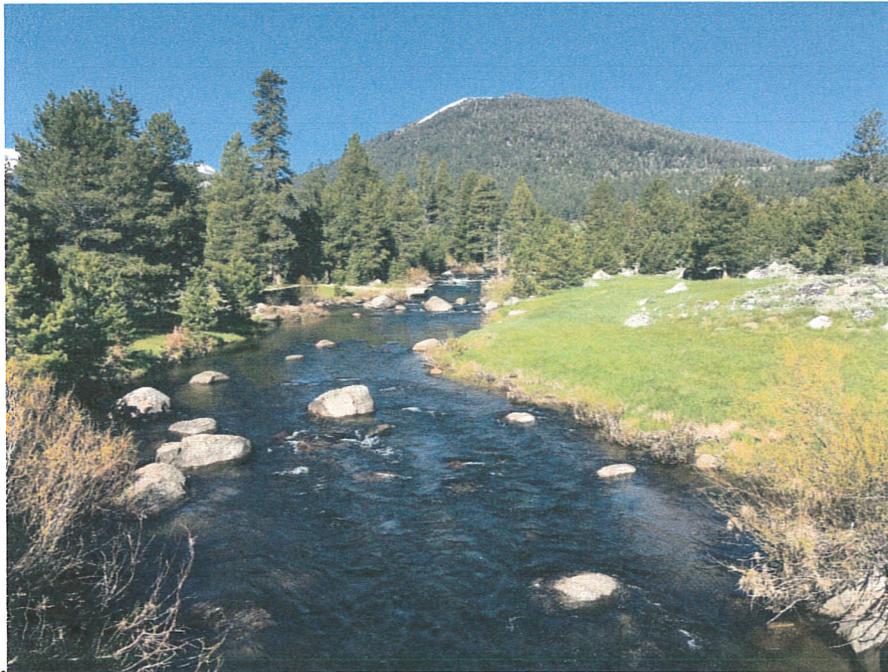
*P.O. Box 296 Markleeville, CA 96120
(530) 694-2327*

We join the Alpine County Board of Supervisors and the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce in requesting that the Hope Valley Unit be exempt from the Lands Pass requirement. We appreciate you considering the impacts of the Lands Pass Program on our community and on our organization's mission to preserve and enhance the Carson River Watershed.

Sincerely,



Kimra D. McAfee
Executive Director



Top: ADA accessible wheelchair stream-site
Bottom: Signage for Lands Pass at entrance to ADA trail to stream-site



From: afa@mcn.org
Sent: Thursday, August 23, 2018 5:23 PM
To: FGC; Cornman, Ari@FGC; Wildlife DIRECTOR; Office of the Secretary CNRA
Subject: TEXAS BANS COMMERCIAL HARVEST OF FRESHWATER TURTLES]

Thursday

SEE LINK BELOW - TEXAS OUTLAWS COMMERCIAL HARVEST OF STATE'S FRESHWATER TURTLES.

Can California be far behind?

x
Eric Mills, coordinator
ACTION FOR ANIMALS
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https://www.biologicaldiversity.org/news/press_releases/2018/texas-wild-turtle-trapping-08-23-2018.php

From: Ace Carter
Sent: Thursday, September 20, 2018 6:02 AM
To: Pat McDonell - Editor - WESTERN OUTDOOR NEWS
Cc: Captain Merit McCrae - Saltwater Editor for Western Outdoor News - A veteran Southern California party boat captain - Marine research scientist with the Love Lab at the University of California at Santa Barbara's Marine Science Institute
Subject: HAS ANYONE TESTED THE LOCAL CALIFORNIA KELP LATELY FOR DEADLY AND TOXIC RADIOACTIVE ACCUMULATION..?

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FROM THE THREE...

STILL LEAKING FUKUSHIMA AND MELTING DOWN REACTORS..?

HOW ABOUT THE LOCAL CA FISH..? CA LOBSTER..?

IS THE CA SEAFOOD STILL SAFE TO EAT..?

IS IT STILL GETTING WORSE..?

JUST ASKING...

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