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California Fish and Wildlife Strategic Vision Gains New Members

New Members to the Executive Committee, Blue Ribbon Citizen Commission and Stakeholder Advisory Group

SACRAMENTO – The California Fish and Wildlife Strategic Vision Executive Committee, Blue Ribbon Citizen Commission and Stakeholder Advisory Group will all gain new appointees to fill vacancies. Chuck Bonham, the recently appointed director of the California Department of Fish and Game, has assumed his position on the Executive Committee. Carol Baker, who has served as project director, will fill a vacancy on the Blue Ribbon Citizen Commission beginning Sept. 23. Curtis Knight of California Trout and Aaron Newman of the Humboldt Fishermen's Marketing Association have been tapped to fill two vacancies on the Stakeholder Advisory Group.

“The Fish and Wildlife Strategic Vision process is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to help create a stronger Department of Fish and Game and Fish and Game Commission,” said Secretary for Natural Resources John Laird. “This is why it is an honor to have such dedicated people to help see that this effort is given all it deserves.”

Bonham will serve on the Executive Committee in accordance with AB 2376 (Huffman), along with the secretary for natural resources, the chair of the California Energy Commission, the president of the California Fish and Game Commission, a representative of the University of California, and two representatives of the federal government. The Executive Committee is ultimately responsible for developing strategic vision recommendations.

The Executive Committee unanimously agreed to appoint Carol Baker to fill the vacancy on the Blue Ribbon Citizen Commission left by Anne Sheehan of CalSTRS, who recently resigned due to time constraints. The Blue Ribbon Citizen Commission works with the Executive Committee and the Stakeholder Advisory Group to help guide the creation of the strategic vision.

“Carol brings to the table many years of experience in California state government and will be a great addition to the citizen commission,” Laird said.

Curtis Knight and Aaron Newman will fill vacancies in the sport fishing and marine interest areas of the Stakeholder Advisory Group. Both have been involved in the process up to this point as members of the public and will bring additional perspectives to the stakeholders’ dialogue. Using six working groups, the Stakeholder Advisory Group is in the midst of a collaborative process to identify key issues facing the Department of Fish and Game and the Fish and Game Commission, and how to potentially address those issues.

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