



CALIFORNIA FISH & WILDLIFE
Strategic Vision

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California Fish and Wildlife Strategic Vision Holds First Public Meeting

Executive Committee Appoints Blue Ribbon Citizen Commission Members and Announces Stakeholder Advisory Group Application Process

Stakeholder Advisory Group Application Period Ends Wednesday, Jul. 13

SACRAMENTO – The California Fish and Wildlife Strategic Vision Executive Committee met today for the first time to begin the implementation of AB 2376 (Huffman). The bill requires the California Natural Resources Agency to convene a cabinet-level committee to develop a strategic vision for the Department of Fish and Game and the Fish and Game Commission, and submit it to the governor and Legislature.

“Protecting and managing California’s vast fish and wildlife populations is extremely important and highly complex,” said Secretary for Natural Resources John Laird. “That is why it is an honor to begin the Fish and Wildlife Strategic Vision effort. Through this process stakeholders will have an opportunity to be heard and provide invaluable input into the future of the Department of Fish and Game.”

The executive committee today appointed the members of the Blue Ribbon Citizen Commission. The members of the commission represent an extremely diverse range of experience and perspectives, and include strategic problem solvers with expertise in policy, management and fiscal issues. This commission is charged with assisting the executive committee, in conjunction with the Stakeholder Advisory Group, in developing the Fish and Wildlife Strategic Vision.

The members of the Blue Ribbon Citizen Commission are:

Dennis Hollingsworth, *member, Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board, former legislator*

Pedro Nava, *former Assemblymember, 35th District*

Mary Salas, *former Assemblymember, 79th District*

Richard Frank, *director of the California Environmental Law and Policy at UC Davis*

Steven Hearst, *vice president of Hearst Corporation’s Western Properties*

Anne Sheehan, *director of corporate governance at CalSTRS*

The executive committee today also announced the opening of the Stakeholder Advisory Group application process. Anyone interested in serving on the advisory group should complete the application that can be found on the Fish and Wildlife Strategic Vision [website](#). **The application period will be open for two weeks, ending on Wednesday, Jul. 13.**

The California Fish and Wildlife Strategic Vision was created when AB 2376 (Huffman) was signed in 2010. The bill requires the California Natural Resources Agency to convene a cabinet-level committee to develop a strategic vision for the Department of Fish and Game and the Fish and Game Commission, and submit it to the governor and Legislature. This legislation is intended to establish a long-term goal to improve and enhance the Department of Fish and Game's capacity and effectiveness in fulfilling its public trust responsibilities for the protection and management of the state's fish and wildlife, for their ecological values, and for the benefit of the people of the state.

For more information on AB 2376, the Blue Ribbon Citizen Commission, or to apply for the Stakeholder Advisory Group, please visit www.vision.ca.gov.

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