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Welcome!

Welcome to the California Fish and Wildlife Strategic Vision Project Update! We hope this new update will provide you with a quick synopsis of recent developments and planned next steps as the strategic vision moves forward. Please share this with colleagues, friends and family who have an interest in the future management of California's diverse fish and wildlife resources.

Strategic Vision Overview

Based upon the requirements in [AB 2376 \(Huffman\)](#), the California Natural Resources Agency convened a cabinet-level executive committee to develop a strategic vision for the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) and the California Fish and Game Commission (F&GC), which will be submitted to the Governor and Legislature, by July 1, 2012. This legislation is intended to establish a strategic vision for DFG and F&GC that addresses, among other things, improving and enhancing their capacity and effectiveness in fulfilling public trust responsibilities for protecting and managing the state's fish and wildlife.

A blue ribbon citizen commission ([BRCC](#)) was established to provide independent public reports with findings and recommendations in order to advise and assist in preparing the strategic vision. In addition, a stakeholder advisory group ([SAG](#)) was appointed to advise and support the executive committee and BRCC in developing the strategic vision. SAG members represent a diverse range of interests affecting state policies that govern fish and wildlife, including fishing and hunting interests, non-profit conservation organizations, non-consumptive recreational users, landowners, scientific and educational interests, and others dedicated to habitat conservation and protecting public trust resources.

The strategic vision is being developed within the context of historical and on-going efforts of DFG and F&GC to

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fulfill their mandates.

Calendar of Events

All meetings are open to the public and simultaneously webcast on the day of the meeting; agendas are posted at least a week in advance and meeting materials are posted as soon as they become available. More details are available on the project website at www.vision.ca.gov.

October 6 - November 10

BRCC, SAG and executive committee meetings to complete and adopt a draft interim strategic vision

October 25

Governance and Mission Working Group meeting

October 26

Joint BRCC/SAG meeting

November 10

Executive committee meeting

November 18

Draft interim strategic vision released for public review

December 5 - 8

Public meetings to provide input on the draft interim strategic vision

January 5 - February 16

BRCC, SAG and executive committee meetings to complete and adopt an interim strategic vision

February 24

Interim strategic vision delivered to the California State Legislature, Governor and public

Recent Meeting Highlights

Stakeholder Advisory Group Working Groups and Blue Ribbon Citizen Commission

The SAG working groups and BRCC members met the week of October 11 - 13 in Sacramento, via teleconference and via WebEx. Productive discussions led to further refining preliminary assessments and potential recommendations that will eventually be considered on October 26 by the BRCC and SAG. These meetings were great opportunities for BRCC members to provide input into the products being developed by the working groups.

Joint Blue Ribbon Citizen Commission and Stakeholder Advisory Group Work Sessions

Following the extensive work performed by the working

groups the previous week, two joint BRCC and SAG work sessions took place on October 18 and 19 in Sacramento, via teleconference and WebEx. The purpose of these sessions was to review and discuss the findings and potential recommendations that were developed through the working group process. Special attention was paid to identifying themes that overlap the different working groups and potential recommendations that were in conflict or that members could not support at this time.

Next Steps

A Joint BRCC and SAG meeting will take place on **Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Joe Serna Jr. Cal/EPA Headquarters Building, Sierra Room, 2nd Floor, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Meeting participation will also be available via WebEx and conference call:

[WebEx Link](#)

Call-In Number: 1-888-567-8166

Attendee Access Code: 742 424 7

The purpose of the meeting is to complete the initial assessment and potential recommendations for the draft interim strategic vision to be forwarded to the executive committee for consideration.

The executive committee will meet on **Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.** The purpose of this meeting will be to adopt a draft interim strategic vision for public review. Meeting details will be provided in the next Project Update.

Get Involved

Interested in learning more? Want to make sure your voice is being heard? There are a number of ways you can get involved!

- [Sign up](#) for the electronic list server
- [Attend meetings or view live or archived webcasts](#)
- Provide comments at [meetings](#)
- [Contact a member of the SAG](#)
- Submit your ideas or suggestions to StrategicVision@resources.ca.gov

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