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I think the comments regarding integrated resource management and partnerships are worthy of much more discussion. As one of the stakeholder group members pointed out: no single state or federal agency has the responsibility or authority to carry out most resource management single-handedly. We need to focus on integration of roles among agencies.

Thus, I see an increasing role for partnerships among state and federal agencies. One outcome of the strategic vision process could be to clarify the role the Department plays in resource management and regulation in the context of the other state and federal agencies. Along those lines I appreciated the suggestion that agencies work together to find a way for a "harmonized" state-federal permitting system. Such a system would not only benefit permittees but also reduce costs for the Department.

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DF&G's strategic vision should be a radical departure from current processes and procedures. The State Government is broke for the foreseeable future and the economy will not recover until there is a positive business climate in the State.

DF&G needs a strategic vision that helps create the positive business climate.

DF&G should eliminate all fees except for hunting and fishing licenses and live within its appropriated dollars plus these license fees. That means the Dept. would completely restructure to install a best management practices approach to most things that now require permits. The process would be similar to what the State Water Board does with the Forest Service and their activities on national forest land in California to protect water quality. They use a best management practices (BMP) approach with statistically valid monitoring to assure BMP implementation and to assure they're effective. Periodic updates would be part of the process if problems were found through monitoring.