

Forest Practice Review

Roles of the California Department of Fish & Game





DFG Mission

The Mission of the Department of Fish and Game is to manage California's diverse fish, wildlife, and plant resources, and the habitats upon which they depend, for their ecological values and for their use and enjoyment by the public.



DFG is Trustee for Fish and Wildlife

The Department of Fish and Game has jurisdiction over the conservation, protection, and management of fish, wildlife, native plants, and habitat necessary for biologically sustainable populations of those species. The DFG, as trustee for fish and wildlife resources, shall consult with lead and responsible agencies and shall provide, as available, the requisite biological expertise to review and comment on environmental documents and impacts arising from project activities...



“Trustee Agency”

- Has jurisdiction by law over natural public-trust resources
- Provides comments to the Lead Agency on CEQA projects but has no permit authority over the project
- See CEQA Guidelines § 15386
 - DFG is trustee agency of fish and wildlife, RTE plants, game refuges and other lands



“Responsible Agency”

A public agency other than the lead agency which has discretionary approval over the project.

For timber harvesting plans:

- 1600
- CESA incidental take authorization



DFG Roles in Forest Practice Review

- Review Team member
 - advisory to CalFire, trustee role
 - identify impacts, feasible alternatives, mitigation
 - conformance to Forest Practice Rules
- Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreements (1600s)
- CESA
- Species Consultations

DFG in the FPRs

- 895 – definitions of “Active Nest,” “Perch Tree,” “Replacement Tree,” “Screening Trees,” and “Watersheds with Coho Salmon”
- 898.2(e) – prohibition of approval of plans that would result in “take” or a finding of jeopardy or that will damage plants listed by DFG
- 915.3, 935.3, 955.3 – exceptions to site preparation requirements
- 916.2 – identification of beneficial uses of water
- 916.4(f)(4) – exception to prohibition on heavy equipment use in WLPZ if approved under F&GC 1600
- 916.8 – sensitive watershed listing process
- 916.9(e) – channel zone operations
- 916.9(f) – reduced WLPZ widths
- 916.9(g) reduced WLPZ canopy
- 916.9(r) – exception to requirements for water drafting if approved under F&GC 1600
- 916.9(s) and 916.9(t) – exception to prohibitions in WLPZ, EEZ, ELZ under emergencies and exemptions
- 916.11 – monitoring plans
- 916.9.1, 923.9.1 – T&I rules for coho salmon
- 916.9.2 923.9.2 – incidental take of coho salmon
- 919.2, 939.2, 959.2 – general protection of nest sites
- 919.3, 939.3, 959.3 – specific requirements for protection of nest sites
- 919.9, 939.9 – NSO, approval of state and independent biologists, activities within 500 feet of nest, habitat retention around active nests
- 919.11 – marbled murrelet protective measures
- 919.12 – sensitive species listing
- 939.15, 959.15 – protection of wildlife habitat
- 921.1, 961.1 – preliminary field work in Coastal Commission special treatment areas
- 921.6 – hazard reduction
- 923.3, 943.3, 963.3 – watercourse crossings – exceptions to rules if approved under F&GC 1600
- 927.12 – hazard reduction [Marin County], snags
- 1036.1 – marbled murrelet before notice of completion
- 1037.3 – transmit copy of plan to DFG
- 1037.5 – member of review team
- 1051 – modified THPs
- 1054 – RPFs to use CNDDDB for fuel hazard reduction plans
- 1056 et seq – head of agency appeal
- 1090.5 – contents of NTMP, use DFG info on listed species
- 1090.17 – transmittal of NTMP to DFG
- 1091.4.5 – use of CWHR during SYP preparation
- 1092 – PTHP review
- 1092.2.7 – report of minor deviations

DFG Region 1 - Northern Region

- Coastal Timberland Planning
 - Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino
- Interior Timberland Planning
 - Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity, Lassen, Modoc



DFG Region 2 - North Central Region

- ❑ CAL FIRE Santa Rosa: Glenn, Colusa, Lake.
- ❑ CAL FIRE Redding: Plumas, Butte, Sierra, Yuba, Nevada, Sutter, Yolo, Placer, Sacramento
- ❑ CAL FIRE Fresno: El Dorado, Amador, Alpine, Calaveras, San Joaquin



DFG Region 3 - Bay Delta Region

Sonoma,
Marin, Napa,
San Mateo,
Santa Clara,
Santa Cruz,
and others



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