

## **Description of changing the Commission's name from Fish and Game to Fish and Wildlife.**

As a reminder, some of merits which the commission has considered in advancing this idea are:

- a. To bring the name of the County's commission into consistency with the State's change to "Department of Fish and Wildlife", now 10 years old.
- b. To better describe what the Commission does, which is to support environmental education and youth job readiness re wildlife and fish, and to help guide funds from fines that are outgrowths of environmental crimes to wildlife habitat protection and enhancement; the commission was originally established to allocate fish and game license violation fines, of which there have been almost none over the past 10 years or more.
- c. To remind the Alameda County community and staff, and its constituent cities, that there is public commission which can help in outreach communication regarding wildlife, habitat, and animal welfare matters, and to which they can turn with related questions or public engagement, as issues or accidents arise.
- d. To help work with adjoining or like-minded counties where mutual assistance or coordination in seeking grant funding or recommending management practices might be warranted.

The name change would not, of course, affect the commission's willingness or ability to assist hunting or fishing organizations with access, entry, or other questions of interest to them. The fact is that we are presently not asked to assist with such matters beyond general or specific habitat enhancement programs, or broadening opportunities for youth to engage in outdoor education and activity.

Some of the steps to be taken in changing the name would likely entail:

1. Passing a resolution changing the name of the Commission to "Fish and Wildlife" from "Fish and Game" and making such change effective throughout the County Code.
2. Making a corresponding change in the name of the entity which receives funds from fines arising from violations of environmental regulations, also include hunting or fishing licensing regulations.
3. Making corresponding changes in the County's website, as well as directing the public to the website maintained by the commission: [www.alameda/xxxx/yyyy](http://www.alameda/xxxx/yyyy)
4. Changing the commissioners' oaths, appointments, and personnel data to reflect the changes in the name of the commission.
5. Following implementation, issuing a request to the Director of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife advising that agency's employees of the name change, and seek the State Commission's authorization to make corresponding changes in their communications and distributions.
6. For others to be added by Wendy, Carla, Derek, Mike, Jackie

## California State Code

1. There is both a State Fish and Game Commission and a Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

<https://fgc.ca.gov/About>

In the most basic terms, the Department of Fish and Wildlife is charged with implementing and enforcing the regulations set by the Fish and Game Commission, as well as providing biological data and expertise to inform the Commission's decision making process.

2. FGC section 700 changes the state name from Fish and Game to Fish and Wildlife

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes\\_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=FGC&division=2.&title=&part=&chapter=1.&article=1](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=FGC&division=2.&title=&part=&chapter=1.&article=1)

(c) Whenever the term "Department of Fish and Game" appears in a law, the term means the "Department of Fish and Wildlife."

3. FGC Section 13100 uses the term "county fish and wildlife propagation fund"

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes\\_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=13100.&lawCode=FGC](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=13100.&lawCode=FGC)

(a) The amounts paid to and retained in the county treasury pursuant to Sections 12009 and 13003 shall be deposited in a county fish and wildlife propagation fund and expended for the protection, conservation, propagation, and preservation of fish and wildlife, under the direction of the board of supervisors, pursuant to this chapter.

## **Examples of other counties language**

Santa Cruz County use of Fish and Wildlife Name from

<https://www.santacruzpl.org/en/cid/agency/678/>

The Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission advises the board of supervisors on any matters pertaining to fish and game in the county, including the natural habitat, wildlife, and environment in general. The Commission also makes recommendations, consistent with the policies and regulations of the California Department of Fish and Game, to the board of supervisors concerning expenditures from the county fish and game propagation fund, such fund created by Fish and Game Code Sections 13003(b) and 13100, for the propagation and conservation of fish and game in the county.

Marin County use of Fish and Wildlife from

[https://cemarlin.ucanr.edu/Programs/The\\_Marin\\_County\\_Fish\\_and\\_Wildlife\\_Commission/](https://cemarlin.ucanr.edu/Programs/The_Marin_County_Fish_and_Wildlife_Commission/)

The Marin County Fish and Wildlife Commission advises the Board of Supervisors on expenditures of funds obtained through fines levied for fish and wildlife violations in Marin County. These funds are designated by Section 13100 of the Fish and Game Code to be used to enhance fish and wildlife resources in the county and for public education. Applicants must qualify as a not-for-profit 501(c)3. Members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors for two year terms and represent conservation, commercial fishing, sport fishing and hunting interests. Grant proposals are submitted to the chair during the first quarter of the calendar year and are recommended on a competitive basis based on availability of funds.