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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1254

Introduced by Assembly Member Tom Berryhill

February 27, 2009

An act to amend ~~Sections~~ *Section* 206 and 1528 of, and to repeal Section 2017 of, the Fish and Game Code, relating to fish and wildlife.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1254, as amended, Tom Berryhill. Fish and Game Commission: ~~hunting and fishing.~~

The California Constitution creates the Fish and Game Commission. Existing law establishes the commission in the Natural Resources Agency to perform specified functions. Existing law requires the commission to hold no fewer than 10 regular meetings per year, with no more than 2 regular meetings to be held in Sacramento per year.

This bill would require the commission to hold no fewer than 8 meetings per year, if the commission has adequate funding for related travel, including funding for department travel. It would also require no more than 3, rather than 2, regular meetings to be held in Sacramento per year.

~~Existing law states that multiple recreational use of wildlife management areas is desirable and requires the commission to encourage that use.~~

~~This bill would specify that the traditional use of hunting and fishing is particularly desirable.~~

Existing law makes it unlawful to take any mammal or bird or to discharge any firearm upon any land where “PRIVATE PROPERTY NO HUNTING” signs are displayed as prescribed.

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This bill would delete this that provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.

State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 206 of the Fish and Game Code is
2 amended to read:

3 206. (a) The commission shall hold no fewer than eight regular
4 meetings per calendar year, if the commission has adequate funding
5 for related travel, including funding for department travel. The
6 commission may also hold special meetings or hearings to receive
7 additional input from the department and the public.

8 (b) The commission shall announce the dates and locations of
9 meetings for the year by January 1 of that year, or 60 days prior
10 to the first meeting, whichever comes first. Meeting locations shall
11 be accessible to the public and located throughout the state, with
12 no more than three regular meetings to be held in Sacramento per
13 year. To the extent feasible, meetings shall be held in state
14 facilities. In setting the dates and locations for regular meetings,
15 the commission shall also consider the following factors:

- 16 (1) Recommendations of the department.
- 17 (2) Opening and closing dates of fishing and hunting seasons.
- 18 (3) The schedules of other state and federal regulatory agencies
19 whose regulations affect the management of fish and wildlife of
20 this state.

21 (c) The commission shall cause the notice of the schedule for
22 regular meetings, and notice of any change in the date and location
23 of a meeting, to be disseminated to the public in a manner that will
24 result in broad dissemination, including, but not limited to,
25 electronic distribution, mailings to interested parties, and
26 publication in local newspapers of affected communities.

27 ~~SEC. 2. Section 1528 of the Fish and Game Code is amended~~
28 ~~to read:~~

29 ~~1528. The department shall operate land, or lands and water,~~
30 ~~acquired for public shooting grounds, state marine (estuarine)~~

1 recreational management areas, or wildlife management areas on
2 a nonprofit basis. Multiple recreational use of wildlife management
3 areas, particularly the traditional use of hunting and fishing, is
4 desirable and the commission shall encourage that use. Except for
5 hunting and fishing purposes, only minimum facilities to permit
6 other forms of multiple recreational use, such as camping,
7 picnicking, boating, or swimming, shall be provided. Except as
8 provided in Section 1765, and to defray the costs associated with
9 multiple use, the commission may determine and fix the amount
10 of, and the department shall collect, fees for any use privileges.
11 However, tours by organized youth and school groups are exempt
12 from the payment of those fees. Only persons holding valid hunting
13 licenses may apply for or obtain shooting permits for public
14 shooting grounds, state marine (estuarine) recreational management
15 areas, or wildlife management areas.

16 ~~SEC. 3.~~

17 *SEC. 2.* Section 2017 of the Fish and Game Code is repealed.