

**FISH AND GAME CODE - FGC**

**DIVISION 2. DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE [700 - 1940]**

*( Heading of Division 2 amended by Stats. 2015, Ch. 154, Sec. 21. )*

**CHAPTER 8. Conservation of Wildlife Resources [1800 - 1802]**

*( Chapter 8 added by Stats. 1974, Ch. 1190. )*

**ARTICLE 1. Definitions [1800- 1800.]**

*( Article 1 added by Stats. 1974, Ch. 1190. )*

**1800.**

As used in this chapter "wildlife" means birds, mammals, and reptiles not raised in captivity.

*(Added by Stats. 1974, Ch. 1190.)*

**ARTICLE 2. Policy [1801 - 1802]**

*( Article 2 added by Stats. 1974, Ch. 1190. )*

**1801.**

It is hereby declared to be the policy of the state to encourage the preservation, conservation, and maintenance of wildlife resources under the jurisdiction and influence of the state. This policy shall include the following objectives:

- (a) To maintain sufficient populations of all species of wildlife and the habitat necessary to achieve the objectives stated in subdivisions (b), (c), and (d).
- (b) To provide for the beneficial use and enjoyment of wildlife by all citizens of the state.
- (c) To perpetuate all species of wildlife for their intrinsic and ecological values, as well as for their direct benefits to all persons.
- (d) To provide for aesthetic, educational, and nonappropriative uses of the various wildlife species.
- (e) To maintain diversified recreational uses of wildlife, including the sport of hunting, as proper uses of certain designated species of wildlife, subject to regulations consistent with the maintenance of healthy, viable wildlife resources, the public safety, and a quality outdoor experience.
- (f) To provide for economic contributions to the citizens of the state, through the recognition that wildlife is a renewable resource of the land by which economic return can accrue to the citizens of the state, individually and collectively, through regulated management. Such management shall be consistent with the maintenance of healthy and thriving wildlife resources and the public ownership status of the wildlife resources.
- (g) To alleviate economic losses or public health or safety problems caused by wildlife to the people of the state either individually or collectively. Such

resolution shall be in a manner designed to bring the problem within tolerable limits consistent with economic and public health considerations and the objectives stated in subdivisions (a), (b) and (c).

(h) It is not intended that this policy shall provide any power to regulate natural resources or commercial or other activities connected therewith, except as specifically provided by the Legislature.

*(Amended by Stats. 1992, Ch. 279, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 1993.)*

## 1802.

The department has jurisdiction over the conservation, protection, and management of fish, wildlife, native plants, and habitat necessary for biologically sustainable populations of those species. The department, 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 upon environmental documents and impacts arising from project activities, as those terms are used in the California Environmental Protection Act (Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code).

*(Added by Stats. 1990, Ch. 1706, Sec. 10.)*