

Fish and Game Commission Policies Relevant to Timber Harvest Plan Review

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- [Raptor Policy](#)
- [Salmon Policy](#)
- [Endangered and Threatened Species Policy](#)
- [Water Policy](#)

Joint Fish & Game Commission and Board of Forestry Policies

- [Joint Policy Statement on Pacific Salmon and Anadromous Trout](#)
- [Interim Joint Policy on Pre, During, and Post Fire Activities and Wildlife Habitat](#)
- [Policy on Hardwoods](#)

Quotes from Above Policies

- Raptor Policy
 - "...insure that raptor populations and their habitats shall be identified, monitored, maintained, restored, and enhanced through research, management and protection by the Department and to insure that the utilization of or impacts to any population of raptor species will not contribute to its depletion in the wild."
- Salmon Policy
 - "Salmon shall be managed to protect, restore, and maintain populations and genetic integrity of all identifiable stocks."
 - "All available steps shall be taken to prevent loss of habitat, and the Department shall oppose any development or project that will result in irreplaceable loss of fish"
 - "The Department shall strive to improve habitat conditions, alleviate threats, and renegotiate mitigation requirements at appropriate opportunities to eliminate the need for fish rescue operations."
- Endangered and Threatened Species Policy
 - "Protect and preserve all native species...and their habitats, threatened with extinction; or those experiencing a significant decline which, if not halted, would lead to a threatened or endangered designation."
- Water Policy
 - "Oppose the issuance of permits or licenses, or the authorization of appropriation of funds for water use projects which have not prevented or adequately compensated damage to fish and wildlife resources."
 - "Monitor and maintain surveillance over existing water use projects to prevent avoidable damage to aquatic habitat and to insure compliance with fish and wildlife protection or enhancement requirements."
 - "Encourage and support programs to maintain or restore a high quality of the waters of this state, and prevent the degradation thereof caused by pollution and contamination."
 - "Endeavor to keep as much water as possible open and accessible to the public for the use and enjoyment of fish and wildlife."
- Joint Policy Statement [by the Board of Forestry and Fish and Game Commission] on Pacific Salmon and Anadromous Trout
 - "The Joint encourages positive forest management practices, particularly those associated with roads, unstable areas, and riparian areas, that protect salmonid habitat by: 1) reducing stream temperatures; 2) reducing sediment levels in streams; 3)enhancing composition and abundance of fish species and aquatic macroinvertebrates; 4)stabilizing stream banks and streamside areas; 5)increasing instream structural complexity; 6)increasing large wood debris recruitment;7) increasing base flows in streams."

- "...focus on recovery, conservation, preservation, and restoration of salmonid populations and their habitats..."
- "...any project that the departments are notified of and that may result in take of listed salmonids either avoids take or is authorized for such take."
- "Review timber harvesting plans and, where appropriate, recommend to CALFIRE: 1) measures which will either avoid, minimize or fully mitigate impacts to listed salmonids and salmonid habitat; 2) measure that will facilitate recovery of listed salmonid populations and the habitats that support them."
- Interim Joint Policy on Pre, During, and Post Fire Activities and Wildlife Habitat
 - [Describes revegetation plans after fires]
- [Joint Board of Forestry and Fish and Game Commission] Policy on Hardwoods
 - "The hardwood resources of California should be managed for the long-term perpetuation of their local and broader geographic representation and to continue to provide for their inherent natural and biological values and processes"
 - "...hardwood harvesting and other land uses should be conducted in a sustainable manner which secures regeneration of all hardwood species, enhances the protection of fish, wildlife and plants of hardwood habitats and meets state and federal water quality standards."
 - "...recommend measures which will mitigate significant adverse impacts upon fish and wildlife resources"
 - "Relative to the removal of hardwoods, the Department shall recommend, seek and support the adoption of proposals appropriate for the protection and enhancement of fish and wildlife resources."