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To Interested Parties:

The Fish and Game Commission will be the lead agency and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) may prepare environmental documents regarding:

- Waterfowl, Coot, and Moorhen Hunting

The Department is seeking public comment and identification of issues for preparation of Draft Environmental Impact Reports/Environmental Impact Statements (EIR/EIS) regarding hunting regulation changes for the 2026-27 season. The draft EIR/EIS evaluates and discloses the potential effects of the proposed hunting regulation changes to waterfowl populations and the environment. These documents are prepared to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act.

The draft waterfowl document is scheduled for release in early February. Comments on the document will be accepted for 45 days following the release date.

Members of the public can provide comments by attending the virtual meeting at the following day and time:

Thursday, January 15, 2026
Virtual Meeting
3:00-4:15 p.m.

For attending the virtual meeting, please contact Melanie Weaver at melanie.weaver@wildlife.ca.gov for participation information.

In lieu of attending the virtual meeting, interested parties can submit written comments either by e-mail to Melanie Weaver at melanie.weaver@wildlife.ca.gov or by regular mail sent to her attention at the above address.

Sincerely,

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