

**Lassen County Fish & Game Commission
707 Nevada Street
Susanville, CA 96130**

March 16, 2017

Lassen County Board of Supervisors
221 S. Roop Street, Suite 4
Susanville, CA 96130

Dear Chairman Albaugh:

The current statewide Wolf Plan calls for the management of prey species for wolves, recreation, and hunting. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife does not know what percentage of deer, elk, and pronghorn populations are taken by mountain lions, coyotes, bears or wolves. The combination of management objectives and vacuum of necessary population loss information makes the crime of poaching a more significant issue.

The resolution requests that Valerie Termini, Executive Director of the California State Fish & Game Commission and Mr. Charlton Bonham, Director of CDFW work together to make the punishment for poaching much more severe.

The Lassen County Fish and Game Commission requests the attached resolution be approved by the Lassen County Board of Supervisors and forwarded it to Executive Director Termini and Director Bonham. We also request the resolution be forwarded to Assemblyman Dahle and State Senator Gaines so they can assist in this matter.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,



Donald J. Armentrout, Chairman
Lassen County of Fish & Game Commission

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF LASSEN TO VALERI TERMINI EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR CALIFORNIA FISH & GAME COMMISSION
(COMMISSION) AND CHARLTON H. BONHAM, DIRECTOR,
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE (CDFW) TO
REQUEST AN INCREASE IN FINES AND PUNISHMENT FOR THE
CRIME OF POACHING**

WHEREAS, The current wolf plan for California calls for managing prey species to support wolf populations, recreation and hunting.

WHEREAS, The Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) does not know the percentage of deer, elk, and pronghorn populations lost annually to predators including wolves, bears, mountain lions and coyotes.

WHEREAS, The harvesting of deer, elk, and pronghorns is of economic importance to Lassen and other counties. The illegal taking of these animals is felony grand larceny.

WHEREAS, Under the current wildlife management situation poaching of deer, elk, or pronghorn becomes a major issue for the continuance of hunting, recreation, and loss to predators.

WHEREAS, The current penalty for poaching is a loss of license for one year and a minimal monetary fine that may be excused by the Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lassen does hereby request that the Commission and CDFW work together to increase the fine for poaching to a minimum nondiscretionary fine of \$1,200.00, loss of hunting license for five years, forfeiture of firearm or archery equipment used in the act of poaching, and forfeiture of the vehicle used while poaching.

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lassen, State of California, held on the _____ day of _____, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

AARON ALBAUGH, Chairman
Lassen County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

JULIE BUSTAMANTE, Clerk of the Board

BY

SUSAN OSGOOD, Deputy Clerk of the Board

I, SUSAN OSGOOD, Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Lassen, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the said Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting thereof held on the _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Deputy Clerk of the County of
Lassen Board of Supervisors

POACHING RESOLUTION ADDRESS LIST

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