



June 17, 2024

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**Re: Agenda Item #4(E): Five Year PLM Plans – Los Angeles County – Santa Catalina Island
PULL FROM CONSENT**

Dear Commissioners:

The undersigned non-profit wildlife conservation organizations request that the item number 4(E) on the June 19, 2024, Fish and Game Commission agenda, “Five Year PLM Plans – Los Angeles County – Santa Catalina Island” be pulled from Consent to allow for a discussion of concerns.

The recommendation of 1,000 PLM tags for 2024-2028 for Santa Catalina Island is *double* the 500 tags that have been approved in the past. To begin, there is absolutely no science that supports doubling the number of tags on Catalina Island. In fact, it is possible that 1,000 tags may be more tags than there are deer on the island. Further, putting that many hunters in the limited huntable areas that hold deer on the Island would place the safety of other hunters and public at extreme risk.

The top priority for all the undersigned organizations is the conservation and health of our wildlife species. To achieve that goal, we have consistently called for all wildlife management decisions to be driven purely by science. Given the lack of any science supporting any increase in tags, and our concern for the safety of hunters and the public, we must strongly oppose the recommendation to allocate 1,000 PLM tags for Catalina Island for 2024-2028.

To allow for appropriate discussion of this agenda item and for the Commission to be able to make their decision after consideration of all the relevant data, we respectfully urge the Commission to pull agenda item number 4(E) from Consent.

Sincerely,

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