

STAFF SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 14-15, 2022

21. CALIFORNIA WATERFOWLERS HALL OF FAME**Today's Item**Information ☐Action ☒

Recognize newly inducted members of the California Waterfowler's Hall of Fame.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

As a sponsor of the California Waterfowler's Hall of Fame, FGC annually recognizes inductees through the presentation of signed resolutions.

Background

The California Waterfowlers Hall of Fame was established in 1999 to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to enhancing waterfowl and their habitats in California. In 2006, FGC began formally recognizing inductees with a resolution.

A small group of interested waterfowlers was instrumental in establishing the Hall of Fame so that major contributions and achievements of biologists, academics/professors, federal/state administrators, legislators, sportsmen, agriculturalists, and other conservationists could be recognized. The selection committee includes representatives from the California Waterfowl Association, Ducks Unlimited, Conservations Solutions, Gaines and Associates, University of California at Davis, National Audubon Society, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and DFW.

Inductees or their representatives will be presented with their resolutions by the California Waterfowl Association. This year's inductees are William F. Berry, Glenn Olson, Dr. Jim Sedinger, Bob Shaffer, and Jimmy Smith.

Significant Public Comments (N/A)**Recommendation**

FGC staff: Recognize this year's Waterfowlers Hall of Fame inductees with FGC resolutions.

Exhibits

1. [Resolution for William F. Berry](#)
2. [Resolution for Glenn Olson](#)
3. [Resolution for Jim Sedinger, PhD.](#)
4. [Resolution for Bob Shaffer](#)
5. [Resolution for Jimmy Smith](#)

Motion

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission recognizes William F. Berry, Glenn Olson, Dr. Jim Sedinger, Bob Shaffer, and Jimmy Smith as the newest inductees to the California Waterfowlers Hall of Fame.

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RESOLUTION HONORING

William F. Berry

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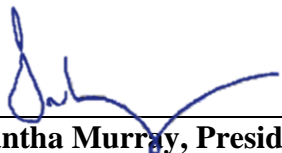
NOW THEREFORE, **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the California Fish and Game Commission hereby recognizes the addition of William F. Berry to the Waterfowler's Hall of Fame.

FURTHER, **BE IT RESOLVED**, that William F. Berry is recognized for his philanthropic support to numerous conservation groups. Bill is a member of California Waterfowl and a supporter of the Wood Duck and Youth Education Programs. Mr. Berry is also a member of Delta Waterfowl and Ducks Unlimited.

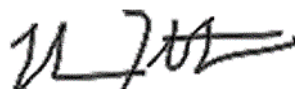
FURTHER, **BE IT RESOLVED**, William F. Berry is recognized for his support of lobbying efforts for California Waterfowl and supporting conservation education and training for youth and California politicians over the years.

FINALLY, **BE IT RESOLVED**, that William F. Berry, along with his son Derek, started the C. J. Berry Foundation emphasizing education and support of waterfowl conservation. William F. Berry is further recognized for his overall commitment to philanthropic support of wildlife and the protection of our natural resources.

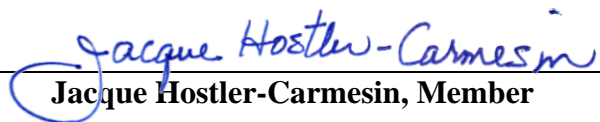
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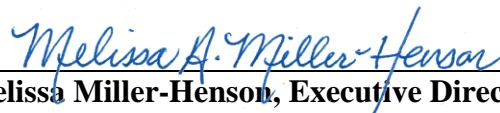
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Glenn Olson

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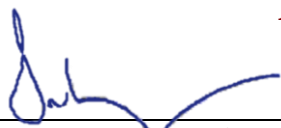
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Fish and Game Commission hereby recognizes the addition of Glenn Olson to the Waterfowler's Hall of Fame.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fish and Game Commission recognizes Glenn Olson for his career that has spanned 40 years with the National Audubon Society. Since July 2009, Glenn has served in the role of Donal C. O'Brien Chair in Bird Conservation and Public Policy. In 2010, Glenn was appointed to the North American Wetland Conservation Act Council (NAWCA) and reappointed in 2016. He also serves on the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act Advisory Council and was on the Blue Ribbon Panel for Sustaining America's Wildlife, sponsored by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fish and Game Commission recognizes Glenn's leadership when he was Audubon's Senior Vice President and Director of Field Programs for being responsible for launching a network of 27 state programs across the country. He chaired and helped found the Central Valley Waterfowl (now All-Bird) Joint Venture and Chaired the CA Dept of Fish and Game's Raptor Management and Conservation Advisory Council.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fish and Game Commission recognizes Glenn, who has received Audubon's Charles H. Callison Award and the Golden Egret Award in recognition of his conservation efforts.

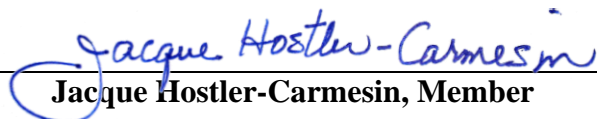
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Jim Seding, PhD

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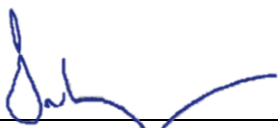
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FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fish and Game Commission recognizes Jim Seding for earning his Ph.D. from the University of California, Davis. A student of Dennis Raveling, Dr. Seding has guided 30 graduate students and he is approaching 200 scientific publications.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fish and Game Commission recognizes Jim for working for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In 1984 he initiated the Tutakoke River project which begins its 40th year in 2023. This work has provided publications central to understanding the dynamics of the Black Brant population and was central to updating Bryant harvest information in the mid-1990s.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fish and Game Commission recognizes Jim Seding for his service on CWA's Tradition and Regulations Committee and for being actively involved in discussion and assessment of Adaptive Harvest Management in meetings organized by CWA at the Pacific Flyway level.

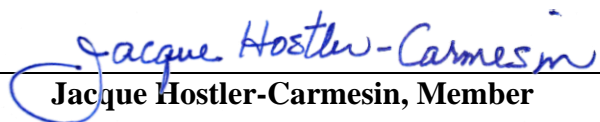
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FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fish and Game Commission recognizes Bob Shaffer's commitment of over 40 years in federal service with a focus on wetland restoration and protection. His leadership in developing partnerships across the Central Valley Joint Venture forged many large wetland complexes across the valley.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fish and Game Commission recognizes Bob's twenty-six year effort with the Bureau of Reclamation highlighting his establishment of the Wetland Development Program. His efforts helped to qualify the importance of winter flooded rice and seasonal wetlands.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fish and Game Commission recognizes Bob's Fifteen-year focus as coordinator of the Central Valley Joint Venture in unifying partners to maximize the impact of individual partners strengths.

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FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fish and Game Commission recognizes Jimmy Smith for his leadership of the diverse county, state and federal team that achieved the clean-up, public acquisition, re-opening, enhanced protection and ongoing effective management of the South Spit Humboldt Bay, which is now known as the Mike Thompson Wildlife Area. The work not only maintained the South Spit as an important habitat for brant, but Jimmy was a leading force in maintaining the hunting opportunity that the Spit provided.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fish and Game Commission recognizes Jimmy for assisting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife in studies of migratory and resident waterfowl. He also facilitated the acquisition of the Salt River Unit of the Eel River Wildlife Area and other Humboldt Country areas, which provide opportunities for wetland, estuary, and upland restoration.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fish and Game Commission recognizes Jimmy Smith for his service on the Humboldt Bay Harbor Commission and the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors where he was Chair of the Board in 2003 and 2009. In November 2014, the Board of Supervisors named the Fields Landing Boat Launching Facility in Smith's honor.

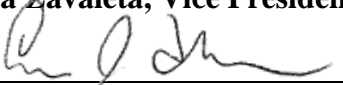
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