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Summary Results of Public Records Act request for internal CA Department of Fish and Game documents pertaining to Bohemian Club NTMP 1-06NTMP-011SON

On September 2, 2008, DFG complied with a June 10, 2008 Public Records Act request by sending 93 pages of documents relating to the Bohemian Club's NTMP which are not part of the public record. A summary by subject matter follows:

DFG distancing itself from the Bohemian Club NTMP:

"While we hope to satisfactorily resolve regulatory issues with the applicants, I don't think DFG wants to be perceived as endorsing or supporting the project overall. The best thing for wildlife would be an alternative project that has more habitat retention and less physical disturbance." Internal DFG e-mails dated 5/6/08 and 5/7/08

Direct Bohemian Club meddling with Director and Chief Deputy Director of DFG:

"Ms Martinelli - have you sent your memo to Mr Roddrick (sic) and Mr McCammon prior to issuance to Mr Kent? As you know, this was their understanding some months ago."
> From Pat Gilligan, then Chair of the Grove Committee of the Bohemian Club to Stacy Martinelli, DFG staff biologist who had written a very critical report about the impacts of the Grove NTMP. It is highly unusual for a member of the public to intervene with a state employee in such a manner. Ryan Brodderick, at the time of this email, was the Director of DFG and John McCannon was, and is, the Chief deputy Director of DFG. Gilligan wrote this email on April 20, 2007, the day the Grove NTMP failed to make it through a second review hearing. It is worth noting that Pat Gilligan is also a former Board President of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and the reputed author of a scheme by which the Bohemian Club would convey an conservation easement to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation in order to reduce its forested acreage enough to qualify for an NTMP.

Scheduling of Second review:

"Second review will not be scheduled until the Department of Forestry has a recorded copy of the Conservation easement between the Bohemian Club and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation" The easement has not yet been recorded with Sonoma County. From an email between Calfire and DFG

Smith Creek should be classified as a fish-bearing stream:

"Smith Creek should be managed as an anadromous, natural production stream, and evaluated for supplemental stocking with native steelhead above the falls...Suitable habitat exists." From a DFG Stream Inventory Report of streams in the Lower Russian River. The Bohemian Club has resisted this classification because logging constraints are stricter along fish-bearing streams.