

**Climate Change Activities within the Department of Fish and Game  
Update for April 1, 2008 - May 1, 2008**

- **Director's Bulletin:** A Director's bulletin was released to all DFG staff on April 22, 2008. The document reiterated the Department's commitment to addressing climate change on both the mitigation and adaptation fronts. The document highlighted our accomplishments over the last six months and encouraged staff to contribute to and support DFG's efforts to integrate climate change into our mission.
- **Director's Climate Change Task Force:**
  - The Task Force met on April 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - The agenda focused on finalizing a climate change position/statement for the Department, achievements and activities to date, setting priorities for the coming months, and beginning to craft an adaptation strategy for fish and wildlife based on the Wildlife Action Plan.
  - Task force members reviewed input from stakeholder meetings and finalized an approach to integrating climate change into policy level discussions.
  - The group discussed some of the internal immediate needs related to climate change that highlighted the importance of having internal discussion groups. Draft policy considerations document and stakeholder input will provide guidance as internal discussion groups are formed.
- **Climate Change Workshop (June 6 & June 9 or 10):** A joint climate change workshop is being planned by DFG and the CA Energy Commission, Public Interest Research (PIER) group. The workshop will bring together researchers with the most up to date climate change science specific to California with the practitioners (DFG and partners) who wrote the wildlife action plan. This two day workshop is intended to lay the ground work for developing an adaptation strategy for fish and wildlife that is embedded into the framework of California's Wildlife Action Plan.
  - The June 6<sup>th</sup> symposium will be held in Sacramento and will also be accessible live via internet through a web cast. Web cast will be archived and available on the web following the meeting.
  - Day two will involve workshop style approach of break out groups to discuss how climate change can be integrated into California's Wildlife Action Plan (Date TBD June 9, 10, or 11)
- **Web Resources:**
  - **DFG Climate Change Website:** Now available! The web site will serve as a resource to Department employees and others as well as sending a message to the public and partners about the Department's commitment to addressing the challenges of a changing climate in all of its endeavors. <http://dfg.ca.gov/climatechange/>
  - An **intranet site** has been set up for internal materials including summaries of task force meetings, stakeholder, input, and concept letters/proposals for climate change funding.

<http://dfgintranet/portal/BusinessOperations/BusinessServices/ClimateChangeResources/tabid/609/Default.aspx>

- CEC has created a new-updated website for the **CA Climate Change Portal**. DFG is listed on the new site and there are links that will take people directly to our new DFG climate change web page as well as other materials that talk about our activities under the umbrella of the Resource Agency. Good timing on our part to have our page up and running! Links: <http://www.climatechange.ca.gov/> & [http://www.climatechange.ca.gov/policies/ca\\_activities.html](http://www.climatechange.ca.gov/policies/ca_activities.html)
  
- **Participation and Coordination with the Resource Agency:**
  - Climate Action Team (CAT) sub groups: Staff actively participates in these meetings and advises the state on factors relating to adaptation and mitigation for climate change effects on natural resources.
  - State-wide Adaptation Strategy: DFG's Climate Change Advisor is working closely with the Deputy Secretary for Climate Change and Energy to coordinate and participate in the Resource Agency's activities.