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8 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
9 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

12 **PATRICK SMOTHERMAN WRIGHT,**
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14 **Petitioner,**
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16 **v.**
17 **CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME**
COMMISSION; CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND
WILDLIFE; and DOES 1-20,
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19 **Respondents.**

Case No. 26WM000073
DECLARATION OF MARGARET V.
TIDES IN SUPPORT OF DEMURRER
OF RESPONDENTS CALIFORNIA FISH
AND GAME COMMISSION AND
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND
WILDLIFE
Date: October 2, 2026
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Dept: 16B
Judge: The Honorable Shelleyanne
W.L. Chang
Trial Date: None
Action Filed: March 17, 2026

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1 I, Margaret V. Tides, declare as follows:

- 2 1. I am a Deputy Attorney General of the Office of the California Attorney General. I am an
3 attorney of record for respondents, the California Fish and Game Commission
4 (Commission) and the Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department). I have personal
5 knowledge of the facts stated in this declaration and would testify to them if called to do
6 so.
- 7 2. On May 1, 2026, I conferred by telephone with the petitioner, Mr. Patrick Wright.
- 8 3. I informed Mr. Wright that the respondents intended to file a demurrer on May 8, 2026.
- 9 4. I explained the basis for respondents' demurrer, by specifying each cause of action subject
10 to demurrer, and I referenced legal authority for my position. Prior to our telephone
11 conversation, I sent Mr. Wright an email outlining this information.
- 12 5. Mr. Wright and I did not reach agreement resolving the objections raised in the demurrer.
- 13 6. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of California that the
14 foregoing is true and correct.

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16 Executed on May 8, 2026, at Sacramento, California.

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