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Memorandum to Law Revision Commission

Subject: Revision of Fish and Game Code

Pursuant to authority given to the Chairman at the July meeting to spend up to \$1,000 to obtain copies of the draft Fish and Game Code for distribution to interested persons throughout the State, we have arranged to have 500 copies produced by the State Printer by the photo-offset method for about \$900 - \$1000. These should be finished in a week or ten days and will be sent to people and organizations who have responded to our letter, major sportsmen's organizations, and members of the legislative fish and game committees. Other copies will be given to persons requesting them, within reason, on a first-come-first-served basis.

The introduction to the draft code solicits questions and suggestions from recipients thereof, requesting that they be sent to the commission by October 1. We expect quite a few of these. Indeed, we are informed that one sportsmen's organization plan to retain a lawyer to go over the code.

As suggestions, etc. are received they will be forwarded to the Legislative Counsel for consideration by the members of his staff working on revision of the code. The staff has already received a number of comments and questions from the Department of Fish and Game and will receive others as the Department continues with its study of the draft code.

We will have to schedule several meetings of the Northern Committee, to which the revision project has been assigned, during the next several weeks to discuss various policy questions which will be presented for decision by the members of the Legislative Counsel's staff working on the code and to make recommendations to the commission upon them. Some of these policy questions

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were raised in the notes to the original draft; others will arise out of questions raised by the Department of Fish and Game and others. The commission will doubtless have to devote a major portion of two or three meetings to the Northern Committee's recommendations on these policy questions.

We should have all of this work completed in time to get out a preprint bill embodying a revised Fish and Game Code by December 1 for distribution to interested parties. Needless to say, considerable effort by all concerned will be required to meet this deadline.

Respectfully submitted,

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