

To The California Fish & Game Commission:

I am writing this letter on behalf of SAVE THE FROGS!, a California-based public charity dedicated to protecting endangered amphibian populations and promoting a society that respects and appreciates nature and wildlife. We work in California, across the USA and around the world to create a better planet for humans and wildlife.

I have been a professional amphibian biologist for the past twenty years, and I have been speaking at FGC meetings on the topic of bullfrog importations since May 20th, 2010, at which time the Commission voted affirmatively for a second time (the first being on April 10th, 2010) to direct the DFW (then the DFG) to stop issuing permits for the importation of American Bullfrogs (a directive that was never abided by).

American Bullfrogs are widely regarded as one of the world's worst invasive species, due to their ability to invade and persist in new locations, and their ability to prey on, compete with and spread diseases to native wildlife. It is highly likely that over 25 million American Bullfrogs have been imported into the state since I first spoke at an FGC meeting, causing significant damage to native wildlife and ecosystems.

As such, I urge the FGC to institute an immediate ban on the sale and importation of live American Bullfrogs.

On behalf of the worldwide SAVE THE FROGS! community, thank you for protecting California's native wildlife and unique ecosystems by stopping the importation and sale of live American Bullfrogs. Together we can SAVE THE FROGS!

Sincerely,



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