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10 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
11 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

13 **SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL;
14 CALIFORNIA RIFLE & PISTOL
ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED;
15 CALIFORNIA BOWMEN
HUNTERS/STATE ARCHERY
16 ASSOCIATION; HOWL FOR WILDLIFE,
INC.; CALIFORNIA DEER
17 ASSOCIATION; and COALITION TO
SAVE CATALINA ISLAND DEER,**

Petitioners,

19 v.

21 **CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH
AND WILDLIFE; and DOES 1-10,**

22 Respondents,

23 **CATALINA ISLAND CONSERVANCY,**

24 Real Party in Interest.
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Case No. 26STCP00987

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON
RESPONDENT'S DEMURRER TO
PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDATE;
DEMURRER; DECLARATION OF
COUNSEL JAMES C. CROWDER**

Dept: 836 (formerly 86)
Judge: The Honorable Curtis A. Kin
Hearing: June 11, 2026
Time: 1:30 p.m.

Trial Date: Not set
Action Filed: March 10, 2026

1 **NOTICE OF HEARING**

2 To Petitioners Safari Club International, et al. (Petitioners) and their attorneys of record:
3 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 11, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as
4 the matter may be heard, before the Honorable Curtis A. Kin in Department 836 (formerly known
5 as Department 86) of the above-entitled court, located at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse at 111
6 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012, Respondent California Department of Fish and
7 Wildlife (Respondent or Department) will demur to Petitioners' Petition for Writ of Mandate,
8 filed on March 10, 2026. This demurrer is based on this notice, the accompanying demurrer,
9 memorandum of points and authorities, declaration of counsel, and any other matter submitted on
10 reply or on the hearing of this matter.

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12 Dated: May 15, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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DEMURRER


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2 Respondent California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Respondent or Department)
3 demurs to Petitioners Safari Club International, et al.'s Petition for Writ of Mandate (Petition),
4 filed on March 10, 2026, on each of the following grounds:

- 5 1. The Department demurs to the entirety of the Petition on the ground that the Petition
6 fails to state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action pursuant to Code of Civil
7 Procedure section 430.10, subdivision (e), in that the Petition is barred by the statute
8 of limitations in Public Resources Code section 21167 and CEQA Guidelines,
9 section 15062, subdivision (d).
- 10 2. The Department demurs to the First Cause of Action for Violations of CEQA
11 because it fails to state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action pursuant to
12 Code of Civil Procedure section 430.10, subdivision (e), in that the First Cause of
13 Action is barred by the statute of limitations in Public Resources Code section 21167
14 and CEQA Guidelines, section 15062, subdivision (d).

15 Dated: May 15, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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DECLARATION OF COUNSEL JAMES C. CROWDER

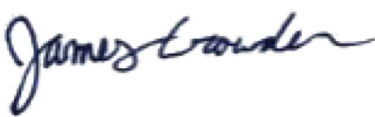
I, James C. Crowder, declare:

1. I am a Deputy Attorney General in the Office of the California Attorney General. I am an attorney of record for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department or CDFW) in the above-captioned action. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this declaration and would testify to them if called to do so.

2. I, as counsel for the Department, certify that the Department has met and conferred on April 10, 2026, via videoconference call, with counsel for Petitioners Safari Club International, et al. (Petitioners) prior to bringing this demurrer in compliance with Code of Civil Procedure section 430.41. The parties did not reach an agreement resolving the objections raised in the demurrer.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 15th day of May, 2026, at Sacramento, California.



JAMES C. CROWDER

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY E-MAIL

Case Name: Safari Club International, et al. v. California Department of Fish and Wildlife, et al.

Case No.: 26STCP00987

I declare:

I am at least 18 years of age and not a party to this matter. I am employed in the Office of the Attorney General of the State of California. My business address is 300 South Spring Street, Suite 1702, Los Angeles, CA 90013-1230, County of Los Angeles. My electronic service address is beatriz.davalos@doj.ca.gov.

On May 15, 2026, I electronically served the **NOTICE OF HEARING ON RESPONDENT'S DEMURRER TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDATE; DEMURRER; DECLARATION OF COUNSEL JAMES C. CROWDER** by emailing it to the following individuals:

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California and the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on May 15, 2026.

Beatriz Davalos
Declarant


Signature