COLUSA COUNTY FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION
546 Jay Street, Suite 202
Colusa, CA 95932

June 3, 2011

All California Counties,
Fish & Game Advisory Commissions

To Whom It May Concern:

Please see the attached copy of a letter that the Colusa County Fish & Game Commission submitted to the State. The Commission is asking that you review the letter and if you are in support, please consider submitting one from your agency to assist in these efforts.

Thank you,
Holly Gallagher
Commission Secretary

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Department of Fish & Game
1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

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The Colusa County Fish & Game Commission would like request the wild pig be made a non-game animal. Under the current California law that defines the wild pig as a game animal the population has grown beyond a manageable state and seems to only be expanding.

The large pig population is detrimental to our state. They are a prolific breeder with very few natural enemies and can quickly overwhelm local ecosystems. They can cause tremendous damage to agricultural crops, wildlife and livestock. They carry and spread diseases that can affect our wildlife, cattle, swine and humans.

Wild pigs are considered a threat to native species and native plants in California, and unless we find better ways to manage the pigs, California could lose unique plants and animals. Wild pigs travel in herds, and create wallows, overturning native vegetation as they dig for food. Their rooting also damages the habitat of animals that live on or under ground such as amphibians, reptiles, mammals, and ground nesting birds. Rooting loosens soil, which may then be washed into streams and creeks, compromising water quality.

The Commission would ask that you take this matter into serious consideration. Removing the game status of the wild pig seems to be an effective way of better decreasing the overabundant population of pigs in our state. Please feel free to call if you have any questions or if you need any additional information. I can be reached at (530) 458-0408 between 8:00am and 3:00pm or via email at hgallagher@countyofcolusa.com.

Thank you,

Holly Gallagher

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Commission Secretary

Cc: Jim Nielson, Assemblyman
Doug La Malfa, Senator
Colusa County Board of Supervisors