

CALIFORNIA SPORTSPEOPLE , QUIETLY SIT BEHIND A BUSH IN OUTDOOR MANAGEMENT.

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Politics has never been a favorite subject of sportsman, and we here in California are no different than the rest of our nation nor world for that matter. Our states hunters have realized for years that most hunters who enjoy great hunts to remember, either go to other states or countries for trophy animals, of which are no different than an average sized specie. But we as sportspeople consider the word trophy as a special requirement in each of our minds. To a biologist they count each individual animal as 1 animal, and each needs the same habitat requirement as every other one of that specie. Thus for proper wildlife management every part of our natural resource requirements need to be balanced.

Over past years, because of those opposed to animal use ballot initiatives and laws, have been written and passed by our population of voters and legislature. Some of those being Mountain Lions, Trapping, Oil Exploration, Agriculture, Restriction regulations by other than DFG for wildlife & fish management. Because of all those regulations and political correctness in modern society use of renewable natural resources in many cases are not managed scientifically but by politics.

You as voters have an opportunity very soon to make a few corrections to the direction our government are headed. So possibly we may again straighten the course of this country. Hunting & Firearms have for years been the number one fight of sportspeople to maintain. This is not true any longer, fisherman are also presently fighting for their future. And surprisingly enough though they outnumber hunters, fisherman do not have state nor national organizations with the political clout which our parent organization SCI, or the NRA, USSA, National Shooting Sports Association, or our individual specie organizations have. Because of this those going after fishing are meeting with much less opposition.

In this I do not desire to direct your vote on this next election. But please study each candidate and what they personally stand for, the ballot initiatives and do they give government to much control. But please do some research and do get out and vote for taking this country back to control by its citizens not politicians. Personally I would dearly love to go back in time 30 years or more with laws which control our lives today, but accept this is not possible. What needs to be done presently is for every citizen of these United States stand up and be counted, get active in politics which control you by voicing your opinions every chance you get. As has been stated many times the majority is silent, this needs to change so government hears the majority.

November elections are presently your most important obligation. Then next spring when our new elected officials are installed, once again proposed new laws will be headed for discussion, then will be the time to write letters to those our citizens have chosen to guide this great country.