



July 11, 2019

Mr. Scott Gardner
Environmental Scientist Supervisor
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California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Wildlife Branch
1812 9th Street
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Dear Mr. Gardner:

The California Wheat Commission (CWC) was funded in 1983 by wheat growers to support wheat research, education, and to develop domestic and international markets. Growers pay an assessment fee (\$1.5/ton of wheat) to fund projects that meet our mission. We also help to connect the wheat industry – growers, grain elevators and cleaning facilities, millers, bakers, and more. We help to develop a successful grain economy for all.

The CWC supports wheat researchers at the University of California, Davis and have supported several wheat research projects throughout the state. The information is then distributed to wheat producers regarding new wheat varieties available and best wheat production management practices.

The California Waterfowl Association brought to my attention the Project titled “Incentivized Program for the Delayed Harvest of Winter Wheat for Nesting Game Birds”. The CWC supports this project proposal, which states “the overall objective of this project is to develop and evaluate an incentivize-based program to delay wheat harvest, and to determine its efficacy to increase local breeding populations of ground nesting bird species. Additionally, information gathered from this project could help catalyze the development of a habitat program for California State Department of Fish and Wildlife and/or the Natural Resource Conservation Service.”

I look forward to the development of this proposal and to learn more about wheat producers who might be interested in the outcome of your research.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Claudia Carter".

Claudia Carter
Executive Director