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Dear Wayne and Steve:

I appreciated the opportunity to attend the recent meeting of the Nongame Advisory Council in Gainesville as an observer. It was evident to me that the Council has made progress in developing guidelines for the establishment of a nongame program in Florida. Council members have obviously devoted considerable time and energy in fulfillment of their assigned task.

Subsequent to the Council meeting we held a meeting of the Executive Board of the Florida Chapter, The Wildlife Society. Larry Harris, our representative on the Council, and I reported to the Board on the nongame program. Our Board then unanimously adopted the following position relative to this issue:

- 1) The Florida Chapter, The Wildlife Society strongly supports the development of a comprehensive nongame program in Florida with the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission (GFWFC) as the lead agency.
- 2) We urge the Nongame Advisory Council and the GFWFC to search for ways to maximize funding levels in order to implement an effective, state-wide nongame program.

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- 3) We recommend that a mechanism be developed to ensure the utilization in the program of the expertise available in the State in other agencies, universities, private institutions and non-governmental organizations. In particular, we are concerned that funding to other state agencies and state universities be accorded a higher security than that normally assigned to OPS funds.
- 4) We recommend that the Advisory Council continue to play a strong functional advisory role to the GFWFC as the nongame program becomes operational.

We hope that you will consider our views in your deliberations. We stand ready to assist the Council and the GFWFC in developing a sound program. Larry Harris may serve as a contact point for any requests for assistance that you may wish to make.

Sincerely,

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Board Members