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Fish and Game Commission



Celebrating 150 Years of Wildlife Heritage and Conservation!

MEETING AGENDA January 12, 2021, 9:00 AM

Webinar and Teleconference

The California Fish and Game Commission is conducting this meeting by webinar and teleconference to avoid a public gathering and protect public health during the COVID-19 pandemic, consistent with Executive Order N-33-20.

Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20, commissioners may participate in meetings remotely. The public may provide public comment during the public comment periods, and otherwise observe remotely consistent with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

The meeting will be live streamed; visit www.fgc.ca.gov the day of the meeting to watch or listen to the meeting. To provide public comment during the meeting, please join via Zoom Webinar or by telephone. <u>Click here</u> for instructions on how to join the meeting.

Note: See important meeting deadlines and procedures, including written public comment deadlines, beginning on page 6.

Call to order/roll call to establish quorum

1. Consider approving agenda and order of items

2. General public comment for items not on agenda

Receive public comment regarding topics within the Commission's authority that are not included on the agenda.

Note: The Commission may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during this item, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting (sections 11125 and 11125.7(a), Government Code).

3. Mammal hunting regulations

Discuss amending hunting regulations for deer and antelope hunting quotas and seasons, and regulations for elk, antelope, and bighorn sheep tags. (Amend sections 360 and 363, and add Section 708.19, Title 14, CCR)

4. Bumble Bees

In response to a writ of mandate from the Sacramento Superior Court, consider rescinding the decision made at the June 12, 2019 Commission meeting acting on the petition, Department's evaluation report, and comments received to determine whether listing Crotch bumble bee (*Bombus crotchii*), Franklin's bumble bee (*Bombus franklini*), Suckley cuckoo bumble bee (*Bombus suckleyi*), and western bumble bee (*Bombus occidentalis*) as endangered or threatened species under the California Endangered Species Act may be warranted.

(Pursuant to sections 2074 and 2074.2, Fish and Game Code; Case No: 34-2019-80003216-CU-WM-GDS)

Adjourn

EXECUTIVE SESSION

(Not Open to Public)

At a convenient time during the regular agenda of the meeting listed above, the Commission will recess from the public portion of the agenda and conduct a closed session on the agenda items below. The Commission is authorized to discuss these matters in a closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 11126, subdivisions (a)(1), (c)(3), and (e)(1), and Fish and Game Code Section 309. After closed session, the Commission will reconvene in public session, which may include announcements about actions taken during closed session.

- (A) Pending litigation to which the Commission is a Party
 - Dennis Sturgell v. California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and California Fish and Game Commission (revocation of Dungeness crab vessel permit No. CT0544-T1)
 - II. Aaron Lance Newman v. California Fish and Game Commission (revocation of hunting and sport fishing privileges)
 - III. Almond Alliance of California et al. v. California Fish and Game Commission and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (bumble bees California Endangered Species Act determination)
 - IV. The Ballona Wetlands Land Trust v California Fish and Game Commission (Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve petition for regulation change)
 - V. California Construction and Industrial Materials Association et al. v. California Fish and Game Commission (western Joshua tree California Endangered Species Act determination)
 - VI. Albert Thomas Paulek v. California Fish and Game Commission (CEQA determination regarding take of western Joshua tree under section 2084)
- (B) Possible litigation involving the Commission (no known cases at this time)

California Fish and Game Commission Meeting Schedule

Note: As meeting dates and locations can change, please visit <u>www.fgc.ca.gov</u> for the most current list of meeting dates and locations.

Meeting Date	Commission Meeting	Committee Meeting
January 12, 2021		Wildlife Resources Webinar/teleconference
February 10-11, 2021	Webinar/teleconference	
March 16, 2021		Marine Resources Webinar/teleconference
April 13, 2021		Tribal Webinar/teleconference
April 14-15, 2021	Webinar/teleconference	
May 11, 2021		Wildlife Resources Webinar/teleconference
May 11, 2021	Webinar/teleconference	
June 16-17, 2021	Webinar/teleconference	
July 20, 2021		Marine Resources Sacramento
August 17, 2021		Tribal Sacramento
August 18-19, 2021	Sacramento	
September 16, 2021		Wildlife Resources Sacramento
October 13-14, 2021	Sacramento	
November 9, 2021		Marine Resources Sacramento
December 14, 2021		Tribal Sacramento
December 15-16, 2021	Sacramento	

Other Meetings of Interest

Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

September 12-15, 2021, Providence, RI

Pacific Fishery Management Council

- March 3-10, 2021, webinar
- April 6-13, 2021, webinar
- June 22-29, 2021, Vancouver, WA
- September 8-15, 2021, Spokane, WA
- November 15-22, 2021, Costa Mesa, CA

Pacific Flyway Council

- March 9, 2021, virtual meeting
- August or September 2021, TBD

Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

July 18-23, 2021 Santa Fe, NM

Wildlife Conservation Board

- February 25, 2021, videoconference or teleconference
- May 27, 2021, videoconference or teleconference
- August 26, 2021, videoconference or teleconference
- November 18, 2021, videoconference or teleconference

IMPORTANT COMMISSION MEETING PROCEDURES INFORMATION

Welcome to a Meeting of the California Fish and Game Commission

This year marks the beginning of the 151st year of operation of the Commission in partnership with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Our goal is the preservation of our heritage and conservation of our natural resources through informed decision making; Commission meetings are vital in achieving that goal. In that spirit, we provide the following information to be as effective and efficient toward that end. Welcome and please let us know if you have any questions.

Persons with Disabilities

Persons with disabilities needing reasonable accommodation to participate in public meetings or other Commission activities are invited to contact the Department's Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Office at (916) 653-9089 or EEO@wildlife.ca.gov. Accommodation requests for facility and/or meeting accessibility and requests for American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreters should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event. Requests for Real-Time Captioners should be submitted at least four weeks prior to the event. These timeframes are to help ensure that the requested accommodation is met. If a request for an accommodation has been submitted but is no longer needed, please contact the EEO Office immediately.

Stay Informed

To receive meeting agendas and regulatory notices about those subjects of interest to you, please visit the Commission's website, www.fgc.ca.gov, to sign up on our electronic mailing lists.

Submitting Comments on Agenda Items

The public is encouraged to comment on any agenda item. Verbal comments are only accepted during meetings. Written comments may be submitted by one of the following methods: E-mail to fgc@fgc.ca.gov; mail to California Fish and Game Commission, P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090; or deliver to California Fish and Game Commission, 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1320, Sacramento, CA 95814. Materials provided to the Commission may be made available to the general public.

Written Comment Deadlines

The *Comment Deadline* for this meeting is **5:00 p.m. on December 30, 2020**. Written comments received at the Commission office by this deadline will be made available to Commissioners prior to the meeting.

The **Supplemental Comment Deadline** for this meeting is **noon on January 7, 2021**. Comments received by this deadline will be made available to Commissioners at the meeting.

Petitions for Regulation Change

Any person requesting that the Commission adopt, amend, or repeal a regulation must complete and submit form FGC 1, "Petition to the California Fish and Game Commission for Regulation Change" (as required by Section 662, Title 14, CCR). The form is available at https://fgc.ca.gov/Regulations/Petition-for-Regulation-Change. Petitions for regulation change are received at the Commission's regularly-scheduled meetings in February, April, June, August, October and December.

Non-Regulatory Requests

All non-regulatory requests will follow a two-meeting cycle to ensure proper review and thorough consideration of each item. Non-regulatory requests are received at the Commission's regularly-scheduled meetings in February, April, June, August, October and December.

Speaking at the Meeting

To speak on an agenda item, please "raise" your hand either through the Zoom function or by pressing *9 once on your phone when prompted at the beginning of the agenda item.

- 1. Speakers will be called one at a time; please pay attention to when your name is called.
- 2. When addressing the Commission, give your name and the name of any organization you represent, and provide your comments on the item under consideration.
- 3. If there are several speakers with the same concerns, please appoint a spokesperson and avoid repetitive testimony.
- 4. The presiding commissioner will allot between one and three minutes per speaker per agenda item, subject to the following exceptions:
 - a. Individuals may receive advance approval for additional time to speak if requests for additional time to speak are received by email or delivery to the Commission office by the **Supplemental Comment Deadline**. The president or designee will approve or deny the request no later than 5:00 p.m. two days prior to the meeting.
 - b. An individual requiring an interpreter is entitled to at least twice the allotted time pursuant to Government Code Section 11125.7(c).
 - c. An individual may receive additional time to speak to an agenda item at the request of any commissioner.

Visual Presentations/Materials

All electronic presentations must be submitted by the **Supplemental Comment Deadline** and approved by the Commission executive director before the meeting.

- 1. Electronic presentations must be provided by email to fgc.gov.
- 2. All electronic formats must be Windows PC compatible.