

STAFF SUMMARY FOR JUNE 21-22, 2017

19. 2018 MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS**Today's Item**Information Action

Receive and discuss proposed meeting dates and locations for 2018.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

- **Discuss draft 2018 meeting dates and locations** **June 21-22, 2017; Smith River**
- Approve 2018 meeting dates and locations Aug 16-17, 2017; Sacramento

Background

FGC conducts its annual business during eight meetings per year consisting of six two-day meetings (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct and Dec) and two one-day teleconferences (Mar and Apr). Committees each hold three half- to full-day meetings per year, either staggered between FGC business meetings (WRC, MRC), or the afternoon before the first day of each 2-day FGC meeting (TC).

Adequate meeting facilities have become more difficult to secure and advanced-planning increases the likelihood of locating suitable and available venues. Thus, in order to ensure that staff has adequate time to identify and secure venue options that meet FGC's requirements related to cost, information technology and security conditions, and State-mandated bids, contracting conditions, and timelines, it is important for meeting dates and locations to be identified well in advance.

Staff has prepared a list of proposed meeting dates and locations for 2018, for FGC consideration and discussion today, and adoption in Aug 2017. Adopting the 2018 meeting dates and location in Aug will support staff's ability to identify and pursue facility options in the meeting locations preferred by FGC members.

Staff developed the proposed meeting dates and locations taking into consideration State holidays, other relevant meeting schedules, and regulatory deadlines. Staff recommends avoiding high-cost areas such as San Luis Obispo, Palm Desert, Palm Springs and Santa Barbara, where meeting and lodging costs are usually prohibitive relative to approved rates for State business.

In 2018, marine items are recommended to be heard on the first day and non-marine items are recommended for the second day of FGC meetings.

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Proposed 2018 FGC and Committee Meeting Dates and Locations

Proposed Dates	Meeting Type	Proposed Location
January 11	WRC	Santa Rosa
February 6	TC	Sacramento
February 7-8	FGC	Sacramento
March 6	MRC	Petaluma area
March 15	Teleconference	Arcata, Napa, Sacramento, Los Alamitos and San Diego
April 12	Teleconference	Arcata, Napa, Sacramento, Los Alamitos and San Diego
April 18-19	FGC	Ventura
May 17	WRC	Los Alamitos
June 19	TC	Sacramento
June 20-21	FGC	Sacramento
July 17	MRC	San Clemente area
August 22-23	FGC	TBD
September 20	WRC	Sacramento
October 16	TC	TBD
October 17-18	FGC	TBD
November 14	MRC	Sacramento
December 12-13	FGC	Los Angeles

Other Relevant 2018 Meetings

- Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies – January 3-8 and July TBD
- Pacific Fishery Management Council – March 8-14, April 4-11, June 6-14, September 5-12, and November 1-8
- Wildlife Conservation Board – Dates unknown at this time

Significant Public Comments (N/A)**Recommendation****FGC staff:**

- Confirm intent to schedule FGC meetings on Wednesdays and Thursdays, MRC meetings on Tuesdays (except the second Tuesday of the month), and WRC meetings on Thursdays (except the last two Thursdays in May).
- Provide direction on proposed 2018 dates and locations, including possible adjustments.

Exhibits

- [FGC meeting locations 2014-2018](#)

Motion/Direction (N/A)

**California Fish and Game Commission
Meeting Locations for 2014-2018**

Month	2018 (Proposed)	2017	2016	2015	2014
January (WRC)	Santa Rosa	Redding	Sacramento (cancelled)	West Sacramento	Los Angeles
February (TC & FGC)	Sacramento	Rohnert Park	Sacramento	Sacramento	Sacramento
March (MRC)	Petaluma/Santa Rosa	San Clemente	Los Alamitos	Marina	Santa Rosa
April (FGC)	Ventura	Van Nuys	Santa Rosa	Santa Rosa	Ventura
May (WRC)	Los Alamitos	Sacramento	West Sacramento	Los Angeles	San Francisco
June (TC & FGC)	Sacramento	Smith River	Bakersfield	Mammoth Lakes	Fortuna
July (MRC)	San Clemente	Santa Rosa	Petaluma	Trinidad	Moss Landing
August (FGC)	Northern CA - TBD	Sacramento	Folsom	Fortuna	San Diego
September (WRC)	Sacramento	Riverside	Woodland	Fresno	Sacramento
October (TC & FGC)	TBD	Atascadero	Eureka	Los Angeles	Mount Shasta
November (MRC)	Sacramento	Marina	Sacramento	Ventura	Los Alamitos
December (FGC)	Los Angeles	San Diego	San Diego	San Diego	Van Nuys