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TRIBAL COMMITTEE

Committee Chair: Commissioner Hostler-Carmesin

Meeting Agenda
June 20, 2017
1:30 P.M.

Howonquet Hall Community Center
101 Indian Court, Smith River 95567

This meeting may be audio-recorded

NOTE: See important meeting procedures and information at the end of the agenda. Unless otherwise indicated, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife is identified as Department. All agenda items are informational and/or discussion only. The Committee develops recommendations to the Commission but does not have authority to make policy or regulatory decisions on behalf of the Commission.

Call to order

1. Approve agenda and order of items
2. Public forum for items not on the agenda
The Committee may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during this item, except to consider whether to recommend that the matter be added to the agenda of a future meeting.
[Sections 11125, 11125.7(a), Government Code]
3. Staff updates
 - (A) Efforts to formalize the Tribal Committee in statute

SB 161 Tribal Committee: In May, 2017 AB 161 which formally creates the tribal committee at the FGC was unanimously voted (7-0) out of the senate. The bill now moves to the assembly.
 - (B) Annual Commission-tribal planning meeting pursuant to the Commission's Tribal Consultation Policy
 - (C) Committee updates
 - I. Wildlife Resources Committee

II. Marine Resources Committee

- Fishing communities

4. Department of Fish and Wildlife updates

(A) Elk Management Plan and presentation regarding North Coast elk study
CDFW conducted a workshop with Tribes on February 7, 2017, and various tribes provided comments in April regarding the development of a draft Elk Conservation and Management Plan. CDFW is incorporating those comments into the plan prior to releasing a public draft. Relatedly, CDFW is conducting a north coast elk study looking at elk distribution, movement, population, composition, survival, and habitat use in order to better inform management decisions for these groups of elk. The study is also focused on developing improved elk population estimates and better understanding the genetic diversity of these elk relative to other herds in the state.

(B) Development of deer and antelope management plans

CDFW has begun developing statewide management plans for deer and pronghorn antelope. The current deer plan was written in 1976. The updated plan will act as a framework for individual herd management unit updates going forward. Similarly, the pronghorn antelope plan is being updated to reflect changes that have occurred to this species and its habitats over the past several decades. This antelope plan will guide an ongoing monitoring program for populations and habitat conditions. CDFW mailed letters to Tribes in May 2017 inviting consultation on the deer plan and antelope plan

(C) Commercial kelp and seaweed harvest regulations

As noted during its presentation at the last Tribal Committee meeting in February 2017, CDFW is in the second of three phases to update its commercial kelp and seaweed harvest regulations. This phase is focused on reviewing management policies regarding edible and agar bearing algae harvest methods and seasons. CDFW mailed letters to Tribes in January 2017 inviting consultation.

(D) Amendment to the Master Plan for marine fisheries under the Marine Life Management Act

CDFW presented an overview of the Master Plan amendment to the Tribal Committee in March 2016 followed by a letter to Tribes in June 2016. Over the past year CDFW has overseen various information gathering projects and multiple public discussions on Master Plan elements. CDFW anticipates sending a letter to Tribes in June 2017 with a draft Master Plan table of contents and inviting consultation and input.

5. Ocean Protection Council updates

(A) Update on tribal participation in the statewide leadership team for marine protected areas

(B) Update on Safeguarding California: California Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and Sea Level Rise guidance

6. Continue discussion on the development of a vision statement regarding co-management

DRAFT – Based on input from Tribes at 2017 Feb TC meeting

Co-Management Vision Statement:

The Commission’s vision for co-management, is a mature society, which understands that there is no unique and objective solution for sustaining fish and wildlife resources but, rather, a multiplicity of different options which are compatible with both indigenous knowledge and scientific evidence and capable of meeting the needs of conservation and development

Definition

Co-management is a collaborative effort between two or more sovereigns, the Commission and sovereign tribes to achieve mutually agreed upon or compatible objectives to protect, conserve, enhance, or restore natural or cultural resources. When the cultural or natural resources of one co-manager that may be affected by the proposed actions of another co-manager.

Allow time for Tribal caucusing if needed

- 7. Commission regulatory calendar overview
Regulatory calendar attached
- 8. Future agenda topics
 - (A) Review work plan agenda topics and timeline
 - (B) Potential new agenda topics for Commission consideration

Adjourn

**CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION
2017 MEETING SCHEDULE**

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

MEETING DATE	COMMISSION MEETING	COMMITTEE MEETING	OTHER MEETINGS
June 21-22	Howonquet Hall Community Center 101 Indian Court Smith River, CA 95567		
July 13			Predator Policy Workgroup Department of Parks and Recreation Redwood Conference Room, 14 th Floor 1416 Ninth Street Sacramento, CA 95814
July 20		Marine Resources Flamingo Conference Resort & Spa 2777 Fourth Street Santa Rosa, CA 95405	
August 16-17	Resources Building Auditorium, First Floor 1416 Ninth Street Sacramento, CA 95814		
September 13		Wildlife Resources California Tower 3737 Main Street Highgrove Room 200 Riverside, CA 92501	
October 10		Tribal SpringHill Suites by Marriott 900 El Camino Real Atascadero, CA 93422	
October 11-12	SpringHill Suites by Marriott 900 El Camino Real Atascadero, CA 93422		
November 9		Marine Resources Marina	
December 6-7	Handlery Hotel 950 Hotel Circle North San Diego, CA 92108		

OTHER MEETINGS OF INTEREST

Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

- September 10-13, Snowbird, UT

Pacific Fishery Management Council

- September 12-18, Boise, ID
- November 14-20, Costa Mesa, CA

Pacific Flyway Council

- August 25, Spokane, WA

Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

- July 6-11, Vail, CO

Wildlife Conservation Board

- August 24, Sacramento
- November 30, Sacramento

IMPORTANT COMMITTEE MEETING PROCEDURES INFORMATION

Welcome to a meeting of the California Fish and Game Commission's Tribal Committee. The Committee is chaired by up to two Commissioners; these assignments are made by the Commission.

The goal of the Committee is to allow greater time to investigate issues before the Commission than would otherwise be possible. Committee meetings are less formal in nature and provide for additional access to the Commission. The Committee follows the noticing requirements of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act. It is important to note that the Committee chairs cannot take action independent of the full Commission; instead, the chairs make recommendations to the full Commission at regularly scheduled meetings.

The Commission's goal is the preservation of our heritage and conservation of our natural resources through informed decision making; Committee meetings are vital in developing recommendations to help the Commission achieve 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 Reasonable Accommodation Coordinator at (916) 651-1214. Requests for facility and/or meeting accessibility should be received at least 10 working days prior to the meeting to ensure the request can be accommodated.

SUBMITTING WRITTEN MATERIALS

The public is encouraged to attend Committee meetings and engage in the discussion about items on the agenda; the public is also welcome to comment on agenda items in writing. You may submit your written comments by one of the following methods (only one is necessary): **Email** to fgc@fgc.ca.gov; **deliver** to California Fish and Game Commission, 1416 Ninth Street, Room 1320, Sacramento, CA 95814; or **hand-deliver to a Committee meeting**.

COMMENT DEADLINES:

The **Written Comment Deadline** for this meeting is **5:00 p.m. on June 8, 2017**. Written comments received at the Commission office by this deadline will be made available to Commissioners prior to the meeting.

The **Late Comment Deadline** for this meeting is **noon on June 16, 2017**. Comments received by this deadline will be marked "late" and made available to Commissioners at the meeting.

After these deadlines, written comments may be delivered in person to the meeting – please bring five (5) copies of written comments to the meeting.

The Committee **will not** consider comments regarding proposed changes to regulations that have been noticed by the Commission. If you wish to provide comment on a noticed item, please provide your comments during Commission business meetings, via email, or deliver to the Commission office.

NOTE: Materials provided to the Committee may be made available to the general public.

REGULATION CHANGE PETITIONS

As a general rule, requests for regulatory change need to be redirected to the full Commission and submitted on the required petition form, FGC 1, titled "Petition to the California Fish and Game Commission for Regulation Change" (Section 662, Title 14, CCR). However, at the Committee's discretion, the Committee may request that staff follow up on items of potential interest to the Committee and possible recommendation to the Commission.

SPEAKING AT THE MEETING

Committee meetings operate informally and provide opportunity for everyone to comment on agenda items. If you wish to speak on an agenda item, please follow these guidelines:

1. Raise your hand and wait to be recognized by the Committee co-chair(s).
2. Once recognized, please begin by giving your name and affiliation (if any) and the number of people you represent.
3. Time is limited; please keep your comments concise so that everyone has an opportunity to speak.
4. If there are several speakers with the same concerns, please try to appoint a spokesperson and avoid repetitive comments.
5. If you would like to present handouts or written materials to the Committee, please provide five copies to the designated staff member just prior to speaking.
6. If speaking during public forum, the subject matter you present should not be related to any item on the current agenda (public comment on agenda items will be taken at the time the Committee members discuss that item). As a general rule, public forum is an opportunity to bring matters to the attention of the Committee, but you may also do so via email or standard mail. At the discretion of the Committee, staff may be requested to follow up on the subject you raise.

VISUAL PRESENTATIONS/MATERIALS

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

1. Electronic presentations must be provided by email or delivered to the Commission on a USB flash drive by the deadline.
2. All electronic formats must be Windows PC compatible.
3. It is recommended that a print copy of any electronic presentation be submitted in case of technical difficulties.
4. A data projector, laptop and presentation mouse will be available.

LASER POINTERS may only be used by a speaker during a presentation.