

STAFF SUMMARY FOR JUNE 24-25, 2020

17. COMMISSION MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR 2021**Today's Item****Information** **Action**

Receive and discuss proposed meeting dates and locations of FGC and committee meetings for January through December of 2021.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss draft 2021 meeting dates and locations • Approve 2021 meeting dates and locations | <p>Jun 24-25, 2020; Webinar/teleconference</p> <p>Aug 19-20, 2020; Fortuna – Propose to move to webinar/teleconference</p> |
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Background

FGC conducts its business at six two-day meetings (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct and Dec) on a Wednesday and Thursday, plus teleconference meetings as needed. Committees each generally hold three (half-to-full day) meetings per year, either staggered between FGC business meetings (WRC on Thursdays, MRC on Tuesdays), or the afternoon before the first day of three FGC meetings (TC on Tuesdays).

In 2020, one TC meeting was held in conjunction with an FGC meeting, one in conjunction with a WRC meeting, and the third is scheduled in conjunction with an MRC meeting; due to the awkward timing between TC meetings created by this format, reverting to scheduling TC meetings in conjunction with three FGC meetings would allow greater consistency in timing.

Normally, to ensure that staff has adequate time to identify and secure venue options that meet FGC's requirements related to cost, information technology, security conditions, and State-mandated bids, contracting conditions, and timelines, it would be important for meeting dates and locations to be identified well in advance. However, COVID-19 has changed the way we are operating, including holding meetings via webinar and teleconference rather than in person; as such, timing is more flexible than in the past.

FGC staff recognizes that the serious public safety concerns associated with COVID-19 will likely continue into 2021. Budget constraints and associated travel restrictions are likely to continue through the upcoming fiscal year (Jul 2020 – Jun 2021) create additional uncertainty. As a result, while staff has prepared a list of proposed meeting dates and locations for 2021 for FGC consideration and discussion today, the primary focus at this time is on the dates since it is not clear when in-person meetings can resume. Any consideration of potential meeting locations is best held for a future discussion when there is greater certainty about the ability to keep meeting participants safe and when travel restrictions are lifted.

Staff developed the proposed meeting dates (Exhibit 1) taking into consideration State holidays, other relevant meeting schedules, and regulatory deadlines. For this year's FGC meetings, marine items are heard the first day, and wildlife/inland fisheries items are heard the second day. For 2021, rotating the subject matter is recommended such that wildlife/inland fisheries are heard on the first day, and marine items on the second day.

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Staff anticipates that FGC will continue to hold meetings by webinar and teleconference at least through the end of 2020 and likely through the end of the fiscal year (Jun 2021). Additionally, as described in Agenda Item 3, executive director's report, staff needs to reassess its constraints moving forward and consider what can be accomplished over the next year. Staff intends to take input received today from commissioners and stakeholders to develop an alternative proposal for meeting dates for FGC consideration at the Aug 2020 meeting.

Table 1: Proposed 2021 FGC and Committee Meeting Dates and Locations

Proposed Dates	Meeting Type	Potential Location if Not Webinar/Teleconference
Jan 14	WRC	Redding
Feb 10-11	FGC	Los Angeles/Orange County
Mar 16	MRC	Monterey area
Apr 13	TC	Sacramento
Apr 14-15	FGC	Sacramento
May 13	FGC	Teleconference
May 13	WRC	Santa Rosa
Jun 16-17	FGC	Merced or San Jose areas
Jul 20	MRC	San Clemente
Aug 17	TC	Fortuna
Aug 18-19	FGC	Fortuna
Sep 16	WRC	Ontario or Pasadena
Oct 13-14	FGC	Sacramento
Nov 9	MRC	Santa Rosa
Dec 14	TC	San Diego
Dec 15-16	FGC	San Diego

Other Relevant 2021 Meetings and Locations

- Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
 - September 12-15, Providence, RI
- Pacific Fishery Management Council
 - Mar 3-10, Seattle, Washington
 - Apr 6-13, San Jose, California
 - Jun 22-29, Vancouver, Washington
 - Sep 8-15, Spokane, Washington
 - Nov 15-22, Costa Mesa, California

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- Pacific Flyway Council – Dates unknown at this time
- Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
 - Jan 7 - 10 Santa Ana Pueblo, NM
 - Jul 18 - 23, 2021, Santa Fe, NM
- Wildlife Conservation Board – Dates unknown at this time

Significant Public Comments (N/A)**Recommendation**

FGC staff: (1) Realign TC meetings with FGC meetings in Apr, Aug and Dec; (2) Confirm intent to schedule FGC meetings on Wednesday and Thursday, TC and MRC meetings on Tuesdays, and WRC meetings on Thursdays; and (3) Provide direction on proposed 2021 dates and “locations.”

Exhibits

1. [FGC meeting locations for 2016-2021\(with 2021 potential locations if not via webinar and/or teleconference\)](#)

Motion/Direction (N/A)

California Fish and Game Commission
Meeting Locations for 2016-2021

Month	2021 (Proposed)	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
January (WRC)	Redding	Long Beach/Los Alamitos	Ontario	Santa Rosa	Redding	Sacramento (cancelled)
February (FGC)	<i>LA/OC Area</i>	Sacramento	Sacramento	Sacramento	Rohnert Park	Sacramento
March (MRC)	<i>Monterey area</i>	Santa Rosa and Teleconference	Sacramento	Santa Rosa	San Clemente	Los Alamitos
April (FGC & TC)	<i>Sacramento</i>	Webinar and Teleconference	Santa Monica	Ventura	Van Nuys	Santa Rosa
May (FGC & WRC)	<i>Santa Rosa</i>	Webinar and Teleconference	Sacramento	Los Alamitos	Sacramento	West Sacramento
June (FGC)	<i>Merced or San Jose</i>	Webinar and Teleconference	Redding	Sacramento	Smith River	Bakersfield
July (MRC)	<i>San Clemente</i>	Webinar and Teleconference	Ventura	San Clemente	Santa Rosa	Petaluma
August (FGC & TC)	<i>Fortuna</i>	Fortuna	Sacramento	Fortuna	Sacramento	Folsom
September (WRC)	<i>So Cal</i>	Sacramento	Santa Rosa	Sacramento	Riverside	Woodland
October (FGC)	<i>Sacramento</i>	Oakland	San Diego	Fresno	Atascadero	Eureka
November (MRC)	<i>Santa Rosa</i>	Monterey Area	Pacific Grove	Sacramento	Marina	Sacramento
December (FGC & TC)	<i>San Diego</i>	San Diego	Sacramento	Oceanside	San Diego	San Diego