

California Fish and Game Commission
Tribal Committee
Meeting Materials



November 16, 2020
Webinar / Teleconference

Overview of Tribal Committee Meeting

- Welcome to this meeting of the California Fish and Game Commission Tribal Committee. The Committee is comprised of up to two Commissioners who co-chair each meeting; members are assigned annually by the Commission.
- Our goal today is informed discussion to guide future decision making, and, we need your cooperation to ensure a lively and comprehensive dialogue.
- We are operating under Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, but 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.
- These proceedings may be recorded and posted to our website for reference and archival purposes.
- Items may be heard in any order pursuant to the determination of the Committee co-chairs.
- In the unlikely event of an emergency, please locate the nearest emergency exits.
- 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.
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 1. Raise your hand and wait to be recognized by the Committee co-chairs.
 2. Provide your name, affiliation (if any), and the number of people you represent.
 3. Time is limited; please keep your comments precise to give others time to speak.
 4. If several speakers have the same concerns, please appoint a group spokesperson.
 5. If speaking during general public comment, 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 discusses that item).

Introductions for California Fish and Game Commission Tribal Committee

Commissioners

Jacque Hostler-Carmesin	Co-Chair
Peter Silva	Co-Chair

Commission Staff

Melissa Miller-Henson	Executive Director
Rachel Ballanti	Deputy Executive Director
Susan Ashcraft	Marine Advisor
Ari Cornman	Wildlife Advisor
Cynthia McKeith	Staff Services Analyst
Rose Dodgen	Sea Grant State Fellow

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Nathan Voegeli	Assistant Chief Counsel and Tribal Liaison
Kevin Shaffer	Branch Chief, Fisheries Branch
Scott Gardner	Branch Chief, Wildlife Branch
Craig Shuman	Regional Manager, Marine Region
Chris Stoots	Captain and Tribal Liaison, Law Enforcement Division

Invited Speakers

Mike Esgro	Marine Ecosystems Program Manager and Tribal Liaison, California Ocean Protection Council
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Commissioners
Eric Sklar, President
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Samantha Murray, Vice President
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TRIBAL COMMITTEE (TC)

Committee co-chairs: Commissioner Hostler-Carmesin and Commissioner Silva

Meeting Agenda and Materials

November 16, 2020; 1:30 p.m.

Webinar / Teleconference

The California Fish and Game Commission is conducting this committee 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, members 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.

***To participate in the meeting, please join via Zoom or by telephone.
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for instructions on how to join the meeting.***

Note: See important meeting deadlines and procedures, including written public comment deadlines, starting on page 5. 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. General public comment for items not on 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. Co-management definition

Discuss implementation of the co-management definition adopted by the Commission in collaboration with the Department and California's tribes.

[Exhibit 3.1: Adopted co-management vision statement and definition, dated Feb 2020](#)

4. Commercial wild kelp and algae harvest management regulations

Department update on and discuss proposed rulemaking for commercial harvest of wild kelp and algae.

5. Pinnipeds and California's fisheries

Expand the understanding of and discuss tribal perspectives on pinnipeds and California's fisheries.

[Exhibit 5.1: Department presentation about pinnipeds along the West Coast presented in Aug 2020 \(for background purposes only\)](#)

6. Wildfire impacts and the state's response

Receive an update on and discuss wildfire impacts to California's fish and wildlife and the state's response.

7. Staff and agency updates requested by the Committee

Receive updates from staff and other agencies related to topics for which the Committee has requested an update.

(A) California Ocean Protection Council

(B) California Department of Fish and Wildlife, including potential updates from Law Enforcement Division, Fisheries Branch, Wildlife Branch, and Marine Region

I. Update on kelp recovery efforts at Casper Cove and Tanker Reef

II. Update on various species' management plans

(C) Commission staff, including updates on the Coastal Fishing Communities Project, Marine Resources Committee, and Wildlife Resources Committee

[Exhibit 7.1: Commission rulemaking timetable, dated Oct 20, 2020](#)

[Exhibit 7.2: MRC work plan, revised Nov 2, 2020](#)

[Exhibit 7.3: WRC work plan, revised Oct 5, 2020](#)

[Exhibit 7.4: Coastal Fishing Communities Project update – PowerPoint to be presented during meeting](#)

[Exhibit 7.5: Coastal Fishing Communities Project definition of coastal fishing community](#)

(D) Other

8. Future agenda items

(A) Meeting schedule for 2021

[Apr 13, 2021 and Aug 17, 2021 via webinar; Dec 14, 2021 in Sacramento](#)

(B) Review work plan agenda topics, priorities, and timeline

[Exhibit 8.1: TC work plan, revised Aug 21, 2020](#)

(C) Potential new agenda topics for Commission consideration

Adjourn

California Fish and Game Commission 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
December 9-10, 2020	Webinar/teleconference	
January 12, 2021	Webinar/teleconference	
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

- November 13-20, 2020, Garden Grove, CA
- March 3-10, 2021, Seattle, WA
- April 6-13, 2021, San Jose, CA
- 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, Grand Rapids, MI
- August or September 2021, TBD

Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

- January 7-10, 2021, Santa Ana Pueblo, NM
- July 18-23, 2021 Santa Fe, NM

Wildlife Conservation Board

- November 18, 2020, Sacramento, CA
- 2021 TBD

Important Committee Meeting Procedures Information

Welcome to a meeting of the California Fish and Game Commission 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 cannot take action independent of the full Commission; instead, the committee make recommendations to the full Commission at regularly scheduled meetings.

The Commission's goal is preserving our heritage and conserving 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) 653-9089 or EEO@wildlife.ca.gov. 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; **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.

COMMENT DEADLINES

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

The **Supplemental Comment Deadline** for this meeting is **noon on November 12, 2020**. Written comments received by this deadline will be made available to co-chairs at 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.

PETITIONS FOR REGULATION CHANGE

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SPEAKING AT THE MEETING

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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@fgc.ca.gov or delivered to the Commission on a USB flash drive by the deadline.
2. All electronic formats must be Windows PC compatible.

California Fish and Game Commission
Co-Management Vision Statement and Definition


February 2020

Vision Statement

The vision of tribes, the California Fish and Game Commission, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife is to engage in a collaborative effort between sovereigns to jointly achieve and implement mutually agreed upon and compatible governance and management objectives to ensure the health and sustainable use of fish and wildlife.

Definition

A collaborative effort established through an agreement in which two or more sovereigns mutually negotiate, define, and allocate amongst themselves the sharing of management functions and responsibilities for a given territory, area or set of natural resources.



Tribal Committee

California Fish and Game Commission

August 18, 2020

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The Current Pacific Coast Concern

Pinnipeds

California Sea Lion, Harbor Seal



It's now legal to kill sea lions that are threatening salmon in the Pacific Northwest

The Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 was amended in November 2018 to ease protections on California and Steller sea lions in the Columbia River, the Willamette River and their tributaries.

- Washington, Oregon, Idaho
- Do not have to identify specific animal
- Animal doesn't have to be eating salmon
- Enlarged area where states can remove mammals
- Up to 920 per year

Areas of Greatest Concern

Columbia and Willamette Rivers

- Oregon DFW got permit in November 2018 to take up to 92 CA sea lions annually below Willamette Falls
- Winter steelhead
- Columbia River Spring Chinook Salmon



Ballard Locks, Salmon Bay – Washington Lake; fish ladder



Willamette Falls



Nimbus Dam, American River

Marine Mammal Protection Act Section 120 Pinniped Removal Program

Rationale

- 1980s- Ballard Locks in the 1980s. California sea lions discovered migrating steelhead easy prey navigating new fish ladders.
- WDFW tried nonlethal deterrence techniques & relocating pinnipeds south
- ODFW's 2017 report concluded without change, winter steelhead had 90% probability of extinction
- March 2012 NOAA Marine Fisheries letter authorizing issued a Oregon, Washington and Idaho to remove individually-identifiable California sea lions eating threatened salmon and steelhead at Bonneville Dam [expired in June 2016] and renewed to 2021.
- for another five years until June 30, 2021. The authorization allows the states to remove up to 93 California sea lions a year. These animals must meet the following criteria:
- Section 120 allows limited management authority of marine mammals under very specific sets of circumstances

Implementation

- **Bonneville:** 2008- May 2019- a total of 232 California sea lions: 15 placed captivity, 7 died incidental to trapping, remainder chemically euthanized
- 2019- up to May @ **Willamette:** 33; Bonneville: 19+
- Sea lions are captured and euthanized under the oversight of a veterinarian



Senate Bill 3119, the Endangered Salmon Predation Prevention Act, passed both U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, signed into law December 2018

Who is Permitted?

Eligible Entities

- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Idaho Department of Fish and Game
- Nez Perce Tribe
- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
- Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation
- Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

References

- The June 2019 letter of application,
<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/webdam/download/106153224>
- The 2019 application,
<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/webdam/download/106153224>
- Background information [cover letter, application],
<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/west-coast/marine-mammal-protection/marine-mammal-protection-act-section-120f-actions-and-documents>
- Senate Bill 3119, <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/3119>
- ODFW California Sea Lion Management,
<https://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/SeaLion/index.asp>

California Fish and Game Commission: Perpetual Timetable for Anticipated Regulatory Actions

Updated October 20, 2020

Regulatory Change Category	Title 14 Section(s)	TC	MRC	FGC	FGC	FGC	WRC	FGC	FGC	MRC	TC	FGC	FGC	FGC	WRC	FGC	FGC	MRC	TC	FGC	FGC	WRC	FGC	FGC
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Central Valley Sport Fishing (Annual)	7.40(b)(4), (43), (66), (80)			N				D				D		A					E 8/1					
Klamath River Basin Sport Fishing (Annual)	7.40(b)(50)			N				D				D		A					E 8/1					
Waterfowl (Annual)	502			N				D				A					E 7/1							
Mammal Hunting - Deer and Antelope tag adjustments, and big game license tag drawing	360, 363, 708.19			N		D		A				E 4/1												
Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), Marine Managed Areas (MMAs), and Special Closures	632								N					D				A				E 10/1		
Commercial Pacific Herring Eggs on Kelp (Fishery Management Plan Implementation)	163, 164			E 11/30																				
Groundfish	27.30, 27.35, 27.45, 28.27, 28.28, 28.54, 28.55, 28.65, 150.16						E 1/1																	
Simplification of Statewide Inland Fishing Regulations ³	3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 5.41, 5.84, 5.86, 5.89, 7.00, 7.40, 7.50, 8.10									E 3/1														
Recreational Crab Marine Life Protection Measures	29.80, 29.85, 701			A						E 3/1														
Recreational Take of Red Abalone	29.15			A								E 4/1												
Recreational take of Sea Urchin in Caspar Cove and Taker Reef regulations ⁵	29.06			A						E 3/1														
Recreational Purple Sea Urchin emergency regulations (120 day extension)	29.06							EE 1/12																

Rulemaking Schedule to be Determined	Title 14 Section(s)	TC	MRC	FGC	FGC	FGC	WRC	FGC	FGC	MRC	TC	FGC	FGC	FGC	WRC	FGC	FGC	MRC	TC	FGC	FGC	WRC	FGC	FGC
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CA Grunion (FGC Petition #2019-014)	TBD																							
Commercial Kelp and Algae Harvest Management	165, 165.5, 705																							
Santa Cruz Harbor Salmon Fishing (FGC Petition #2016-018)	TBD																							
European Green Crab (FGC Petition #2017-006)	TBD																							
Wildlife Areas/Public Lands ⁴	TBD																							
Experimental Fishing Permit (EFP) Program Phase II)	TBD																							
Possess Game / Process Into Food	TBD																							
American Zoological Association / Zoo and Aquarium Association	671.1																							
Night Hunting in Gray Wolf Range (FGC Petition #2015-010)	474																							
Shellfish Aquaculture Best Management Practices	TBD																							
Commercial Pink Shrimp Trawl	120, 120.1, 120.2																							
Ridgeback Prawn Incidental Take Allowance	120(e)																							

KEY
 FGC = California Fish and Game Commission MRC = FGC Marine Resources Committee WRC = FGC Wildlife Resources Committee TC = FGC Tribal Committee
 EM = Emergency EE = Emergency Expires E = Anticipated Effective Date (RED "X" = expedited OAL review)
 N = Notice Hearing D = Discussion Hearing A = Adoption Hearing V = Vetting R = Committee Recommendation
 3 = Includes FGC Petition #2018-008 4 = Includes FGC Petition #2018-003 5 = Includes FGC Petition #2020-001

**California Fish and Game Commission
Marine Resources Committee (MRC) Work Plan
Scheduled Topics and Timeline for Items Referred to MRC
Updated November 2, 2020**

TOPIC	CATEGORY	JUL 2020	NOV 2020	MAR 2021
Planning Documents & Fishery Management Plans (FMPs)				
MLMA Master Plan for Fisheries - Implementation Updates	Master Plan Implementation	X	X	X
Red Abalone FMP / ARMP Update	FMP	X/R	X	X
California Halibut FMP (TBD)	FMP			
Regulations				
Experimental Fishing Permit Program, Phase II	Fisheries	X/R		
Kelp and Algae Commercial Harvest	Kelp		X	
Update on and possible review of California Spiny Lobster FMP implementing regulations (<i>added Feb 2019; timing TBD</i>)	FMP			
Maintenance of Preexisting Structures Within Marine Protected Areas	Marine Protected Areas	X	X/R	
California Grunion Recreational Fishing Regulations	Fisheries	X	X/R	
Aquaculture				
Aquaculture Program Planning (Information Report, Action Plan)	Planning Document		X	
Aquaculture State Water Bottom Leases: Existing & Future Lease Considerations	Current leases/planning			
Moratorium on New Aquaculture Lease Applications	New Leases		X/R	
Aquaculture Lease Best Management Practices (BMP) Plan Requirements (HOLD, TBD)	Regulations			
Emerging/Developing Management Issues				
Kelp Restoration and Recovery Tracking	Kelp			X
Invasive Non-native Kelp and Algae Species (<i>added Oct 2020</i>)	Kelp / Invasive Species		X	
Recreational Swordfish Fishing Regulations	Regulations			
Special Projects				
California's Coastal Fishing Communities	MRC Special Project	X	X	X

KEY:

X Discussion scheduled

X/R Recommendation developed; topic generally moved to FGC

Wildlife Resources Committee (WRC) 2020-1 Work Plan
Scheduled Topics and Timeline for Items Referred to WRC by the California Fish and Game Commission

Updated October 5, 2020

		May 2020 Webinar/ Teleconference	Sep 2020 Webinar/ Teleconference	Jan 2021 Webinar/ Teleconference
Periodic Regulations				
Upland (Resident) Game Birds	Annual			
Inland Sport Fishing	Annual		X	X
Mammal Hunting	Annual	X	X/R	
Waterfowl	Annual	X	X/R	
Central Valley Salmon Sport Fishing	Annual	X	X/R	
Klamath River Basin Sport Fishing	Annual	X	X/R	
Regulations & Legislative Mandates				
Falconry	Referral for Review			
Restricted Species	Regulatory		X	X
Special Projects				
American Bullfrog and Non-native Turtle Stakeholder Engagement Project	Referral for Review	X	X	X
Wildlife Diseases	Referral for Review		X	
Human-Wildlife Conflict	Information		X	X

KEY: X Discussion scheduled X/R Recommendation developed and moved to FGC

**California Fish and Game Commission
Marine Resources Committee (MRC)
Working Definition for Coastal Fishing Community**

November 2019

At the November 2019 MRC meeting, MRC adopted a working definition of “coastal fishing community” for the purpose of the Coastal Fishing Communities Project:

“A coastal fishing community is a social, cultural, economic, and/or place-based group whose members are fishermen dependent upon or engaged in commercial, recreational, or subsistence fishing to meet the social or economic needs of the community; this includes, but is not limited to, businesses and organizations that depend on or support fishing by providing goods and services, including infrastructure.

A fishing community may be a subset or member of larger or associated coastal communities which have an interest in and/or are dependent on healthy ocean ecosystems.”

California Fish and Game Commission Tribal Committee (TC)

Work Plan: Scheduled Topics and Timeline for Items Referred to TC by the California Fish and Game Commission

Updated August 21, 2020

Topic / Goal	Type / Lead	Aug 2020	Nov 2020	Apr 2021
Special Projects				
Co-management: Implementation, potential changes to definition	TC Project	X	X	X
Coastal Fishing Communities Project: Updates	MRC Project	X	X	X
Regulatory / Legislative				
Kelp and algae harvest management regulations: Updates and then recommendation and guidance	DFW Project and Regulation Change	X	X	X
Developing Management Issues				
FGC Climate Policy: During development of policy, make recommendations and provide guidance	FGC Policy			
Management Plans				
Sheep, deer, antelope, trout, abalone, kelp/seaweed: Updates and guidance (timing as appropriate for each)	DFW	X	X	X
Informational Topics				
Studies of pinnipeds and California's fisheries: What studies have been conducted, how they affect California's fisheries, and options for addressing impacts	DFW	X	X	
Marine Protected Areas Statewide Leadership Team (MSLT): Update on tribal participation in MSLT and implementation of the MSLT work plan	OPC Project		X	
Wildfire impacts and state response: Update as requested	DFW		X	
Statewide kelp recovery efforts: Update as requested	DFW			
Kelp recovery efforts at Casper Cover and Tankers Reef			X	
Annual tribal planning meeting: Review topics discussed at annual meeting	FGC	X	X	X
Cross-pollination with MRC and WRC: Identify tribal concerns and common themes with WRC and MRC	FGC Committees	X	X	X
FGC regulatory calendar: Update	FGC staff	X	X	X
Status of abalone recovery: Update as requested	DFW			
Proposition 64 (cannabis): Update as requested	DFW			
West Coast Ocean Alliance Tribal Caucus: Presentation and discussion regarding its work to enhance coordination and management for the ocean along the West Coast	FGC staff	X		

Key: X = Discussion scheduled X/R = Recommendation developed and moved to FGC

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MRC = FGC's Marine Resources Committee

DFW = California Department of Fish and Wildlife

WRC = FGC's Wildlife Resources Committee