

**California Fish and Game  
Commission**

**Wildlife Resources Committee**

**Meeting Binder**



**May 11, 2021**

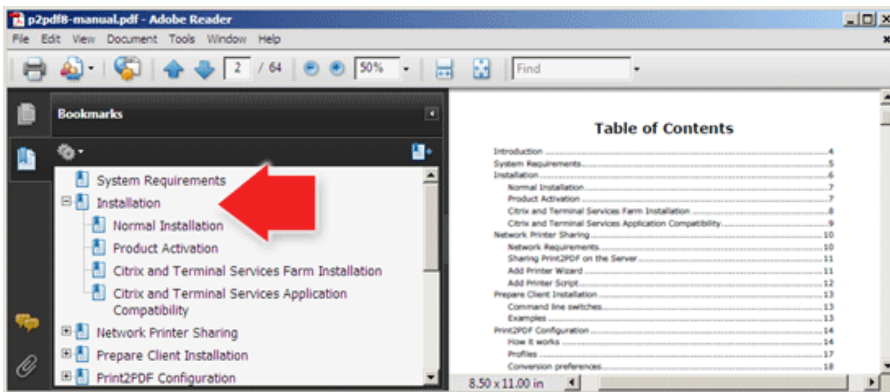
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
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## OVERVIEW OF FISH AND GAME COMMISSION COMMITTEE MEETING

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- Welcome to this meeting of the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee. The Committee is comprised of up to two Commissioners who co-chair each meeting; members are assigned by the Commission annually.
- 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.
- 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.
  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 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 members discuss that item).

# INTRODUCTIONS FOR FISH AND GAME COMMISSION WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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## **FISH AND GAME COMMISSIONERS**

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Erika Zavaleta	Visting Commissioner (Santa Cruz)

## **COMMISSION STAFF**

Melissa Miller-Henson	Executive Director
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Scott Gardner	Chief, Wildlife Branch
Chris Stoots	Captain, Law Enforcement Division
Jonathan Nelson	Environmental Program Manager, Fisheries Branch
Brad Burkholder	Environmental Program Manager, Wildlife Branch

I would also like to acknowledge special guests who are present:  
*(i.e., key DFW staff, elected officials, tribal chairpersons, other special guests)*

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### **WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMITTEE** Committee Chair: Commissioner Sklar

#### **Meeting Agenda May 11, 2021**

#### **Webinar and Teleconference**

***The committee meeting will begin approximately 15 minutes after the May 11 Commission meeting is adjourned, but no earlier than 10:30 a.m.***

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, you may join via Zoom or by telephone. [Click here](#) for instructions on how to join the meeting.***

**Note:** Please 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. 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. Department updates**

The Department will highlight items of note since the last Committee meeting.

- (A) Wildlife Branch
  - I. Drought preparations
  - II. Wildfire resiliency on Department lands
- (B) Fisheries Branch
  - I. Drought preparations
- (C) Law Enforcement Division

**4. Initial recommendations for regulations**

Discuss potential regulatory options for 2021-22 seasons for:

- (A) Mammal hunting
- (B) Waterfowl hunting
- (C) Central Valley sport fishing
- (D) Klamath River Basin sport fishing
- (E) Inland sport fishing

**5. Bullfrogs and non-native turtles**

Receive an update on implementing the American Bullfrog and Non-native Turtles Stakeholder Engagement Project.

**6. Future agenda items**

- (A) Review work plan agenda topics and timeline
- (B) Potential new agenda topics for Commission consideration

Adjourn

## California Fish and Game Commission 2021 Meeting Schedule

**Note:** As meeting dates and locations can change, please visit [www.fgc.ca.gov](http://www.fgc.ca.gov) for the most current list of meeting dates and locations.

Meeting Date	Commission Meeting	Committee Meeting
June 16-17, 2021	Webinar/teleconference	
July 20, 2021		<b>Marine Resources</b> Sacramento
August 17, 2021		<b>Tribal</b> Sacramento
August 18-19, 2021	Sacramento	
September 16, 2021		<b>Wildlife Resources</b> Sacramento
October 13-14, 2021	Sacramento	
November 9, 2021		<b>Marine Resources</b> Sacramento
December 14, 2021		<b>Tribal</b> 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**

- June 22-29, 2021, Vancouver, WA
- September 8-15, 2021, Spokane, WA
- November 15-22, 2021, Costa Mesa, CA

#### **Pacific Flyway Council**

- August or September 2021, TBD

#### **Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies**

- July 18-23, 2021 Santa Fe, NM

#### **Wildlife Conservation Board**

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

## IMPORTANT COMMITTEE MEETING PROCEDURES INFORMATION

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

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 preserving our outdoor 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 Department's Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Office at (916) 653-9089 or [EEO@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto: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.

### 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](mailto: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 **April 28, 2021**. 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 **May 6, 2021**. Comments received by this deadline will be made available to Commissioners 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.



## **REGULATION CHANGE PETITIONS**

As a general rule, requests for regulatory change must be redirected to the full Commission and submitted on the required petition form, FGC 1, *Petition to the California Fish and Game Commission for Regulation Change* (Section 662, Title 14, California Code of Regulations). 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**

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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 speaking during public comment for items not on the agenda (Agenda Item 2), 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 comment 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 **Written 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](mailto: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.

## COMMITTEE STAFF SUMMARY FOR MAY 11, 2021 WRC

**2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT****Today's Item****Information** **Action** 

Receive public comments for items not on the agenda.

**Summary of Previous/Future Action (N/A)****Background**

WRC receives two types of correspondence or comment under general public comment: requests for WRC to consider new topics and informational items. As a general rule, requests for regulation changes must be submitted to FGC on petition form FGC 1, *Petition to the California Fish and Game Commission for Regulation Change*. However, WRC may, at its discretion, may request staff to follow up on items of potential interest for possible recommendation to FGC.

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

Staff recommends any potential new agenda items — based on issues raised and within FGC's authority — be held for discussion under Agenda Item 6, *Future agenda items*.

**Exhibits (N/A)****Committee Direction/Recommendation (N/A)**

## COMMITTEE STAFF SUMMARY FOR MAY 11, 2021 WRC

**3. DEPARTMENT UPDATES****Today's Item****Information** **Action** 

Receive updates on DFW activities.

**Summary of Previous/Future Actions (N/A)****Background**

This is a standing agenda item for DFW to provide updates on activities of interest related to wildlife and inland fisheries. Verbal updates are expected from:

- (A) Wildlife Branch
  - I. Drought preparation
  - II. Wildfire resiliency on Department lands
- (B) Fisheries Branch
  - I. Drought Preparation
- (C) Law Enforcement Division

**Significant Public Comments (N/A)****Recommendation (N/A)****Exhibits (N/A)****Committee Direction/Recommendation (N/A)**

## COMMITTEE STAFF SUMMARY FOR MAY 11, 2021 WRC

**4. INITIAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REGULATIONS**

<b>Today's Item</b>	<b>Information</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Action</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
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Discuss potential regulatory options for 2022-23 seasons for:

- (A) Mammal hunting
- (B) Waterfowl hunting
- (C) Central Valley sport fishing
- (D) Klamath River Basin sport fishing
- (E) Inland sport fishing

**Summary of Previous/Future Action**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Today's discussion</b></li></ul>     | <b>May 11, 2021; WRC, Webinar/Teleconference</b> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Potential WRC recommendations</li></ul> | Sep 16, 2021; WRC, Sacramento                    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FGC notice hearings</li></ul>           | Dec 15-16, 2021; FGC, Sacramento                 |

**Background**

This item is to provide the public an opportunity to engage in initial discussions with WRC, FGC staff and DFW about proposed regulation changes for five categories of seasons:

- (A) Mammal hunting (2022-23): WRC will discuss proposed changes to hunting regulations for various big game mammals, including deer, Nelson bighorn sheep, antelope and elk.
- (B) Waterfowl hunting (2022-23): FGC annually adopts migratory waterfowl hunting regulations to conform State regulations with federal regulations. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service adopts federal regulations each Oct based, in part, on recommendations from four regional flyway councils. Migratory waterfowl include American coot, common moorhen, ducks, black brant and geese, among others.
- (C) Central Valley sport fishing (2022): FGC annually adopts Central Valley sport fishing regulations for the American, Feather, Sacramento, and Mokelumne rivers to conform State regulations with federal regulations. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) adopts federal Central Valley salmon escapement goals each Apr based, in part, on recommendations from the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC), and then DFW proposes regulation changes for consistency with those goals.
- (D) Klamath River Basin sport fishing (2022): FGC annually adopts regulations to conform State regulations with federal regulations in the Klamath River Basin. NMFS adopts federal Klamath River Basin salmon allocations each Apr based, in part, on recommendations from PFMC, and then DFW proposes regulation changes based upon those allocations.
- (E) Inland sport fishing: Inland sport fishing regulations include a wide variety of fish species in non-marine waters throughout the state. Today's discussion will include consideration of inland boat limits, striped bass slot limits, and other issues.

## COMMITTEE STAFF SUMMARY FOR MAY 11, 2021 WRC

This meeting is an initial opportunity for any interested parties to make suggestions to DFW and WRC regarding potential regulation changes to consider in each of the five season categories. The second opportunity for vetting ideas with WRC will be WRC's Sep 16, 2021 meeting, before the respective notice hearings currently scheduled for Dec 2021.

**Significant Public Comments**

A commenter requests that hunters be permitted to hunt wild boar with "big bore airguns" of at least .40 caliber, the .40 caliber minimum required to hunt wild boar be lowered to .30 caliber, and wild pig be removed from designation as big game (Exhibit 1).

**Recommendation (N/A)****Exhibits**

1. [Email from Colin Gallagher](#), received Apr 27, 2021

**Committee Direction/Recommendation (N/A)**

## COMMITTEE STAFF SUMMARY FOR MAY 11, 2021 WRC

**5. BULLFROGS AND NON-NATIVE TURTLES****Today's Item****Information** **Action** 

Receive an update on implementation of the bullfrog and non-native turtle stakeholder engagement plan.

**Summary of Previous/Future Actions**

- Project referred to WRC Dec 12-13, 2018; FGC, Oceanside
- Most recent updates and discussion Jan 12, 2021; WRC, Webinar/Teleconference
- **Today's update** **May 11, 2021; WRC; Webinar/Teleconference**

**Background**

Annually there are approximately two million non-native American bullfrogs and 300,000 non-native turtles (mostly red-eared sliders and softshell turtles) imported into California for food and the pet trade. Even though these species are not imported into California with the intention of being released, they have established wild populations that threaten native amphibians, fish, and wildlife by direct predation, competition for resources and habitat, and disease.

In Apr 2017, FGC directed FGC staff, with DFW's assistance, to develop a proposal for stakeholder engagement to further evaluate possible solutions to address the impacts of American bullfrogs and non-native turtles on native wildlife. The staff proposal was presented to FGC in Oct 2017, a revised version was approved by FGC in Oct 2018, and the stakeholder engagement plan was referred to WRC in Dec 2018 to track progress implementing the plan. WRC received three progress updates in 2020 and one in 2021. See Exhibit 1 for further background.

Today, staff will provide an update on progress since the Jan 2021 meeting, including several meetings of all three stakeholder teams, the process of finalizing stakeholder situation analyses, strategy development and results chains (i.e., solution validation), and developing a plan for legislative outreach. The stakeholder planning meetings involving separate teams will finish in the coming months. Staff is preparing strategies for inter-team dialogue, synthesis and options development, and legislative outreach, before commencing detailed, substantive dialogue at subsequent WRC meetings.

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

1. [Staff summary from Jan 2021 WRC meeting](#) (for background only)

**Committee Direction/Recommendation (N/A)**

## COMMITTEE STAFF SUMMARY FOR MAY 11, 2021 WRC

**6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS****Today's Item**Information Action 

Review upcoming agenda items scheduled for the next and future WRC meetings, hear requests from DFW and stakeholders for future agenda items, and identify new items for consideration.

**Summary of Previous/Future Actions**

- **Today's discussion** **May 11, 2021; WRC, Webinar/Teleconference**
- FGC potentially approves WRC recommendations June 16-17, 2021; Webinar/Teleconference
- Next WRC meeting Sep 16, 2021; WRC, Sacramento

**Background**

Committee topics are referred by FGC and scheduled as appropriate. FGC-referred topics and the current schedule are shown in the WRC work plan (Exhibit 1). WRC agendas currently include one complex and time-intensive topic, related to bullfrogs and non-native turtles. The committee has placed emphasis on issues of imminent regulatory importance.

**WRC Work Plan**

Draft agenda topics identified for the Sep 2021 WRC meeting are shown in Exhibit 1.

**Discuss and Recommend New WRC Topics**

Today provides an opportunity to identify any potential new agenda topics to recommend to FGC for referral to WRC.

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

**FGC staff:** Review WRC work plan and current FGC rulemaking timetable (Exhibit 2), and identify any new topics to recommend for WRC evaluation.

**Exhibits**

1. [WRC work plan](#), updated Apr 27, 2021
2. [FGC Perpetual Timetable for Anticipated Regulatory Actions](#), updated Apr 8, 2021

**Committee Direction/Recommendation (N/A)**

**From:** Colin Gallagher [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 27, 2021 03:52 PM  
**To:** FGC <[FGC@fgc.ca.gov](mailto:FGC@fgc.ca.gov)>  
**Subject:** My Comment on the Wildlife Resources Committee (May 11 2021) Agenda Item 4(A): Initial recommendations for regulations Discuss potential regulatory options for 2021-22 seasons for: (A) Mammal hunting Wildlife Resources

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From:  
Colin Gallagher

April 27, 2021

Hello, I am a licensed hunter in California. I focus on wild boar primarily and to a lesser extent on turkey when in season. I have primarily hunted around Monterey County (forests and private ranchland) and more recently have gone through the process to obtain DoD clearance for Fort Hunter Liggett access to hunt wild boar there. All boar hunted in my case are by centerfire rifle with using certified nonlead (example: DoubleTap).

I am commenting on the item on your agenda which is labeled as 4(A) - that is, *Initial recommendations for regulations Discuss potential regulatory options for 2021-22 seasons for: (A) Mammal hunting Wildlife Resources.*

I have the following comment and suggestion (please deliver this to your analysts and Committee members as formal comment for inclusion on this item on the agenda):

That there should be recommended formally by the Commission, an interpretation of Mammal Hunting Regulations §353. Methods Authorized for Taking Big Game subsection (c) so that it will be considered to be legal to utilize a BB device for hunting wild pig in California, so long as the BB device is at least .40 caliber in designation, or larger.

Currently it is not legal to hunt boar with a BB device in California. However, it is legal to own BB devices in California, and is legal to hunt with them for some animals in California such as turkey. It is legal in many other States to hunt boar with what are called "big bore airguns," which would be as proposed by this comment, BB devices as defined in law by California, with the caveat that the interpretation from the Committee's recommendation would require that the caliber equivalent for BB devices to be used on wild boar be .40 caliber in designation or larger (this is the same requirement as currently exists for centerfire on boar in California). [In reality hunting ammunition in centerfire that can bring down a pig with one shot can be .308, 7.62x54, 7.62x39 - which is not confirming to ".40 caliber" and is closer to .30 in fact, see for example the standard of DoubleTap which produces lead free rounds in 7.62x39 that reliably bring down boar on first shot - as an example, their **123gr. Barnes TSX (LEAD FREE)** has Ballistics **of : 2400fps - 1574 ft./lbs. from the SKS.]**



This would not circumvent any hunter safety requirement, hunter license, or tag requirement in California, as all these laws still exist and would need to be followed regardless.

My second request is that the Committee recommend that the .40 caliber minimum designation required for wild boar be moved formally to .30 minimum (rifle centerfire or BB device) to allow formally for flexibility of ammunition in the highly constrained market of lead-free products, ranging from .308 down to 7.62x39.

My third request is distinct than my first and second and should be evaluated separately. This request is for an actual change, not an interpretation. This request, for a change in Mammal Hunting Regulations, is simply to remove wild pig (feral pigs, European wild pigs, and their hybrids (genus *Sus*)) from Big Game as defined in the Mammal Hunting Regulations at §350. I request that the Committee recommend this measure. See also previous legislation on the matter from 2017 - 2018 (AB 2805):

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201720180AB2805](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2805)

Thank you for taking these comments into consideration.

Please reply to confirm receipt and advise as to further required steps to realize the object of accomplishing the above.

I am submitting these comments as an individual and not on behalf of any organization.

**COMMITTEE STAFF SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 12, 2021 WRC  
For Background Purposes Only**

## 8. BULLFROGS AND NON-NATIVE TURTLES

### Today's Item

Information

Action

Receive an update on implementing the bullfrog and non-native turtle stakeholder engagement plan.

### Summary of Previous/Future Actions

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project referred to WRC</li> <li>• Updates and discussions</li> <li>• Most recent update and discussion</li> <li>• <b>Today's update</b></li> </ul> | <p>Dec 12-13, 2018; Oceanside</p> <p>Various; WRC</p> <p>Sep 17, 2020; WRC; Webinar/Teleconference</p> <p><b>Jan 21, 2020; WRC; Webinar/Teleconference</b></p> |
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### Background

Annually there are about two million non-native American bullfrogs and 300,000 non-native turtles (mostly red-eared sliders and softshell turtles) imported annually into California for food and the pet trade. Even though these species are not imported into California with the intention of being released, they have established wild populations that threaten native amphibians, fish, and wildlife by direct predation, competition for resources and habitat, and disease.

In Oct 2018, FGC approved a proposal for engaging stakeholders to further evaluate potential solutions for addressing the impacts of bullfrogs and non-native turtles; in Dec 2018, FGC referred the stakeholder engagement plan to WRC to track progress in implementing the plan. WRC received two progress updates in 2019 and three in 2020.

Since the Sep 2020 WRC meeting, the industry and agency groups have met and progressed on their situation analyses. The agency group has elected to undergo an additional, optional step of threat ranking, and will be embarking on that process. The industry group continues to identify and categorize threats. Scheduling is underway for the next meetings of the environmental/animal welfare, industry, and agency groups.

At the Sep WRC meeting, FGC staff gave an overview of a process being used in the stakeholder engagement plan called *Open Standards for the Practice of Conservation*, which includes target identification, threat identification and analysis, and strategy development. Today, FGC staff will give a short preview of the final step in the process called results chains (Exhibit 1).

### Significant Public Comments (N/A)

### Recommendation (N/A)

### Exhibits

1. Sample output using open standards

### Committee Direction/Recommendation (N/A)

**Wildlife Resources Committee (WRC) 2021-2 Work Plan**  
**Scheduled Topics and Timeline for Items Referred to WRC by the California Fish and Game Commission**

*Updated April 27, 2021*

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

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

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

Updated May 5, 2021

Regulatory Change Category	Title 14 Section(s)	FGC Webinar/Teleconference May 11, 2021	WRC Webinar/Teleconference May 11, 2021	FGC Webinar/Teleconference Jun 16, 2021	FGC Webinar/Teleconference Jun 17, 2021	MRC Webinar/Teleconference Jul 20, 2021	TC Webinar/Teleconference Aug 17, 2021	FGC Webinar/Teleconference Aug 18, 2021	FGC Webinar/Teleconference Aug 19, 2021	WRC Webinar/Teleconference Sep 16, 2021	FGC Webinar/Teleconference Oct 13, 2021	FGC Webinar/Teleconference Oct 14, 2021	MRC Webinar/Teleconference Nov 9, 2021	TC Webinar/Teleconference Dec 14, 2021	FGC Webinar/Teleconference Dec 15, 2021	FGC Webinar/Teleconference Dec 16, 2021	WRC Jan 2022 TBD	FGC Feb 2022 TBD	FGC Feb 2022 TBD	MRC Mar 2022 TBD	TC Apr 2022 TBD	FGC Apr 2022 TBD	FGC Apr 2022 TBD
Recreational Clam, Sand Crab, and Shrimp Gear Emergency <sup>6</sup>	29.20, 29.80																EE 1/8						
Recreational Clam, Sand Crab, and Shrimp Gear (Implementing Certificate of Compliance) <sup>6</sup>	29.20, 29.80								N			D				A	E 1/1						
Central Valley Sport Fishing (Annual)	7.40(b)(4), (43), (66), (80)	A				E 7/16									N								
Klamath River Basin Sport Fishing (Annual)	7.40(b)(50)	A					E 8/15								N								
Waterfowl (Annual)	502					E 7/1									N								
Western Joshua Tree Renewable Energy 2084 EM	749.10	EE 4/28/21 without Governor's Executive Order						EE 8/27/21 with Governor's Executive Order															
Western Joshua Tree Renewable Energy 2084 EM Extension <sup>1</sup>	749.10							EM 8/27/21					EE 11/24/21										
Western Joshua Tree Renewable Energy 2084 EM Extension <sup>2</sup>	749.10								EM 11/24/21														
Western Joshua Tree Dead Hazard Trees 2084	749.11												EE 11/9/21										
Western Joshua Tree Local Government 2084	749.12												EE 11/9/21										
Recreational Crab Marine Life Protection Measures	29.80, 29.85, 701												E 11/1										
Experimental Fishing Permit (EFP) Program Phase II	90, 91, 120.1, 149, 149.3, 180, 704				N				D			A					E 1/1						

Rulemaking Schedule to be Determined	Title 14 Section(s)	FGC Webinar/Teleconference May 11, 2021	WRC Webinar/Teleconference May 11, 2021	FGC Webinar/Teleconference Jun 16, 2021	FGC Webinar/Teleconference Jun 17, 2021	MRC Webinar/Teleconference Jul 20, 2021	TC Webinar/Teleconference Aug 17, 2021	FGC Webinar/Teleconference Aug 18, 2021	FGC Webinar/Teleconference Aug 19, 2021	WRC Webinar/Teleconference Sep 16, 2021	FGC Webinar/Teleconference Oct 13, 2021	FGC Webinar/Teleconference Oct 14, 2021	MRC Webinar/Teleconference Nov 9, 2021	TC Webinar/Teleconference Dec 14, 2021	FGC Webinar/Teleconference Dec 15, 2021	FGC Webinar/Teleconference Dec 16, 2021	WRC Jan 2022 TBD	FGC Feb 2022 TBD	FGC Feb 2022 TBD	MRC Mar 2022 TBD	TC Apr 2022 TBD	FGC Apr 2022 TBD	FGC Apr 2022 TBD
Recreational Clam, Sand Crab, and Shrimp Gear Emergency (First 90-day Extension) <sup>6</sup>	29.20, 29.80																						
Recreational Clam, Sand Crab, and Shrimp Gear Emergency (Second 90-day Extension) <sup>6</sup>	29.20, 29.80																						
Pre-Existing Structures in Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), Marine Managed Areas (MMAs), and Special Closures	632																						
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 <sup>4</sup>	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																						
Ban of Neonicotinoid Pesticides on Department Lands (FGC Petition #2017-008)	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 6 = Includes FGC Petition #2019-012