

STAFF SUMMARY FOR JUNE 16-17, 2021

27C. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS – 2022 MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS**Today's Item****Information** **Action**

Receive and discuss proposed meeting dates and locations of FGC and committee meetings for January through December of 2022.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

- **Discuss proposed 2022 meeting dates and locations** Jun 16-17, 2021; Webinar/Teleconference
- Discuss and potentially approve 2022 meeting dates and locations Aug 18-19, 2021; Webinar/Teleconference

Background

FGC currently conducts its business at six two-day meetings (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct and Dec) on a Wednesday and Thursday, plus a teleconference meeting in May and others as needed. Committees each generally hold three (half-day to full day) meetings per year. In 2021, committee meetings were held either staggered and alternating between FGC business meetings (WRC on Thursdays in Jan, May and Sep, MRC on Tuesdays in Mar, Jul and Nov), or the afternoon before the first day of three FGC meetings (TC on Tuesdays). Staff seeks guidance on whether to retain the same months and days of week for FGC and committee meetings.

With the planned Jun 15 re-opening of the California economy and fewer budget constraints limiting travel in the new fiscal year, FGC staff is preparing to resume holding meetings throughout the state in 2022. Staff has drafted a list of proposed 2022 meeting dates and locations for FGC consideration and discussion today (Table 1).

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

Staff developed the proposed meeting dates taking into account State holidays, other relevant meeting schedules, and regulatory deadlines. For this year's FGC meetings, wildlife/inland fisheries items are heard the first day, and marine items are heard the second day. For 2022, rotating the subject matter is recommended such that marine items are heard on the first day, and wildlife/inland fisheries items on the second day.

Staff anticipates that FGC will continue to hold meetings by webinar and teleconference at least through Aug 2021 and, ultimately, a hybrid in-person/teleconference format may be employed. Staff is working with FGC's current audio-visual contractor to explore options and costs for hybrid meetings.

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Table 1: Proposed 2022 FGC and Committee Meeting Dates and Locations

Proposed Dates	Meeting Type	Potential Location if Not Webinar/Teleconference
Jan 13	WRC	Redding
Feb 16-17	FGC	Sacramento
Mar 23	MRC	Sacramento or North Bay Area
Apr 19	TC	Monterey/Santa Cruz area
Apr 20-21	FGC	Monterey/Santa Cruz area
May 19	FGC	Sacramento (teleconference)
May 19	WRC	Sacramento
Jun 15-16	FGC	Los Angeles/Orange County
Jul 14	MRC	San Diego area
Aug 16	TC	Fortuna
Aug 17-18	FGC	Fortuna
Sep 15	WRC	Los Angeles/Inland Empire area
Oct 12-13	FGC	San Diego area
Nov 16	MRC	Monterey area
Dec 13	TC	Inland Empire area
Dec 14-15	FGC	Inland Empire area

Other Relevant 2022 Meetings and Locations

- Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
 - Sep 18-21, Fort Worth, TX
- Pacific Fishery Management Council
 - Mar 8-14, San Jose, CA
 - Apr 6-13, San Jose, CA
 - Jun 7-14, Vancouver, WA
 - Sep 7-14, Boise, ID
 - Nov 2-8, Orange County, CA

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- Pacific Flyway Council
 - Feb – Dates and location unknown at this time
 - Aug – Dates and location unknown at this time
- Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
 - Jan 6 – 9, Tucson, AZ
 - Jul 14-20 – Location unknown at this time
- Wildlife Conservation Board – Dates unknown at this time

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

FGC staff: (1) Confirm intent to schedule FGC meetings on Wed/Thu of Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct and Dec; (2) confirm intent to schedule MRC meetings on Tue, WRC meetings on Thu, and TC meetings on Tue prior to FGC meetings; and (3) provide direction on proposed 2022 dates and locations.

Exhibits (N/A)**Motion (N/A)**