

# Fish and Game Commission



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## WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Committee Co-Chairs: Commissioner Silva and Commissioner Zavaleta

## Meeting Agenda January 13, 2022; 1:30 p.m.

#### Webinar and Teleconference

 Pursuant to California Government Code Section 11133, the California Fish and Game Commission is conducting this committee meeting by webinar and teleconference.
Commission members will participate 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. <u>Click here</u> or go to <u>https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=195954&inline</u> 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
- (B) Fisheries Branch
- (C) Law Enforcement Division

## 4. Inland sport fishing

Discuss and potentially make recommendations on two inland sport fishing rulemakings.

- (A) Game fish contests
- (B) Freshwater sport fishing updates

### 5. Preference points and refunds for hunting tags

Discuss a potential rulemaking to provide the Department general authority to address returns of mammal hunting preference points and fee refunds in response to potential future public land closures.

## 6. Bullfrogs and non-native turtles

Discuss preliminary results of the American Bullfrog and Non-native Turtles Stakeholder Engagement Project.

### 7. Regulation Change Petition 2021-017

Vet and discuss various changes to big game hunting regulations proposed under petition 2021-017.

### 8. 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 Meeting Schedule

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

Meeting Date	Commission Meeting*	Committee Meeting*
February 16-17, 2022	Natural Resources Building Auditorium 715 P Street, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Sacramento, CA 95814	
March 24, 2022		Marine Resources Natural Resources Building 715 P Street, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Sacramento, CA 95814
April 19, 2022		<b>Tribal</b> Monterey/Santa Cruz area
April 20-21, 2022	Monterey/Santa Cruz area	
May 19, 2022	Redding – Teleconference	
May 19, 2022		Wildlife Resources Redding
June 15-16, 2022	Los Angeles/Orange County	
July 14, 2022		Marine Resources San Diego area
August 16, 2022		Tribal Fortuna
August 17-18, 2022	Fortuna	
September 15, 2022		Wildlife Resources Los Angeles/Inland Empire area
October 12-13, 2022	Truckee	
November 17, 2022		Marine Resources Monterey area
December 13, 2022		Tribal San Diego area
December 14-15, 2022	San Diego area	

\* All Commission and committee meetings are anticipated to include a teleconference option, via webinar and/or phone.

## **Other Meetings of Interest**

### Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

• September 18-21, 2022 - Fort Worth, TX

#### Pacific Fishery Management Council

- March 8-14, 2022 San Jose, CA
- April 6-13, 2022 San Jose, CA
- June 7-14, 2022 Vancouver, WA
- September 7-14, 2022 Boise, ID
- November 2-8, 2022 Orange County, CA

#### **Pacific Flyway Council**

- March 15, 2022 Spokane, WA
- August or September 2022 Dates and location to be determined

#### Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

- January 6-10, 2022 Tucson, AZ
- July 10-15, 2022 Oklahoma City, OK

#### Wildlife Conservation Board

- February 24, 2022 Location TBD
- May 26, 2022 Location TBD
- August 25, 2022 Location TBD
- November 17, 2022 (subject to change) Location TBD

### 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. 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 <u>fgc@fgc.ca.gov</u>; **mail** to California Fish and Game Commission, P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090; or **deliver** to California Fish and Game Commission, 715 P Street, 16<sup>th</sup> floor, Sacramento, CA 95814.

#### COMMENT DEADLINES

The **Written Comment Deadline** for this meeting is 5:00 p.m. on **January 3, 2022**. 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 **January 10, 2022**. 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

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. You will be given instructions during the meeting for how to be recognized by the Committee co-chair(s) to speak.
- 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 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 <u>fgc@fgc.ca.gov</u> or delivered to the Commission on a USB flash drive by the deadline.
- 2. All electronic formats must be Windows PC compatible.