

**California Fish and Game Commission**

Accepted Petitions for Regulation Change Documents Index

NOTE: An accepted petition is a petition which (1) is submitted on the proper form, (2) contains the necessary information in the required categories listed on FGC 1, and (3) pertains to regulations under the Commission's authority. Additional petition materials and information are linked to each tracking number.

**2024 Petitions**

Select acronyms: MPA = Marine Protected Area; SMR = State Marine Reserve; SMCA = State Marine Conservation Area

2024 Petition Tracking No.	Date Received by FGC Office	Subject of Request	Description
<a href="#">2024-04</a>	4/22/2024	Clarify regulatory language to authorize use of harpoon as a landing aid	Request to amend regulations to clarify language regarding using harpoons as a method to help land fish.
<a href="#">2024-03</a>	4/2/2024	Prohibit using carbon dioxide as a method to remove coyotes and prohibit local governments from contracting private trappers for coyote removal	Request to amend regulations to prohibit local governments from contracting with private trappers to trap coyotes on public land and to prohibit use of carbon dioxide as a killing method for coyotes.
<a href="#">2024-02</a>	2/14/2024	Re-open abalone fishery at San Miguel Island, Santa Barbara County	Re-open the red abalone commercial and recreational fisheries at San Miguel Island, Santa Barbara County, to former abalone divers to take abalone and provide data to the Department.
<a href="#">2024-01</a>	1/10/2024	Inland sport fishing: Trout	Request to amend sport fishing regulations to allow increased take and reduce size limitations of trout in Stony Creek in Colusa County.

## 2023 Petitions

2023 Petition Tracking No.	Date Received by FGC Office	Subject of Request	Description
<a href="#">2023-34MPA</a>	11/30/2023	MPAs: Reclassify Point Buchon SMCA to SMR; reduce allowed take at Farnsworth Onshore and Offshore SMCAs	Reclassify Point Buchon SMCA as an SMR, and modify regulations of Farnsworth Onshore and Farnsworth Offshore SMCAs to allow only recreational spearfishing to enhance enforcement
<a href="#">2023-33MPA</a>	11/30/2023	MPAs: Expand several MPAs and designate new MPA in Santa Cruz	To protect kelp forest habitat, designate one new MPA and expand boundaries of SMRs at Cabrillo, Natural Bridges, Point Conception, South Point, and Gull Island, and of SMCA at Point Dume
<a href="#">2023-32MPA</a>	11/30/2023	MPAs: Expand Duxbury Reef SMCA and reclassify as SMR	Change Duxbury Reef SMCA to an SMR, extend the southern boundary further south, and extend the northern boundary to the Double Point Special Closure
<a href="#">2023-31MPA</a>	11/30/2023	MPAs: Combine MPAs at Drakes Estero and Estero de Limantour into one SMR	Merge Drakes Estero SMCA and Estero de Limantour SMR into a single SMR

<a href="#">2023-30MPA</a>	11/30/2023	MPAs: Modify recreational crab take regulations at Big River SMCA	Change recreational crab trap gear restrictions in Big River SMCA to only allow Type A (collapsible) hoop nets, eliminate hoop net Type B (rigid frame) allowance from general provisions, reduce number of set traps from 10 to 5, and reduce crab bag and possession limit from 10 to 5
<a href="#">2023-29MPA</a>	11/30/2023	New MPA: Designate new Mishopshno SMCA for Chumash co-management	Designate a new MPA: Create a California-Chumash co-management SMCA that allows take by members of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians for traditional, ceremonial, cultural and subsistence purposes
<a href="#">2023-28MPA</a>	11/30/2023	New MPA: Designate new SMR near Point Sal; consult tribes	Create a new SMR around Point Sal in central California and consult with tribes first to determine whether a SMCA with exemptions for cultural and subsistence use is warranted
<a href="#">2023-27MPA</a>	11/30/2023	MPAs: Modify/reclassify Anacapa SMCA	Reclassify Anacapa SMCA as an SMR or reclassify the portion of the SMCA from shore to at least 30 meters depth to protect eelgrass habitat.
<a href="#">2023-26MPA</a>	11/30/2023	MPAs: Boundaries at Swami's SMCA, modify three estuarine no-take SMCAs in San Diego County	Shift Swamis SMCA south from the lifeguard tower to the State/Solana Beach line to cover tidepools on south side and change map color of no-take SMCAs at Batiquitos Lagoon, San Elijo Lagoon, and Famosa Slough
<a href="#">2023-25MPA</a>	11/30/2023	MPAs: Shift boundaries of Long Point SMR, remove feeding of fish at two Catalina Island MPAs; adjust two no-take MPAs	Change Long Point SMR boundary; remove allowance for feeding fish at Lover's Cove and Casino Point SMCAs; change color of Blue Cavern Onshore and Casino Point no-take SMCAs to red
<a href="#">2023-24MPA</a>	11/29/2023	MPAs: Expand Laguna Beach no-take SMCA into Dana Point SMCA	Extend the Laguna Beach no-take SMCA southern boundary to the southern border of city of Laguna Beach, which will require modification of northern boundary of Dana Point SMCA

<a href="#">2023-23MPA</a>	11/29/2023	MPAs: Reclassify 3 Monterey SMCAs to SMRs; designate new MPA at Tanker's Reef	Reclassify three SMCAs as SMRs; designate Tanker's Reef as reserve SMR; take several proposed actions to facilitate kelp restoration.
<a href="#">2023-22MPA</a>	11/29/2023	MPAs: Modify language for tidepool take and research/restoration for Orange County MPAs; adjust no-take MPAs	Modify definition of tidepools, refine tidepool take prohibitions language; and add language regarding research, monitoring, restoration and education to Orange County MPAs, with the exception of Upper Newport Bay SMCA; change color of no-take SMCAs to red on outreach maps
<a href="#">2023-21MPA</a>	11/29/2023	MPAs: Modify Pyramid Point SMCA to no-take except tribal and correct boundary	Modify take allowances in Pyramid SMCA to no-take with tribal exemption and change northern boundary to align with California/Oregon state line
<a href="#">2023-20MPA</a>	11/29/2023	MPAs: Tribal take exemption at Point Buchon SMCA; boundary of SMR	Redesignate Point Buchon SMCA as Chumash SMCA to support tribal co-management and take provisions, and extend northern boundary of Point Buchon SMR
<a href="#">2023-19MPA</a>	11/29/2023	MPAs: Designate new Chitqawi SMCA with tribal take exemption in central coast	Designate new MPA as Chitqawi SMCA
<a href="#">2023-18MPA</a>	11/28/2023	MPAs: Modify allowed uses at several Santa Barbara Channel MPAs	Modify multiple MPAs within Santa Barbara Channel to allow a range of activities, from changes to take of natural resources restrictions to vessel landing requirements
<a href="#">2023-17</a>	11/27/2023	Horses on Morro Dunes Ecological Reserve	Add use of horses to list of allowable activities in Bayview Unit of Morro Dunes Ecological Reserve
<a href="#">2023-16MPA</a>	11/22/2023	MPAs: Reclassify Stewarts Point and Bodega Head SMRs to	Reclassify Stewarts Point and Bodega Head SMRs as SMCAs to allow commercial take of salmon by trolling

		SMCAs for commercial take of salmon	
<a href="#">2023-15MPA</a>	11/22/2023	MPAs: Classification and take at Footprint, Gull Island, and Santa Barbara Island SMRs	Reclassify three SMRs in the northern Channel Islands, Santa Barbara County, as SMCAs and allow either the limited take of highly migratory species and possession of coastal pelagic species, or allow the take of pelagic finfish
<a href="#">2023-14MPA</a>	11/13/2023	MPAs: Add commercial take of sea urchin in 9 SMCAs	Allow commercial take of urchins in nine SMCAs across the state
<a href="#">2023-13</a>	11/8/2023	Furbearing mammals: use of traps	Request to align trapping regulations with Fish and Game Code, and clarify and expand several trapping provisions
<a href="#">2023-12</a>	10/3/2023	Recreational ocean fishing: Descending device for nearshore groundfish	Require anglers to possess and use descending device capable of returning rockfish the depth taken when fishing for or possessing groundfish
<a href="#">2023-11</a>	9/15/2023	Recreational ocean fishing: Allow groundfish take in nearshore for non-motorized craft	Authorize recreational take of groundfish inside 50 fathoms using non-motorized vessels or watercraft ( $\leq 19$ ft) with mandatory descending devices
<a href="#">2023-10</a>	9/5/2023	Recreational ocean fishing: Allow anglers to donate fish to non-profits	Allow anglers to donate fish caught under a sport-caught fish exchange permit to non-profits
<a href="#">2023-09</a>	8/24/2023	Inland sport fishing: Prohibit use of salmon roe for bait for sturgeon fishing	Prohibit use of salmon roe for bait for sturgeon fishing
<a href="#">2023-05</a>	6/01/2023	Waterfowl hunting: Lake Earl Wildlife Area	Authorize boats with electric motors to be used during waterfowl season at Lake Earl Wildlife Area
<a href="#">2023-04</a>	5/25/2023	Commercial ocean fishing: Red Sea Urchin	Request to amend fishing regulations for commercial take of red sea urchin in central coast of California

<a href="#">2023-03</a>	2/27/2023	Hunting: Add senior day	Request to add one senior day to existing veteran or youth day waterfowl hunts
<a href="#">2021-007R</a>	2/16/2023	Hunting: Add BB devices for wild pig	Request to allow BB devices as authorized method of take for wild pig
<a href="#">2023-02</a>	1/24/2023	Recreational fishing: Groundfish depth limit	Request to prohibit take of groundfish shoreward of 100 feet in the Central Groundfish Management Area year-round to protect declining kelp.
<a href="#">2023-01</a>	1/9/2023	Hunting: WLA Night-use stamp	Request to create a "Night Use Stamp" for Region 2, Type C Wildlife Areas for night hunting and fishing with valid license.

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<a href="#">2022-18</a>	11/10/2022	Game hunting: Deer season	Request to delay season start dates for Zones D-8, D-9 & D-10 to first Saturday in October.
<a href="#">2022-17</a>	10/11/2022	Recreational fishing: Crab buoys	Request to amend crab fishing gear: amend required number of buoys and buoy markers while fishing for crab.
<a href="#">2022-16</a>	9/19/2022	Waterfowl hunting: Prohibit hunting at Lake Earl Wildlife Area	Request to prohibit waterfowl hunting at Lake Earl Wildlife Area (Del Norte County).
<a href="#">2022-14</a>	8/19/2022	Ocean recreational fishing: Gooseneck barnacles	Request to add gooseneck barnacles to list of harvestable species.
<a href="#">2022-13</a>	8/5/2022	Sport fishing: Willow Creek trout	Request to modify gear type and bag and possession limits for trout for Willow Creek (Alpine Co.)
<a href="#">2022-12</a>	8/1/2022	Sport fishing: Striped bass slot limit (inland and marine)	Request to modify the slot limit on striped bass to between 20-30 inches. The limit would apply to fresh and salt water.

<a href="#">2022-11</a>	6/29/2022	Sport fishing: Dungeness crab and vessel permits	Request to modify Dungeness crab regulations related to fishery start times, crab trap stamps, and best practices for trap buoy rigging.
<a href="#">2022-10</a>	6/23/2022	Hunting: Air gun deer hunting	Request to authorize air guns as method of take for deer
<a href="#">2022-09</a>	5/31/2022	Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve: Recreational uses and parking lots	Request to remove language allowing existing recreational uses and parking areas unless DFW makes determination
<a href="#">2022-08</a>	5/31/2022	Marine Protected Areas: Ten Mile Estuary SMCA	Request to change the boundaries of the Ten Mile Estuary State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA)
<a href="#">2022-07</a>	5/16/2022	Hunting: White-winged Dove	Request to bring limits for white-winged doves into alignment with federal frameworks, currently 15 birds
<a href="#">2022-06</a>	3/4/2022	Marine Protected Areas: Casino Point SMCA	Rename "Casino Point State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA)" to the "Dr. Bill Bushing SMCA at Casino Point"
<a href="#">2022-05</a>	2/25/2022	Hunting: Waterfowl draw	Request to change the way waterfowl reservations are drawn
<a href="#">2022-04</a>	2/23/2022	Marine Protected Areas: Vandenberg SMR	Request to revise boundaries of Vandenberg State Marine Reserve (SMR) to allow shore fishing
<a href="#">2022-02</a>	1/27/2022	Hunting: Heritage deer tags	Request to create new class of deer hunting tags restricted to method of take such as traditional archery and muzzleloading shotgun and rifle
<a href="#">2022-01</a>	1/12/2022	Hunting: Restrict duck hunting in Benicia	Request to prohibit waterfowl hunting in specific areas along shoreline near Benicia and Southampton Bay

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<a href="#">2021-028</a>	12/10/2021	Sportfishing: Shad spearfishing	Request to add spearfishing as an allowable method of take for American Shad
<a href="#">2021-027</a>	12/10/2021	Hunting: Black bear	Request to eliminate open hunting season for black bear until bear management plan is updated
<a href="#">2021-026</a>	12/6/2021	Ecological Reserves: Ballona Wetlands boundaries	Request to separate Ballona Channel regulations from Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve regulations
<a href="#">2021-025</a>	11/17/2021	Ocean sport fishing: Red and purple urchins	Request to amend Title 14, Sec 29.06 to permit culling of purple and red urchins by kelp restoration specialists at sites with granite substrate, safe access, and commercial fishing prohibitions.
<a href="#">2021-024</a>	10/8/2021	Western Joshua tree	Request to amend western Joshua tree regulations to allow retention of some trees after disturbance, in consultation with a certified arborist
<a href="#">2021-023</a>	10/6/2021	Ocean recreational fishing: Gooseneck barnacles	Request to allow recreational take of gooseneck barnacles with a limit of 50 per person per day
<a href="#">2021-022</a>	10/5/2021	Commercial fishing: Market squid fishery management plan (FMP)	Request to amend the squid FMP, add “jigging” to methods of take, and re-open artisanal “open access” provision with modifications
<a href="#">2021-021</a>	9/9/2021	Ocean recreational fishing: California halibut	Request to reduce the recreational daily bag limit from 3 to 1 for California halibut in state waters between Point Reyes and Bodega Head
<a href="#">2021-020</a>	10/4/2021	Inland sport fishing: North Yuba River	Request to reverse sportfishing simplification regs in North Yuba River
<a href="#">2021-019</a>	9/30/2021	Inland sport fishing: Martis Creek Reservoir	Request to revert Martis Creek fishing regulations to pre-2020 regulations that allowed catch and release only



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<a href="#">2021-018</a>	9/24/2021	Nongame birds: Barred owl	Request to allow the take of barred owls, a non-native species that is endangering the northern spotted owl, as a wildlife management tool if authorized by DFW through a revocable permit
<a href="#">2021-017</a>	8/30/2021	Mammal hunting: Big game	Request to amend hunting regulations for hunts and seasons to better serve the outdoor enthusiast
<a href="#">2021-015</a>	8/23/2021	Ocean recreational fishing: Shortfin corvina	Request to make shortfin corvina an official California game fish and change size limit to 15 inches
<a href="#">2021-013</a>	6/18/2021	Commercial fishing: Market squid	Request to revise regulations for commercial market squid fishing in Monterey Bay, including changes to allowed days, times, and lighting, for a period of five years
<a href="#">2021-012</a>	6/15/2021	Special fishing regulations: East Walker River	Request to change East Walker River special fishing regulations
<a href="#">2021-011</a>	6/15/2021	Special fishing regulations: East Walker River	Request to change East Walker River special fishing regulations
<a href="#">2021-009</a>	6/7/2021	Special fishing regulations: East Walker River	Request to change East Walker River special fishing regulations

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<a href="#">2021-008</a>	6/1/2021	Special fishing regulations: East Walker River	Request to change East Walker River special fishing regulations
<a href="#">2021-007</a>	5/10/2021	Wild pig	Request to revise authorized methods of take and designation for wild pig
<a href="#">2021-006</a>	4/23/2021	Deer tag fees	Request to revise deer tag fee structure
<a href="#">2021-005</a>	3/29/2021	Special fishing regulations: Alameda Creek	Request to change Alameda Creek special fishing regulations
<a href="#">2021-004</a>	3/24/2021	Restricted species list: <i>Xenopus amieti</i> frog	Request to remove <i>Xenopus amieti</i> from the restricted invasive species classification
<a href="#">2021-003</a>	3/31/2021	Special fishing regulations: East Walker River	Request to change East Walker River special fishing regulations
<a href="#">2021-001</a>	2/22/2021	Recreational and commercial red abalone fishery: San Miguel Island	Request to open a three-month biological fishery for red abalone at San Miguel Island, Santa Barbara County, relying upon Appendix H of the Abalone Recovery and Management Plan

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<a href="#">2020-017</a>	11/9/2020	Commercial fishing: Gooseneck barnacles	Request to allow the sport and commercial take of <i>Pollicipes polymerus</i> by amending Title 14 Section 29.05.b.1 to include Gooseneck Barnacles ( <i>Pollicipes polymerus</i> ) specifically
<a href="#">2020-016 AM 1</a>	11/10/2020	ADA Archery Scope	Request to add visual disability to Section 354, authorizing use of a crossbow with a scope
<a href="#">2020-015 AM 1</a>	11/13/2020	Allow Lampara bait nets as alternative gear for commercial take of Pacific herring	Request to amend commercial Pacific herring regulations to exempt Lampara bait nets, as described in Fish and Game Code Section 8780, from the current prohibition on the use of round haul nets to take herring
<a href="#">2020-014 AM 1</a>	9/19/2020	Authorize unlimited take of <i>Sargassum horneri</i> and recreational and research take inside Crystal Cove State Marine Conservation Area	Request to authorize increased removal of <i>Sargassum Horneri</i> : (a) Set unlimited recreational take limit from April through October (non-reproductive season); (b) Add take provision in Crystal Cove State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA) consistent with (1) above; and (c) Authorize controlled research removals at Crystal Cove SMCA under FGC authority as designating entity
<a href="#">2020-012 AM 1</a>	9/1/2020	Protect great white shark nursery grounds at Padaro Beach, Carpinteria	Request to establish a protected area with boating and fishing restrictions at Padaro Beach, Carpinteria, to protect great white shark nursery grounds
<a href="#">2020-011 AM 1</a>	8/12/2020	Set precautionary commercial coonstripe shrimp trap fishing regulations	Request to establish more precautionary coonstripe shrimp commercial trap fishery regulations to: (1) establish limited entry program; (2) set a trap limit (350 traps proposed); and (3) set a minimum trap mesh size of 1.0"-0.5"

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<a href="#">2020-010</a>	7/28/2020	Reduce bag limit for wild rainbow and brown trout at Stanislaus River and Beaver Creek	Request to change the limit of wild rainbow and brown trout on the North Fork of the Stanislaus River and Beaver Creek to zero
<a href="#">2020-009</a>	6/25/2020	Require reporting of mammals taken for nuisance wildlife control on annual trapping reports	Amend Section 467 to require licensed trappers to include all furbearing and nongame mammals (excluding non-native mice and rats, gophers, voles) taken through nuisance wildlife control operations in their annual submission of take, as per Section 467 Trapping Reports
<a href="#">2020-008</a>	6/10/2020	Suspend or reduce elk hunting in Northwestern Elk Hunt Area	Request to suspend indefinitely all elk hunting (excluding by DFW depredation permit) in the Northwestern Elk Hunt Area or reduce tags
<a href="#">2020-007 AM 1</a>	7/10/2020	Authorize surfboard fishing at South La Jolla State Marine Reserve	Request to amend marine protected area regulations to allow surfboard fishing at the South La Jolla State Marine Reserve
<a href="#">2020-005 AM 1</a>	4/10/2020	Striped bass slot limit	Request to establish a slot limit on striped bass from 20-30 inches
<a href="#">2020-004</a>	3/10/2020	Trinity steelhead	Request to change the season opening for steelhead from April 1 to January 1 on the Trinity River mainstem from 250 feet downstream of Lewiston Dam to the Old Lewiston Bridge, and restrict boat access, except for those with disabilities

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<a href="#">2020-003</a>	2/6/2020	Ecological Reserve: Ballona Wetlands	Request to eliminate authorized recreational uses in Area C and currently allowed parking in existing designated areas of the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserves
<a href="#">2020-002</a>	2/10/2020	Salmon fishing from shore	Request to clarify limitations from Sec 27.75 of T14 by defining mouth of river and shore of ocean boundaries.
<a href="#">2020-001</a>	1/20/2020	Emergency regulation: Purple Sea urchin	Request for an emergency rulemaking to add Section 29.12, to increase the recreational daily bag limit of purple sea urchin at Tanker's Reef in Monterey

#### Other Active Petitions

Other Active Petition Tracking No.	Date Received by FGC Office	Subject of Request	Description
<a href="#">2019-025</a>	11/15/2019	Consider non-lethal beaver deterrence and listed species impacts in depredation permit issuance	Request to change the regulations concerning the take of beavers by requiring landowners to exhaust feasible non-lethal deterrence before killing and removing beavers, and require DFW to consider of impacts to listed species from issuance of a depredation permit
<a href="#">2019-010 AM 2(a)</a>	4/30/2019	Authorize air guns for take of game	Request to allow air guns for hunting game in California

Other Active Petition Tracking No.	Date Received by FGC Office	Subject of Request	Description
<a href="#">2018-016</a>	11/9/2018	Hope Valley Wildlife Area	Request to remove Hope Valley Wildlife Area from the Lands Pass Program
<a href="#">2016-014</a>	6/29/2016	Falcon and raptor rehabilitation	Request to add falconers and raptor breeders to list of legal recipients for non-releasable birds from rehabilitation facilities
<a href="#">2015-010</a>	12/4/2015	Night-time hunting and lethal trapping within the range of gray wolf	Request to ban night-time hunting and lethal trapping within the range of the gray wolf as currently provided to other CESA-listed canids, the San Joaquin kit fox and the Sierra Nevada red fox