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Fish and Game Commission



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WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMITTEE Committee Chair: Commissioner Zavaleta

Meeting Agenda
September 15, 2022; 9:00 a.m.

Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner
Weights & Measures Department
Butterfly Room
12300 Lower Azusa Road, Arcadia, CA 91006

and

Webinar and Teleconference

To participate in the meeting, you may join via Zoom or by telephone. [Click here](#) or go to <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=202845&inline> 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. **Bear management plan**
Receive updates and discuss development of the Department's bear management plan.
5. **Initial recommendations for regulations**
Discuss and potentially make recommendations on regulatory options for the 2023-24 seasons for:
 - (A) Upland (resident) game birds
 - (B) Mammal hunting
 - I. Elk hunting
 - II. Chronic wasting disease
 - (C) Waterfowl hunting
 - (D) Central Valley sport fishing
 - (E) Klamath River Basin sport fishing
 - (F) Inland sport fishing
 - I. Boat limits
 - II. Striped bass
6. **Klamath River and tributaries above Iron Gate Dam post-dams removal**
Discuss regulatory options for sport fishing in the Klamath River after the removal of Iron Gate, COPCO 1, and COPCO 2 dams.
7. **Preference points and refunds for hunting tags**
Discuss and potentially make recommendations on regulatory options for big game preference points and refunds.
8. **Wildlife rehabilitation**
Discuss a potential future rulemaking to make improvements to the regulatory framework for authorizing wildlife rehabilitation, including forms, wildlife care standards, permit revocation and denial standards, and other changes.
9. **Upland game hunting draws**
Discuss a potential future rulemaking to integrate bird and mammal special hunts into the Department Automated License Data System.
10. **Bullfrogs and non-native turtles**
Receive options for potential action, and discuss preliminary results and analysis from, the American Bullfrog and Non-native Turtles Stakeholder Engagement Project.
11. **Commission Regulation Change Petition 2021-017**
Discuss and potentially make recommendations on various changes to big game hunting regulations proposed under petition 2021-017.
12. **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 www.fgc.ca.gov for the most current list of meeting dates and locations.

Meeting Date	Commission Meeting	Committee Meeting
October 12-13, 2022	North Tahoe Event Center 8318 North Lake Blvd. Kings Beach, CA 96142	
November 17, 2022		Marine Resources Mission Valley State Building 7575 Metropolitan Drive San Diego, CA 92108
December 13, 2022		Tribal Mission Valley State Building 7575 Metropolitan Drive San Diego, CA 92108
December 14-15, 2022	Mission Valley State Building 7575 Metropolitan Drive San Diego, CA 92108	
January 12, 2023		Wildlife Resources Los Angeles Area
February 8-9, 2023	Sacramento	
March 16, 2023		Marine Resources Monterey/Santa Cruz Area
April 18, 2023		Tribal Fresno/Bakersfield Area
April 19-20, 2023	Fresno/Bakersfield Area	

Other Meetings of Interest

Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

- September 18-21, 2022 – Fort Worth, TX
- September 23-27; 2023 – Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Pacific Fishery Management Council

- November 2-8, 2022 – Orange County, CA
- March 2023 – Seattle, WA
- April 2023 – Location TBD
- June 2023 – Vancouver, WA
- September 2023 – Spokane, WA
- November 2023 – Garden Grove, CA

Pacific Flyway Council

- February 2023 – Location TBD
- August 2023 – Location TBD

Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

- Jan 6-11, 2023 – Santa Ana Pueblo, NM
- July 9-14, 2023 – Santa Fe, NM

Wildlife Conservation Board

- November 17, 2022 – Sacramento, CA
- February 2023 – Sacramento, CA
- May 2023 – Sacramento, CA
- August 2023 – Sacramento, CA
- November 2023 – Sacramento, CA

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 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, 715 P Street, 16th floor, Sacramento, CA 95814; or **hand-deliver** to a Committee meeting.

Comment Deadlines

The **Written Comment Deadline** for this meeting is 5:00 p.m. on **September 2, 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 **September 12, 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 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.