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Fish and Game Commission



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MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Committee co-chairs: Commissioner Sklar and Commissioner Murray

Meeting Agenda
November 17, 2022; 8:30 a.m.

Handlery Hotel San Diego
950 Hotel Circle North
San Diego, CA 92108

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=204684&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 California Fish and Game 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. Aquaculture leasing in California – public interest determination**
Receive update on public interest criteria development process and public input, including outcomes from September 30, 2022 public workshop. Discuss and provide committee direction on next steps for revising the draft criteria.

4. Red abalone fishery management plan

Receive Department update on 2022 survey results, harvest control rule development, and de minimis fishery concepts, and develop potential committee recommendation.

5. Assessing and addressing bycatch in California fisheries

(A) ***Overview of process for evaluating and addressing fishery bycatch***

Review the four-step process for limiting bycatch to acceptable types and amounts as outlined in the 2018 Marine Life Management Act (MLMA) master plan for fisheries.

(B) ***Evaluating bycatch in the California halibut fishery***

Receive Department update on analysis of bycatch data for the California halibut fishery to support fishery management review.

(C) ***Determining acceptable bycatch types and amounts***

Discuss potential approaches to completing inquiries for determining what bycatch is “acceptable” within a specific fishery, and develop potential committee recommendation.

6. Coastal Fishing Communities Policy

Receive Commission staff update on progress developing a draft policy on coastal fishing communities for potential Commission adoption, and discuss next steps.

7. Staff and agency updates requested by the Committee

Receive written updates from staff and other agencies.

Note: To enhance meeting efficiency, the Committee intends to receive updates primarily in writing. The public will be given an opportunity to provide comment, although the level of in-meeting discussion will be at the discretion of the Committee.

(A) ***California Ocean Protection Council***

(B) ***Department***

I. Law Enforcement Division

II. Marine Region

a. Marine protected areas network decadal management review

b. MLMA master plan implementation work plan update

(C) ***Commission staff***

8. Future agenda items

(A) ***Review work plan agenda topics, priorities, and timeline***

(B) ***Potential new agenda topics for Commission consideration***

(C) ***MRC meeting format***

Receive stakeholder input on format for future MRC meetings – hybrid versus in-person – and discuss potential modifications

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 |
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| December 13, 2022 | | Tribal Handlery Hotel San Diego 950 Hotel Circle North San Diego, CA 92108 |
| December 14-15, 2022 | Handlery Hotel San Diego (pending) 950 Hotel Circle North 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 |
| May 17, 2023 | Teleconference –Sacramento | |
| May 17, 2023 | | Wildlife Resources Monterey/Santa Cruz Area |
| June 14-15, 2023 | Sacramento | |
| July 20, 2023 | | Marine Resources Sonoma/SF Bay Area |
| August 21, 2023 | | Tribal Smith River area/North Coast |
| September 21, 2023 | | Wildlife Resources Chico Area |
| October 11-12, 2023 | San Jose Area | |
| November 16, 2023 | | Marine Resources San Diego Area |
| December 12, 2023 | | Tribal San Diego Area |
| December 13-14, 2023 | San Diego 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

- March 2023 – Seattle, WA
- April 2023 – Foster City, CA
- June 2023 – Vancouver, WA
- September 2023 – Spokane, WA
- November 2023 – Garden Grove, CA

Pacific Flyway Council

- February 21, 2023 – St Louis, MO
- August 2023 – Location TBD

Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

- Jan 4-10, 2023 – Santa Ana Pueblo, NM
- July 9-14, 2023 – Santa Fe, NM

Wildlife Conservation Board

- November 15, 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 Marine 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 November 4, 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 November 14, 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.