



Market Squid Fishery Management Review Advisory Committee Nominee Solicitation

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) is soliciting nominations for a Squid Fishery Advisory Committee (SFAC) to review and advise on potential changes to market squid fishery management. Guided by recommendations from the SFAC, the Department may then provide squid fishery management recommendations to the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission).

SFAC Meetings are anticipated to commence in early 2023 and conclude in early 2024. The SFAC will meet approximately monthly and will hold half- to full-day meetings depending on the extent of the agenda. Meetings will be held remotely or in person near major squid fishery ports.

The purpose of the SFAC is to:

- evaluate experience with existing management and areas for potential improvement;
- discuss changes in the squid fishery since the implementation of the Market Squid Fishery Management Plan (FMP) in 2005;
- discuss future needs to adapt to the effects of climate change;
- consider petitions for squid regulation changes previously submitted to the Commission and referred to the Department;
- support collection, synthesis, and review of scientific information to assess management approaches as guided by the FMP;
- review existing fishery monitoring programs to facilitate the inclusion of modernized data collection processes into fishery management;
- develop and refine squid fishery management options; and
- support outreach and clear communication to constituent groups.

The SFAC will consist of 15 to 20 members. The Department intends to include representatives from the following sectors:

- the market squid fishing community, including limited entry permit holders, squid seine and light/brail boat operators, processors, and dealers
- commercial fishing communities interested in access to the fishery
- recreational fishing community and live bait suppliers
- environmental groups with interests in the market squid stock
- Native American Tribes
- government agencies or affiliated researchers with a role in managing the squid fishery or managing ocean resources affected by squid fishing activities

The Department's Marine Region Manager will appoint all members to the SFAC. Members will serve on behalf of a particular constituency to represent that constituency's views throughout the process. Member responsibilities include:

- preparing for and participating in monthly meetings;
- working collaboratively in a resource dialogue;
- providing input on potential management options; and
- briefing your constituency on SFAC discussions, seeking their input, and bringing key ideas back to the SFAC table.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the SFAC or have questions about the nomination process, please email a letter of interest to Environmental Scientist, Katie Grady, at SFAC@wildlife.ca.gov, by close of business on Monday, October 31, 2022. Please share this notice with individuals you would like to encourage to apply.

Letters of interest should address the following and should be no more than two pages:

1. your contact information (name, phone, email, and residence address), your occupation, and employer or organization
2. an explanation of why you want to serve on the SFAC and the perspectives you would bring
3. your ability to attend monthly SFAC meetings, virtually and in-person, from approximately January 2023 to January 2024¹
4. which constituency you would represent, key organizations or individuals in your communication network, and how you will relay information regarding squid fishery management from your constituency and back to the SFAC as the work proceeds
5. your experience and qualifications related to the squid fishery and marine resources management
6. your experience and ability to work collaboratively with others, including examples with a focus on fishery issues
7. up to three references who can speak to your qualifications and experience as applicable to this type of process (name, phone, and email)
8. any other information you would like the Department to consider in reviewing your application

All applicants will receive confirmation of receipt of their letter of interest and be informed whether they were appointed by the end of November 2022.

¹ Note that SFAC members may be expected to pay their own travel costs, with limited exceptions. If you would like to request travel funding support for in-person meetings, please indicate that in your Letter of Interest.