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## Fish and Game Commission



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### **WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMITTEE** Committee Chair: Commissioner Zavaleta

#### **Meeting Agenda January 11-12, 2023**

**Natural Resources Headquarters Building  
Rooms 221 B & C  
715 P Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814**

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=207449&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

#### **DAY 1 – January 11, 2023, 1:30 PM**

- 1. Approve agenda and order of items**
- 2. Upland game hunting draws**  
Discuss and potentially make recommendations on a potential future rulemaking to integrate bird and mammal special hunts into the Department Automated License Data System.
- 3. Preference points and refunds for hunting tags**  
Discuss and potentially make recommendations on regulatory options for big game preference points and refunds.

**4. Chronic wasting disease**

Discuss and potentially make recommendations on a potential future rulemaking to implement safeguards to prevent the introduction of chronic wasting disease to California.

**5. Commission regulation change petition 2021-017**

Discuss and potentially make recommendations on potential future rulemaking to amend big game hunting regulations proposed under Petition 2021-017.

**DAY 2 – January 12, 2023, 9:00 AM**

**6. Bullfrogs and non-native turtles**

Receive the draft final staff report and discuss potential strategies from the American Bullfrog and Non-native Turtles Stakeholder Engagement Project.

**7. Klamath River and tributaries above Iron Gate Dam post-dams removal**

Discuss and potentially make recommendations on potential future rulemaking for sport fishing in the Klamath River after the removal of Iron Gate, Copco No. 1, and Copco No. 2 dams.

**8. Inland sport fishing**

Discuss and potentially make recommendations on several inland fisheries items.

- (A) Boat limits rulemaking
- (B) Striped bass rulemaking
- (C) Periodic inland sport fishing rulemaking

**9. Wildlife rehabilitation**

Discuss and potentially make recommendations on 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.

**10. Public use of wildlife areas and ecological reserves**

Discuss and potentially make recommendations on a future rulemaking regarding the public use of Department-managed wildlife areas and ecological reserves.

**11. Department updates**

The Department will highlight items of note since the last committee meeting.

- (A) Wildlife Branch
  - I. Bear management plan
- (B) Fisheries Branch
- (C) Law Enforcement Division

**12. 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].

**13. 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 2023 Meeting Schedule

**Note:** As meeting dates and locations can change, please visit [www.fgc.ca.gov](http://www.fgc.ca.gov) for the most current list of meeting dates and locations.

Meeting Date	Commission Meeting	Committee Meeting
February 8-9	Natural Resources Headquarters Building - Auditorium 715 P Street, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Sacramento	
March 16		<b>Marine Resources</b> Monterey/Santa Cruz area
April 18		<b>Tribal</b> Fresno/Bakersfield area
April 19-20	Fresno/Bakersfield area	
May 17	Teleconference – Sacramento	
May 17		<b>Wildlife Resources</b> Monterey/Santa Cruz area
June 14-15	CalEPA Headquarters Building Coastal Hearing Room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor 1001 I Street Sacramento	
July 20		<b>Marine Resources</b> Sonoma/San Francisco Bay area
August 21		<b>Tribal</b> Smith River area/North coast
August 22-23	Smith River area/North coast	
September 21		<b>Wildlife Resources</b> Chico area
October 11-12	San Jose area	
November 16		<b>Marine Resources</b> San Diego area
December 12		<b>Tribal</b> San Diego area
December 13-14	San Diego area	

## **Other Meetings of Interest**

### **Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies**

- 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**

- 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](mailto: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](mailto: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, 16<sup>th</sup> 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 **December 29, 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 6, 2023**. 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:

14. You will be given instructions during the meeting for how to be recognized by the Committee co-chair(s) to speak.
15. Once recognized, please begin by giving your name and affiliation (if any) and the number of people you represent.
16. Time is limited; please keep your comments concise so that everyone has an opportunity to speak.
17. If there are several speakers with the same concerns, please try to appoint a spokesperson and avoid repetitive comments.
18. 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](mailto: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.