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MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Committee co-chairs: Commissioner Sklar and Commissioner Murray

Revised* Meeting Agenda

March 14, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

California State University Monterey Bay
University Center Auditorium
4314 - 6th Avenue
Seaside, CA 93955

or

Webinar or Teleconference via Zoom

On Tuesday, March 14, you may join the
webinar directly at

<https://wildlife-ca-gov.zoom.us/j/89786064282>.

For complete instructions on how to join via
Zoom or telephone, go to

[https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?
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March 16, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Monterey County Fair & Event Center
Seaside Room
2004 Fairground Road
Monterey CA 93940

or

Webinar or Teleconference via Zoom

On Thursday, March 16, you may join the
webinar directly at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86248103317>.

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Zoom or telephone, go to

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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.

*** This agenda has been revised to add a Zoom webinar link for March 14, and update descriptions for agenda items 5 and 9.**

DAY 1 – March 14, 2023; 8:30 AM

Call to Order

1. Approve agenda and order of items

2. **California halibut fishery bycatch evaluation in support of the fishery management review**
Receive Department update on evaluating fisheries bycatch and acceptability in the California halibut set gillnet fishery, discuss initial results, provide committee direction on next steps, and potentially develop committee recommendation.
3. **Aquaculture leasing in California – public interest determination**
Receive and discuss proposed public interest criteria for new lease applications and public input, and potentially develop committee recommendation.
4. **Coastal Fishing Communities Policy**
Receive Commission staff update on the coastal fishing communities policy development process and public input, including outcomes from the December 1, 2022 public workshop. Receive and discuss staff-recommended final draft policy for potential Commission adoption, and potentially develop committee recommendation.
5. **Giant and bull kelp**
 - (A) ***Kelp recovery tracking and restoration efforts***
Receive Department update on kelp coverage trends along California and progress in kelp restoration strategies, including projects conducted in collaboration with agency partners and stakeholders.
 - (B) ***Kelp restoration and management plan development***
Receive Department update on and discuss development, timeline, and public engagement opportunities for a kelp restoration and management plan for giant and bull kelp.
6. **Staff and agency updates**
Receive updates from staff and other agencies on topics requested by the Committee.
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***
 - I. Statewide aquaculture action plan development update
 - (B) ***Department***
 - II. Law Enforcement Division
 - III. Marine Region
 - a. Rulemaking – lampara nets for commercial take of Pacific herring in Humboldt Bay
 - IV. Office of State Aquaculture Coordinator
 - a. Aquaculture state water bottom leases: existing lease requests and new applications
 - (C) ***Commission staff***

7. Future agenda items

- (A) ***Review work plan agenda topics, priorities, and timeline***
- (B) ***Potential new agenda topics for Commission consideration***

8. General public comment for items not on the 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].

DAY 2 – March 16, 2023; 8:30 AM

Call to Order

9. Marine protected areas (MPA) decadal management review

Receive public input and discuss the first decadal management review for California’s MPA network and a summary of the *MPA Day: Management Review Forum* hosted on March 15, 2023. Explore next steps for continued review by and guidance from the Commission.

- (A) ***Reflections on the decadal management review and forum***
- (B) ***Reflections on adaptive management recommendations and actions to prioritize for the next decade of the adaptive management cycle***

Adjourn

California Fish and Game Commission 2023 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
April 18		Tribal Fresno/Bakersfield area
April 19-20	Fresno/Bakersfield area	
May 17	Teleconference	
May 17		Wildlife Resources Monterey/Santa Cruz area
June 14-15	CalEPA Headquarters Building Coastal Hearing Room 1001 I Street, 2 nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814	
July 20		Marine Resources Sonoma/San Francisco Bay area
August 21		Tribal River Lodge Conference Center 1800 Riverwalk Drive Fortuna, CA 95540
August 22-23	River Lodge Conference Center 1800 Riverwalk Drive Fortuna, CA 95540	
September 21		Wildlife Resources Chico area
October 11-12	San Jose area	
November 16		Marine Resources San Diego area
December 12		Tribal 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 31 - April 7, 2023 – Foster City, CA
- June 20- 27, 2023 – Vancouver, WA
- September 7- 14, 2023 – Spokane, WA
- October 31 - November 8, 2023 – Garden Grove, CA

Pacific Flyway Council

- March 21, 2023 – St. Louis, MO
- August 2023 – Location TBD

Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

- July 9-14, 2023 – Santa Fe, NM

Wildlife Conservation Board

- May 25, 2023 – Sacramento, CA
- August 24, 2023 – Sacramento, CA
- November 16, 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 time frames 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 **March 1, 2023**. 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 **March 9, 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:

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.