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SECOND REVISED* MEETING AGENDA — TELECONFERENCE **May 17, 2023, 8:30 a.m.**

Commissioners are expected to participate via Zoom. Members of the public may participate in the teleconference via Zoom or phone, or at an optional in-person location.

[Click here](#) for instructions on how to join via Zoom or telephone.

Option to Participate in Person

Monterey County Fair and Event Center
2004 Fairground Road
Monterey, CA 93940

The meeting will be live streamed for those who do not plan to make comments; visit <http://www.fgc.ca.gov> the day of the meeting to watch or listen.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 11133, the California Fish and Game Commission is conducting this meeting by teleconference with an optional in-person location. Commission members may participate remotely. The public may provide public comment during the public comment periods and otherwise observe remotely, consistent with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

*** This agenda is revised to clarify that the meeting is a teleconference meeting via Zoom and phone, with an optional in-person location where the public may join several staff and Vice President Zavaleta. A Commission Wildlife Resources Committee meeting will begin 15 minutes after the end of the Commission teleconference meeting or at 10:00 a.m., whichever is later.**

Note: See important meeting deadlines and procedures, including written public comment deadlines, starting on page 5. Unless otherwise indicated, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife is identified as Department.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

- 1. Consider approving agenda and order of items**

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

2. **General public comment for items not on the agenda**

Receive public comment regarding topics within the Commission's authority that are not included on the agenda.

Note: The Commission may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during this item, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting (sections 11125 and 11125.7(a), Government Code).

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

3. **California halibut emergency**

Discuss and consider adopting emergency regulations for California halibut to reduce daily bag and possession limits in anticipation of greater fishery pressure due to salmon fishing closures.

(Amend Section 28.15, Title 14, CCR)

4. **Klamath River Basin sport fishing (annual)**

Adopt proposed amendments to Klamath River Basin sport fishing regulations and consider taking final action under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

(Amend Section 5.87 and subsection 7.40(b)(50), Title 14, CCR)

5. **Central Valley sport fishing (annual)**

Adopt proposed amendments to central valley sport fishing regulations and consider taking final action under CEQA.

(Amend subsections 7.40(b)(4), (43), (66) and (80), Title 14, CCR)

6. **Chinook salmon emergency closures in the Klamath, Trinity, Eel, and Smith rivers**

Discuss and consider adopting emergency regulations for Chinook salmon recreational fishing closures for the Klamath River, Trinity River, Eel River, and Smith River due to federal salmon closure recommendations.

(Amend subsections 7.40(b)(40), (b)(50), and (b)(105), Title 14, CCR)

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. All Commission meetings will include a webinar/teleconference option for attendance and every effort will be made to ensure that committee meetings include the same.

Meeting Date	Commission Meeting	Committee Meeting
June 14-15	California Natural Resources Agency Headquarters Building Auditorium, 1st Floor 715 P Street 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

- June 20-27, 2023 – Vancouver, WA
- September 7-14, 2023 – Spokane, WA
- October 31 – November 8. 2023 – Garden Grove, CA

Pacific Flyway Council

- August 25, 2023 – Winter Park, CO

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 Commission Meeting Procedures Information

Welcome to a Meeting of the California Fish and Game Commission

This year marks the 154th year of operation of the Commission in partnership with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Our goal is the preservation of our heritage and conservation of our natural resources through informed decision making; Commission meetings are vital in achieving that goal and we provide this 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 EEO@wildlife.ca.gov. Accommodation requests for facility and/or meeting accessibility and requests for American Sign Language 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.

Stay Informed

To receive meeting agendas and regulatory notices about those subjects of interest to you, visit the Commission's website, www.fgc.ca.gov, to sign up on our electronic mailing lists.

Submitting Written Comments

The public is encouraged to comment on any agenda item. Submit written comments by one of the following methods: E-mail to fgc@fgc.ca.gov; mail to California Fish and Game Commission, P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090; deliver to California Fish and Game Commission, 715 P Street, 16th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (you must call at least one business day in advance to arrange delivery). Materials provided to the Commission may be made available to the general public.

Comment Deadlines

The **Comment Deadline** for this meeting is **5:00 p.m. on May 4, 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 May 12, 2023**. Comments received by this deadline will be made available to Commissioners at the meeting.

Written comments received after the supplemental comment deadline will not be included in the meeting materials.

Petitions for Regulation Change

Any person requesting that the Commission adopt, amend, or repeal a regulation must complete and submit form FGC 1, *Petition to the California Fish and Game Commission for Regulation Change* (as required by Section 662, Title 14, CCR), available at <https://fgc.ca.gov/Regulations/Petition-for-Regulation-Change>. To be received by the Commission at this meeting, petition forms must be delivered by the **Supplemental Comment Deadline** (or delivered in person at the meeting during the regulation change petitions agenda

item). Petitions received at this meeting will be scheduled for consideration at the next regularly scheduled business meeting, unless the petition is rejected under staff review pursuant to subsection 662(b), Title 14, CCR.

Non-Regulatory Requests

All non-regulatory requests will follow a two-meeting cycle to ensure proper review and thorough consideration of each item. All requests submitted by the **Supplemental Comment Deadline** (or heard during general public comment at the meeting) will be scheduled for receipt at this meeting and scheduled for consideration at the next regularly scheduled business meeting.

Speaking at the Meeting

To speak on an agenda item in-person, please complete a “speaker card” and provide it to the designated staff member before the agenda item is announced. Please complete one speaker card per item. Cards will be available near the entrance of the meeting room.

To speak on an agenda item by webinar/teleconference, please “raise” your hand either through the Zoom function or by pressing *9 once on your phone when prompted at the beginning of the agenda item.

1. In-person speakers will be identified in groups; please line up when your name is called. Speakers by webinar/teleconference will be identified by your Zoom display name or last three digits of your phone number; please pay attention to when your name or number is called.
2. When addressing the Commission, please give your name and the name of any organization you represent, and provide your comments on the item under consideration.
3. If there are several speakers with the same concerns, please appoint a spokesperson and avoid repetitive testimony.
4. The presiding commissioner will allot between one and three minutes per speaker per agenda item, subject to the following exceptions:
 - a. The presiding commissioner may allow up to five minutes to an individual speaker if a minimum of three individuals who are present when the agenda item is called have ceded their time to the designated spokesperson, and the individuals ceding time forfeit their right to speak to the agenda item.
 - i. In-person participants ceding their time must complete a speaker card and approach the staff table with the spokesperson so that staff may confirm the presence of those ceding their time.
 - ii. Zoom participants ceding their time must notify the Commission at fgc@fgc.ca.gov prior to the start of the agenda item, including to whom they are ceding time, and must be present on Zoom during the agenda item.
 - b. Individuals may receive advance approval for additional time to speak if requests for additional time to speak are received by email or delivery to the Commission office by the **Supplemental Comment Deadline**. The president or designee will approve or deny the request no later than 5:00 p.m. two days prior to the meeting.

- c. An individual requiring an interpreter is entitled to at least twice the allotted time pursuant to Government Code Section 11125.7(c).
- d. An individual may receive additional time to speak to an agenda item at the request of any commissioner.

Agenda items may be heard in any order pursuant to the discretion of the presiding commissioner.

Visual Presentations/Materials

All electronic presentations must be submitted by the ***Supplemental 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. If the presentation file is too large to send via email, contact staff to identify an alternative method for submitting the file.
2. All electronic formats must be Windows PC compatible.
3. If presenting at the in-person meeting location, it is recommended that a print copy of any electronic presentation be submitted in case of technical difficulties.