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WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Committee Chairs: Commissioner Williams and Commissioner Zavaleta

Meeting Agenda May 16-17, 2023

In Person

Monterey County Fairgrounds
2004 Fairground Rd
Monterey, CA 93940

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=211287&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 – May 16, 2023, 2:00 PM

- 1. Approve agenda and order of items**
- 2. Inland sport fishing regulations**
Discuss and potentially make a recommendation on a periodic inland sport fishing rulemaking.

3. Wild pig validations

Discuss a future rulemaking regarding the designation and hunting of wild pigs, stemming from statutory changes due to Senate Bill 856 (Chapter 469, Statutes of 2022).

4. Initial vetting and discussion for periodic regulation changes

Discuss potential regulation changes for 2024-25 seasons for:

- (A) Upland (resident) game bird hunting
- (B) Mammal hunting
- (C) Waterfowl hunting
- (D) Central Valley sport fishing
- (E) Klamath River Basin sport fishing

5. 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 – May 17, 2023, 10:00 AM (or 15 minutes after the Commission meeting ends, whichever is later)

6. Bullfrogs and non-native turtles

Discuss potential strategies from the American Bullfrog and Non-native Turtles Stakeholder Engagement Project staff report.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. Take of nongame mammals

Discuss issues surrounding the take of nongame mammals.

10. Department updates

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

(A) Wildlife Branch

I. Bear management plan

Commission staff recommends this item be continued to a future meeting.

II. Striped bass slot limits

Commission staff recommends this item be continued to a future meeting.

(B) Fisheries Branch

I. White sturgeon, including discussion of potential management actions

(C) Law Enforcement Division

11. 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 for the most current list of meeting dates and locations.

Meeting Date	Commission Meeting	Committee Meeting
June 14-15	CalEPA Headquarters Building Coastal Hearing Room, 2 nd Floor 1001 I Street Sacramento	
July 20		Marine Resources Sonoma/San Francisco Bay area
August 21		Tribal Smith River area/North coast
August 22-23	Smith River area/North coast	
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 2023 – Vancouver, WA
- September 2023 – Spokane, WA
- November 2023 – Garden Grove, CA

Pacific Flyway Council

- August 25, 2023 – Winter Park, Colorado

Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

- July 9-14, 2023 – Santa Fe, NM

Wildlife Conservation Board

- 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. 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 **May 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 **May 12, 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:

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

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