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### MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Committee Chairs: Commissioner Sklar and Commissioner Murray

### **REVISED\*** Meeting Agenda July 20, 2023; 8:30 a.m.

**Petaluma Elks Lodge  
2105 South McDowell Boulevard  
Petaluma, CA 94954**

and

### **Webinar and Teleconference**

***To participate in the meeting remotely, you may join the webinar directly at <https://wildlife-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/88400760183>. For complete instructions on how to join via Zoom or telephone, [click here](#) or visit [fgc.ca.gov/meetings/2023](http://fgc.ca.gov/meetings/2023).***

**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 is revised to add a sub-item to item 6(B)II.**

Call to order

**1. Approve agenda and order of items**

**2. 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].

**3. Evaluation of bycatch in the California halibut set gillnet fishery in support of the fishery management review**

Receive and discuss Department report summarizing its evaluation of fisheries bycatch and acceptability in the California halibut set gillnet fishery, provide committee direction on next steps, and potentially develop committee recommendation.

4. **Aquaculture leasing in California – public interest determination**  
Receive and discuss proposed public interest criteria, evaluation framework, and process options to support Commission determination whether a new lease application is in the public interest; receive public input, and potentially develop committee recommendation.
5. **Marine protected areas (MPA) decadal management review**  
Receive Department proposed prioritization of the adaptive management recommendations for California’s MPA network and management program, contained in the MPA decadal management review, and develop potential committee recommendation.
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
  - (B) **Department**
    - I. Law Enforcement Division
    - II. Marine Region
      - a. Marine Fisheries Data Explorer
      - b. Red abalone recovery plan for the north coast
      - c. Market squid fishery management and fishery management plan review
      - d. California halibut bag limit regular rulemaking, including statewide option
  - (C) **Commission staff**
7. **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
August 21		<b>Tribal</b> 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		<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

- September 7-14, 2023 – Spokane, WA
- October 31 – November 8, 2023 – Garden Grove, CA

#### Pacific Flyway Council

- August 25, 2023 – Winter Park, Colorado

#### Wildlife Conservation Board

- 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](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 **July 7, 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 **July 17, 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:

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