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### **Wildlife Resources Committee** Committee Chair: Commissioner Zavaleta

**Meeting Agenda**  
**September 19, 2023; 8:30 a.m.**

**In Person**

**San Jose Scottish Rite Center**  
**2455 Masonic Drive**  
**San Jose, CA 95125**

**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=213766&inline> for instructions on how to join the meeting.***

**Notes: 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

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

**2. Wild pig validations**

Discuss and potentially make recommendations for a future rulemaking regarding the designation and hunting of wild pigs, stemming from statutory changes made through Senate Bill 856 (Chapter 469, Statutes of 2022).

**3. White sturgeon sport fishing**

Discuss and potentially make recommendations for:

- (A) any regulation changes for white sturgeon beginning in 2025, and
- (B) interim emergency measures for 2023 and 2024 related to white sturgeon population declines.

**4. Annual regulation changes**

Discuss and potentially make recommendations for 2024-25 seasons for:

- (A) Waterfowl hunting
- (B) Central Valley sport fishing
- (C) Klamath River Basin sport fishing

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

Discuss potential strategies and potentially make recommendations for the American Bullfrog and Non-native Turtles Stakeholder Engagement Project.

**6. 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.

**7. Periodic regulation changes**

Discuss and potentially make recommendations for:

- (A) Upland (resident) game bird hunting
- (B) Mammal hunting

Initial vetting of ideas for potential changes to:

- (C) Inland sport fishing

**8. Take of nongame mammals**

Discuss issues and the regulatory framework regarding the indiscriminate take of nongame mammals.

**9. Department updates**

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

- (A) Wildlife Branch
  - I. Development of an updated bear management plan
- (B) Fisheries Branch
  - I. Clear Lake hitch
- (C) Law Enforcement Division

**10. 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].

**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](http://www.fgc.ca.gov) for the most current list of meeting dates and locations.

Meeting Date	Commission Meeting	Committee Meeting
October 11-12	San Jose Scottish Rite Center 2455 Masonic Drive San Jose, CA 95125	
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**

- November 1-8, 2023 – Garden Grove, CA
- March 5-11, 2024 – Fresno, CA
- April 5-11, 2024 – Seattle, WA
- June 6-13, 2024 – San Diego, CA

#### **Pacific Flyway Council**

- March 2024 – TBD

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

- June 2-7, 2024 – Stevenson, Washington

#### **Wildlife Conservation Board**

- November 16, 2023 – Sacramento, CA
- February 2024 – Sacramento, CA
- May 2024 – 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 **September 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 **September 15, 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.

- 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.
- All electronic formats must be Windows PC compatible.