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Wildlife Resources Committee Committee Chair: Commissioner Zavaleta

Meeting Agenda
January 16, 2024; 10:00 a.m.

In Person

Natural Resources Headquarters Building
715 P Street, Second Floor, Room 2-310
Sacramento, CA 95814

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=218007&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. White sturgeon sport fishing

Discuss and potentially make recommendations on a future regular rulemaking regarding white sturgeon sport fishing.

3. 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.

4. Inland sport fishing

Discuss and potentially make recommendations for a future inland sport fishing rulemaking.

5. Plastic pollution from shotgun wads

Initial discussion of plastic pollution caused by shotgun debris from waterfowl hunting.

6. Waterfowl hunting in Southampton Bay

Initial discussion to explore potential regulation changes to address waterfowl hunting noise concerns specific to Southampton Bay.

7. Take of nongame mammals

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

8. Department updates

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

- (A) Wildlife Branch
- (B) Fisheries Branch
- (C) Law Enforcement Division

9. 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].

10. 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 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
February 14-15, 2024	Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814	
March 14, 2024	Teleconference	
March 19, 2024		Marine Resources San Clemente area
April 16, 2024		Tribal San Jose
April 17-18, 2024	San Jose	
May 15, 2024	Teleconference	
May 16, 2024		Wildlife Resources Yreka
June 19-20, 2024	Mammoth Lakes	
July 18, 2024		Marine Resources Santa Rosa area
August 13, 2024		Tribal Fortuna
August 14-15, 2024	Fortuna	
September 12, 2024		Wildlife Resources San Jose
October 9-10, 2024	Sacramento	
November 7, 2024		Marine Resources Sacramento
December 10, 2024		Tribal San Diego area
December 11-12, 2024	San Diego area	

Other Meetings of Interest

Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

- September 22-25, 2024 – Madison, WI

Pacific Fishery Management Council

- March 5-11, 2024 – Fresno, CA
- April 5-11, 2024 – Seattle, CA
- June 6-13, 2024 – San Diego, CA
- September 18-24, 2024 – Spokane, WA
- November 13-19, 2024 – Costa Mesa, CA

Pacific Flyway Council

- March 26, 2024 – Grand Rapids, MI
- August 2024 – Date and Location TBD

Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

- June 3-7, 2024 – Stevenson, WA

Wildlife Conservation Board

- February 15, 2024 – Sacramento, CA
- May 23, 2024 – Sacramento, CA
- August 22, 2024 – Sacramento, CA
- November 21, 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. 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 **January 3, 2024**. 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 **January 11, 2024**. Comments received by this deadline will be made available to Commissioners at the meeting.

After these deadlines, written information may be delivered in person to the meeting; please bring **six** copies and provide them to staff during the relevant agenda item.

*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 contribute to the dialogue. 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 chair to speak.
- If you have written information to share, please provide **six** copies to staff before you begin speaking.
- 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 contributions 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 repetition.
- 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 **Supplemental Comment Deadline** and approved by the Commission executive director before the meeting.

- 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.
- All electronic formats must be Windows PC compatible.
- If participating in person, it is recommended that you bring a print copy of any electronic presentation in case of technical difficulties.