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Fish and Game Commission



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Marine Resources Committee

Committee Co-Chairs: Commissioner Sklar and Commissioner Murray

Revised* Meeting Agenda
March 19, 2024; 9:00 a.m.

California Department of Parks and Recreation
Orange Coast District Office
Training Room
3030 Avenida del Presidente
San Clemente, CA 92672
and
Webinar and Phone

To participate in the meeting remotely, you may join the webinar directly at <https://wildlife-ca-gov.zoom.us/j/85208163111>. For complete instructions on how to join via Zoom or telephone, [click here](#) or visit fgc.ca.gov/meetings/2024.

*** This revised agenda is amended to update item 6 concerning marine protected area petitions to clarify the scope of the item, and to add a new item 7(A) and renumber the remaining sub-items accordingly.**

- Notes:**
- (1) See important meeting deadlines and procedures, including written public comment deadlines, starting on page 6.
 - (2) Unless otherwise indicated, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife is identified as Department.
 - (3) 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**

Discussion and Action Items

2. California halibut trawl grounds review

Receive and discuss Department evaluation of the California halibut trawl grounds in state waters as part of the California halibut fishery management review.

3. Bycatch evaluation in support of the California halibut fishery management review (*Agenda item limited to 60 minutes*)

(A) Evaluation of bycatch in the California halibut set gillnet fishery

Receive a verbal update on the Department's progress in developing regulatory options for near-term fishery management measures and the longer-term management measures supported by the Commission to address bycatch concerns and information gaps.

(B) Committee direction on next steps for bycatch evaluation, specific to the California halibut trawl fishery

4. Commercial sea urchin regulations

Receive and discuss Department recommendation for potential changes to the commercial sea urchin fishery, including consideration of Petition 2023-04 concerning fishing days and area closure for the fishery north of the San Luis Obispo/Monterey county line.

5. Market squid fishery management and fishery management plan review

Receive overview of and discuss Department Squid Fishery Advisory Committee meetings to date and next steps.

6. Marine protected area (MPA) regulation change petition evaluation process

Receive and discuss Department-proposed approach to the review and evaluation of petitions for MPA regulation changes following the decadal management review of the MPA network and management program.

Note that individual MPA petitions are not scheduled for discussion today.

Updates and Administrative Items

7. Staff and Agency Updates

These items provide updates from staff and other agencies on topics requested by the Committee. *In an effort to streamline meetings, the Committee will primarily receive updates in writing. However, public discussion may be permitted at the discretion of the Committee and when time permits.*

(A) California Ocean Protection Council

(B) Department

I. Law Enforcement Division

- a. 2023 MPA enforcement statistics

II. Marine Region

- a. Recreational crab trap gear options and trap validation for commercial passenger fishing vessels and recreational Risk Assessment Mitigation Program (RAMP) regulations
- b. Electronic recreational fishing report cards rulemaking
- c. Commercial fisheries logbook forms and fishing block charts rulemaking

III. Office of the Aquaculture Coordinator

- a. State water bottom leases for aquaculture: Status of existing leaseholder requests.

(C) Commission staff

8. Future agenda items

- (A) Review work plan agenda topics and timeline**
- (B) Potential new agenda topics for Commission consideration**

General Public Comment

9. 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).

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.

Meeting Date	Commission Meeting	Committee Meeting
March 26, 2024	Teleconference Trinidad, Fairfield, Sacramento and La Jolla (see website for details)	
April 16, 2024		Tribal San Jose
April 17-18, 2024	San Jose	
May 15, 2024	Teleconference Trinidad, Fairfield, Sacramento, Santa Cruz and La Jolla (see website for details)	
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	California Natural Resources Headquarters Building Auditorium 715 P Street, 1st Floor Sacramento, CA 95814	
November 7, 2024		Marine Resources California Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2ndFloor Sacramento, CA 95814
December 10, 2024		Tribal San Diego area
December 11-12, 2024	San Diego area	

Other Meetings of Interest

Pacific Fishery Management Council

- April 6-11, 2024 – Seattle, WA
- June 6-13, 2024 – San Diego, CA
- September 18-24, 2024 – Spokane, WA
- November 13-19, 2024 – Costa Mesa, CA
- March 5-11, 2025 – Vancouver, WA
- April 9-15, 2025 – San Jose, CA

Pacific Flyway Council

- March 26, 2024 – Grand Rapids, MI
- August 30, 2024 – Jackson, WY

Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

- June 3-7, 2024 – Stevenson, WA

Wildlife Conservation Board

- May 23, 2024 – Sacramento, CA
- August 22, 2024 – Sacramento, CA
- November 21, 2024 – Sacramento, CA

Important Commission Meeting Procedures Information

Welcome to a Meeting of the California Fish and Game Commission's Marine 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 Civil Rights Office (CRO) [formerly the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Office] at (916) 653-9089 or CRO@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 CRO Office immediately.

Stay Informed

To receive meeting agendas 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 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 March 6, 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 March 14, 2024**. Comments received by this deadline will be made available to Commissioners at the meeting.

After these deadlines, written comments may be delivered in person to the meeting. Please bring 3 copies of written comments to the meeting and give them to the designated staff member just prior to speaking.

*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.

Petitions for Regulation Change

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 or delivered to the Commission on a USB flash drive by the deadline.
2. All electronic formats must be Windows PC compatible.