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Revised* Meeting Agenda – Teleconference
March 26, 2024, 8:30 a.m.

Commissioners are expected to participate at the locations noted below via Zoom. Members of the public may participate in the teleconference via Zoom or by phone, or at an in-person location.

Participate in Person

Trinidad

Trinidad Rancheria
Tribal Council Chambers
1 Cher-Ae Lane
Trinidad, CA 95570

San Diego

Scripps Institution of Oceanography
Fish Bowl Conference Room 120
Eckart Building
8755 Biological Grade
La Jolla, CA 92037

Sacramento

Natural Resources Headquarters Building
Conference Room 2-310
715 P Street, 2nd Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

The meeting will be live streamed; visit www.fgc.ca.gov the day of the meeting to watch or listen. To provide public comment during the meeting, please join at the in-person location, via Zoom, or by telephone; you may join the webinar directly at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81336532760>. 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 remove the Fairfield location for in-person participation. The public may join Commissioners at the Trinidad, Sacramento, and San Diego locations. Members of the public also can still participate from anywhere by phone or webinar ([instructions](#)).**

- Notes:**
- (1) See important meeting deadlines and procedures, including written public comment deadlines, starting on page 5.**
 - (2) Unless otherwise indicated, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife is identified as Department.**
 - (3) All section and subsection references are to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, unless otherwise noted.**

Call to Order and Roll Call to Establish a Quorum

- 1. Consider approving agenda and order of items**

Discussion and Action Items

- 2. Recreational fishing regulations for federal groundfish**

Consider adopting proposed amendments to regulations regarding (a) recreational fishing for federal groundfish in state waters for consistency with federal rules in 2024, and (b) recreational groundfish seasons, bag and depth limits.

(Amend sections 27.20, 27.25, 27.30, 27.35, 27.40, 27.45, 27.50, 28.27, 28.28, 28.29, 28.47, 28.48, 28.49, 28.54, 28.55, and 28.56)

General Public Comment

- 3. 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. All Commission meetings will include a webinar/phone option for attendance and every effort will be made to ensure that committee meetings include the same.

Meeting Date	Commission Meeting	Committee Meeting
April 16, 2024		Tribal San Jose Scottish Rite Center 2455 Masonic Drive San Jose, CA 95125
April 17-18, 2024	San Jose Scottish Rite Center 2455 Masonic Drive San Jose, CA 95125	
May 15, 2024	Teleconference Trinidad, Fairfield, Sacramento, Santa Cruz and La Jolla	
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 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

Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

- September 22-25, 2024 – Madison, WI

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

- 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

This year marks the 154th year of operation of the Commission in partnership with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Our goal is the preservation of our heritage and conservation of our natural resources through informed decision making; Commission meetings are vital in achieving that goal and we provide this 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) at civilrights@wildlife.ca.gov. Accommodation requests for facility and/or meeting accessibility and requests for American Sign Language 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 immediately.

Stay Informed

To receive meeting agendas and regulatory notices 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 comment on any agenda item. Submit written comments by one of the following methods: E-mail to fgc@fgc.ca.gov; mail to California Fish and Game Commission, P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090; deliver to California Fish and Game Commission, 715 P Street, 16th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (you must call at least one business day in advance to arrange delivery); or hand-deliver to a Commission meeting. Materials provided to the Commission will be available to the general public.

Comment Deadlines

The **Comment Deadline** for this meeting is **5:00 p.m. on March 13, 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 21, 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 give your written comments to the designated staff member or commissioner just prior to speaking.

Petitions for Regulation Change

Any person requesting that the Commission adopt, amend, or repeal a regulation must complete and submit form FGC 1, *Petition to the California Fish and Game Commission for Regulation Change*, available at <https://fgc.ca.gov/Regulations/Petition-for-Regulation-Change>. Petitions for regulation change are traditionally held for receipt at regularly scheduled

Commission meetings in February, April, June, August, October and December. Petitions submitted following the February 14-15, 2024 Commission meeting will be received at the next regularly scheduled business meeting on April 17-18, 2024, unless the petition is rejected under staff review pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 662.

Non-Regulatory Requests

All non-regulatory requests follow a two-meeting cycle to ensure proper review and thorough consideration of each item. Non-regulatory requests are traditionally held for receipt at regularly scheduled Commission meetings in February, April, June, August, October and December. Non-regulatory requests submitted following the February 14-15, 2024 Commission meeting will be received at the April 17-18, 2024 meeting.

Speaking at the Meeting

To speak on an agenda item in-person, please complete a “speaker card” and provide it to the designated staff member or commissioner before the agenda item is announced. Please complete one speaker card per item. Cards will be available near the entrance of the meeting room.

To speak on an agenda item by webinar/phone, please “raise” your hand either through the Zoom function or by pressing *9 once on your phone when prompted at the beginning of the agenda item.

In-person and Webinar

1. In-person speakers will be identified in groups; please line up when your name is called. Speakers by webinar/phone will be identified by your Zoom display name or last three digits of your phone number; please pay attention to when your name or number is called.
2. When addressing the Commission, please give your name and the name of any organization you represent before providing your comments on the item under consideration.
3. If there are several speakers with the same concerns, please appoint a spokesperson and avoid repetitive testimony.
4. The presiding commissioner will allot between one and three minutes per speaker per agenda item, subject to the following exceptions:
 - a. The presiding commissioner may allow up to five minutes to an individual speaker if a minimum of three individuals who are present when the agenda item is called have ceded their time to the designated spokesperson, and the individuals ceding time forfeit their right to speak to the agenda item.
 - b. In-person participants ceding their time shall complete a speaker card and approach the staff table with the spokesperson so that staff may confirm the presence of those ceding their time. If you are participating via Zoom and ceding your time to another speaker, please notify the Commission at fgc@fgc.ca.gov prior to the start of the agenda item, including to whom you are ceding your time, and be present on Zoom during the agenda item.
 - c. Individuals may receive advance approval for additional time to speak if such requests are received by email or delivery to the Commission office by the ***Supplemental Comment Deadline***. The president or designee will approve or deny the request no later than 5:00 p.m. two days prior to the meeting.

- d. An individual requiring an interpreter is entitled to at least twice the allotted speaking time pursuant to Government Code Section 11125.7(c).
- e. An individual may receive additional time to speak to an agenda item at the request of any commissioner.

Agenda items may be heard in any order pursuant to the discretion of the presiding commissioner.

Visual Presentations and Associated Materials

All electronic presentations must be submitted by the ***Supplemental 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. If the presentation file is too large to send via email, contact staff to identify an alternative method for submitting the file.
2. All electronic formats must be Windows PC compatible.
3. If presenting at an in-person meeting location, it is recommended that you bring a print copy of your presentation in case of technical difficulties.
4. If you have written materials to accompany your presentation, please give them to the designated staff member or commissioner just prior to presenting.