

Staff Summary for June 19-20, 2024

31C. Administrative Items – Receive and Discuss Proposed Meeting Dates and Locations for 2026**Today's Item**Information Action

Receive and discuss proposed meeting dates and locations of Commission and committee meetings for January 2026 through December 2026.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

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| • Discuss proposed 2026 meeting dates and locations | June 19-20, 2024 |
| • Discuss and potentially approve 2026 meeting dates and locations | August 14-15, 2024 |

Background

The Commission currently conducts its business at six 2-day meetings (February, April, June, August, October, and December) on a Wednesday and Thursday, plus a teleconference meeting in May and others as needed. Committees each generally hold three meetings per year (half-day to full-day and, occasionally, a day and a half).

In 2024, committee meetings have been held either between Commission business meetings (Wildlife Resources Committee (WRC) on Thursdays in January, May and September and Marine Resources Committee (MRC) on Thursdays in March, July and November), or the afternoon before the first day of a Commission meeting (Tribal Committee (TC) on Tuesdays). Staff seeks guidance on whether to retain the same months and days of week for Commission and committee meetings.

Adequate meeting facilities have become more difficult to secure, and advanced planning increases the likelihood of locating suitable and available venues. Thus, to ensure staff has adequate time to identify and secure venue options that meet the Commission's requirements related to cost, information technology and security conditions, as well as State-mandated bids, contracting conditions and timelines, it is important for meeting dates and locations to be identified many months in advance.

A list of proposed 2026 meeting dates and locations (Table 1) is presented for Commission consideration and discussion today, with potential approval in August. Staff developed the proposed meeting dates accounting for State holidays, other relevant meeting schedules, and regulatory deadlines. However, in light of the State's current and expected ongoing budget deficit, staff may return in August with modifications to the proposed locations to reduce the number of meetings held outside the Sacramento area. The budget deficit and locations of future meetings are discussed in more detail in agenda items 10A (Executive Directors' Report) and 31D (Administrative Items – Future Meetings).

For this year's Commission meetings, marine items are heard on the first day, and wildlife and inland fisheries items are heard the second day. For 2025, the subject matter will rotate such that wildlife and inland fisheries items are heard on the first day, and marine items on the second day, with a new rotation implemented in 2026.

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Table 1: Proposed 2026 Commission and Committee Meeting Dates and Locations

Proposed Dates	Meeting Type	Potential Location
January 15	WRC	Ontario/San Bernardino area
February 11-12	FGC	Sacramento
March 12	MRC	Santa Rosa or Monterey
April 14	TC	Fresno or Redding
April 15-16	FGC	Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo or Bakersfield
May 13	FGC	Teleconference: Sacramento, Trinidad, Santa Cruz, and San Diego
May 14	WRC	Sonoma area
June 17-18	FGC	San Jose area
July 16	MRC	San Clemente/San Diego area
August 11	TC	Fortuna
August 12-13	FGC	Fortuna
September 10	WRC	Sacramento
October 14-15	FGC	Monterey or San Jose
November 12	MRC	Sacramento
December 15	TC	San Diego area
December 16-17	FGC	San Diego area

Other Relevant 2025-2026 Meetings and Locations

- Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
 - Sep 2025 – Date and location unknown at this time
 - Sep 2026 – Date and location unknown at this time
- Pacific Fishery Management Council
 - Mar 5-11, 2025 – Vancouver, WA
 - Apr 9-15, 2025 – San Jose, CA
 - Jun 12-18, 2025 – Rohnert Park, CA
 - Sep 18-24, 2025 – Spokane, WA
 - Nov 13-19, 2025 – Costa Mesa, CA

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- Pacific Flyway Council
 - Dates and locations unknown at this time
- Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
 - Dates and locations unknown at this time
- Wildlife Conservation Board (all held in Sacramento, CA)
 - February 27, 2025
 - May 22, 2025
 - August 28, 2025
 - November 20, 2025

Recommendation**Commission staff:**

- (1) Confirm intent to schedule Commission meetings on a Wednesday/Thursday in February, April, June, August, October and December;
- (2) confirm intent to schedule MRC meetings on Thursdays, WRC meetings on Thursdays, and TC meetings on Tuesdays immediately prior to Commission meetings; and
- (3) provide direction on proposed 2026 dates and locations.

Exhibits (N/A)**Motion (N/A)**