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**California Fish and Game Commission**  
Status of Accepted Petitions for Regulation Change

NOTE: An accepted petition is a petition which (1) is submitted on the proper form, (2) contains the necessary information in the required categories listed on FGC 1, and (3) pertains to regulations under the Commission's authority. If a petition is listed as *Referred*, it has been referred to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for initial evaluation. Additional petition materials and information are linked to each tracking number.

**2026 Petitions**

Select acronyms: DFW = Department of Fish and Wildlife; SMR = State Marine Reserve; SMCA = State Marine Conservation Area

2025 Petition Tracking No.	Date Received by FGC Office	Subject of Request	Description	Status	FGC Meeting
<a href="#">2026-05</a>	4/6/2026	Nongame Mammals	Request to allow a limited exception to the 150-yard trapping restriction for urban coyote conflict	Accepted	4/15-16/2026
<a href="#">2026-03</a>	3/23/2026	Recreational Ocean Fishing	Increase California Halibut sportfishing bag limit to three fish	Accepted	4/15-16/2026
<a href="#">2026-02</a>	3/12/2026	Commercial Fishing	Allow commercial spiny lobster fishermen to process catch into tails for storage, transport, and sale in addition to selling lobster whole or live.	Accepted	4/15-16/2026

## 2025 Petitions

2025 Petition Tracking No.	Date Received by FGC Office	Subject of Request	Description	Status	FGC Meeting
<a href="#">2025-20</a>	12/10/2025	Hunting	Request to change Santa Barbara muzzleloading rifle/archery buck hunt to either sex-deer hunt	Referred	4/15-16/2026
<a href="#">2025-19</a>	12/8/2025	Recreational Ocean Fishing	Amend recreational crab trap buoy regulations to reduce whale entanglement risks	Referred	4/15-16/2026
<a href="#">2025-18</a>	12/3/2025	Recreational Ocean Fishing	Request to restrict use of recreational hoop nets north of Point Arguello to the period between sunrise and sunset only, in order to reduce gear loss and associated entanglement risk, address nighttime fishing safety risks, discourage poaching, and enhance enforcement effectiveness	Denied	12/11-12/2026
<a href="#">2025-16</a>	11/8/2025	Nongame Mammals	Request to update regulations for coyotes in urban cities, including definitions, intervention, feeding, reporting, and education	Denied	12/11-12/2026
<a href="#">2025-14</a>	10/3/2025	Recreational ocean fishing	Request to reduce Pismo clam bag limit	Granted	4/15-16/2026

2025 Petition Tracking No.	Date Received by FGC Office	Subject of Request	Description	Status	FGC Meeting
<a href="#">2025-12</a>	9/3/2025	Department Lands	Request to modify regulations on the Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area to allow bicycle use on roads and levees during waterfowl season	Granted	4/15-16/2026
<a href="#">2025-10</a>	8/6/2025	Restricted Animals: Enclosures	Request to update regulations for restricted animal caging requirements and materials used	Granted	12/10-11/2025
<a href="#">2025-09</a>	8/4/2025	Inland sport fishing	Request to establish on the upper Klamath River a catch-and-release fishery using artificial lures and barbless hooks, prohibit take and possession and angling of Chinook salmon, change bag limit for hatchery steelhead trout and steelhead, and restore year-round angling season	Denied	10/8-9/2025
<a href="#">2025-08</a>	6/30/2025	Recreational ocean fishing	Request to allow recreational take of gooseneck barnacles	Denied	10/8-9/2025
<a href="#">2025-07</a>	06/04/2025	Recreational ocean fishing	Request to remove crab trap validation requirements for anglers under the age of 16	Denied	8/13-14/2025

2025 Petition Tracking No.	Date Received by FGC Office	Subject of Request	Description	Status	FGC Meeting
<a href="#">2025-06</a>	05/29/2025	Commercial fishing	Request to implement seasonal gear restrictions and closures in the commercial coonstripe shrimp fishery to minimize risk of whale entanglements	Denied	8/13-14/2025
<a href="#">2025-05</a>	04/22/2025	Recreational ocean fishing	Request to allow filleting striped bass on commercial passenger fishing vessels	Denied	8/13-14/2025
<a href="#">2025-04</a>	04/15/2025	Hunting	Request to allow the purchase of a second bear tag	Denied	8/13-14/2025
<a href="#">2025-03</a>	03/11/2025	Restricted species	Request to remove ferrets from the restricted species list	Referred	06/11-12/2025

**2024 Petitions**

2024 Petition Tracking No.	Date Received by FGC Office	Subject of Request	Description	Status	FGC Meeting
<a href="#">2024-13</a>	10/1/2024	Hunting license and tag fees: Refunds	Request to refund license and tag fees following circumstances such as licensee's death, injury or illness, military deployment, or other extenuating circumstances	Referred	12/11-12/2024
<a href="#">2024-12</a>	9/10/2024	Marine sport fishing: unlimited take of red and purple urchin	Request to allow recreational sport fishing divers to take purple and red urchins in additional counties in unlimited quantities	Denied	12/11-12/2024
<a href="#">2024-11</a>	8/8/2024	Protect wild and native coastal rainbow trout populations in Piru Creek	Request to expand protections to encompass all of Middle Piru Creek, update and add new signage, and implement low flow restrictions and closures during the hottest times of day during certain times of year	Denied	4/15-16/2026
<a href="#">2024-10</a>	8/1/2024	Recreational ocean fishing: Using hookah and air lift bags to collect urchins	Request to add use of a hookah and air lift system to collect urchins in the recreational fishery, and amend petition 2023-23MPA to use this method as well	Denied	12/11-12-2024

2024 Petition Tracking No.	Date Received by FGC Office	Subject of Request	Description	Status	FGC Meeting
<a href="#">2024-06</a>	5/28/2024	Inland sport fishing: white sturgeon	Request to authorize a recreational fishery for white sturgeon if the petition to list the species as threatened or endangered under the California Endangered Species Act is accepted for consideration	Denied	8/14-15/2024
<a href="#">2024-04</a>	4/22/2024	Clarify regulatory language to authorize use of harpoon as a landing aid	Request to amend regulations to clarify language regarding using harpoons as a method to help land fish	Granted	8/14-15/2024
<a href="#">2024-03</a>	4/2/2024	Prohibit using carbon dioxide as a method to remove coyotes and prohibit local governments from contracting private trappers for coyote removal	Request to amend regulations to prohibit local governments from contracting with private trappers to trap coyotes on public land and to prohibit use of carbon dioxide as a killing method for coyotes	Referred	6/19-20/2024
<a href="#">2024-02</a>	2/14/2024	Re-open abalone fishery at San Miguel Island, Santa Barbara County	Request to re-open the red abalone commercial and recreational fisheries at San Miguel Island, Santa Barbara County, to former abalone divers to take abalone and provide data to the Department	Denied	6/19-20/2024
<a href="#">2024-01</a>	1/10/2024	Inland sport fishing: Trout	Request to amend sport fishing regulations to allow increased take and reduce size limitations of trout in Stony Creek in Colusa County	Denied	2/12-13/2025

## 2023 Petitions

2023 Petition Tracking No.	Date Received by FGC Office	Subject of Request	Description	Status	FGC Meeting
<a href="#">2023-17</a>	11/27/2023	Horses on Morro Dunes Ecological Reserve	Request to add use of horses to list of allowable activities in Bayview Unit of Morro Dunes Ecological Reserve	Denied	10/8-9/2024
<a href="#">2023-13</a>	11/8/2023	Furbearing mammals: use of traps	Request to align trapping regulations with Fish and Game Code, and clarify and expand several trapping provisions	Granted	10/8-9/2025
<a href="#">2023-12</a>	10/3/2023	Recreational ocean fishing: Descending device for nearshore groundfish	Request to require anglers to possess and use descending device capable of returning rockfish the depth taken when fishing for or possessing groundfish	Granted	12/13-14/2023
<a href="#">2023-11</a>	9/15/2023	Recreational ocean fishing: Allow groundfish take in nearshore for non-motorized craft	Request to authorize recreational take of groundfish inside 50 fathoms using non-motorized vessels or watercraft ( $\leq 19$ ft) with mandatory descending devices	Denied	8/14-15/2024
<a href="#">2023-10</a>	9/5/2023	Recreational ocean fishing: Allow anglers to donate fish to non-profits	Request to allow anglers to donate fish caught under a sport-caught fish exchange permit to non-profits	Granted	6/19-20/2024

2023 Petition Tracking No.	Date Received by FGC Office	Subject of Request	Description	Status	FGC Meeting
<a href="#">2023-05</a>	6/01/2023	Waterfowl hunting: Lake Earl Wildlife Area	Request to authorize boats with electric motors to be used during waterfowl season at Lake Earl Wildlife Area	Granted	8/22-23/2023
<a href="#">2023-04</a>	5/25/2023	Commercial ocean fishing: Red Sea Urchin	Request to amend fishing regulations for commercial take of red sea urchin in central coast of California	Granted	8/14-15/2024
<a href="#">2023-03</a>	2/27/2023	Hunting: Add senior day	Request to add one senior day to existing veteran or youth day waterfowl hunts	Denied	6/14-15/2023
<a href="#">2021-007R</a>	2/16/2023	Hunting: Add BB devices for wild pig	Request to allow BB devices as authorized method of take for wild pig	Denied	6/14-15/2023
<a href="#">2023-02</a>	1/24/2023	Recreational fishing: Groundfish depth limit	Request to prohibit take of groundfish shoreward of 100 feet in the Central Groundfish Management Area year-round to protect declining kelp.	Denied	4/19-20/2023
<a href="#">2023-01</a>	1/9/2023	Hunting: WLA Night-use stamp	Request to create a "Night Use Stamp" for Region 2, Type C Wildlife Areas for night hunting and fishing with valid license.	Referred	4/19-20/2023

## 2022 Petitions

2022 Petition Tracking No.	Date Received by FGC Office	Subject of Request	Description	Status	FGC Meeting
<a href="#">2022-18</a>	11/10/2022	Game hunting: Deer season	Request to delay season start dates for Zones D-8, D-9 & D-10 to first Saturday in October.	Denied	2/8-9/2023
<a href="#">2022-17</a>	10/11/2022	Recreational fishing: Crab buoys	Request to amend crab fishing gear: amend required number of buoys and buoy markers while fishing for crab.	Denied	6/14-15/2023
<a href="#">2022-16</a>	9/19/2022	Waterfowl hunting: Prohibit hunting at Lake Earl Wildlife Area	Request to prohibit waterfowl hunting at Lake Earl Wildlife Area (Del Norte County).	Denied	12/14-15/2022
<a href="#">2022-14</a>	8/19/2022	Ocean recreational fishing: Gooseneck barnacles	Request to add gooseneck barnacles to list of harvestable species.	Denied	12/14-15/2022
<a href="#">2022-13</a>	8/5/2022	Sport fishing: Willow Creek trout	Request to modify gear type and bag and possession limits for trout for Willow Creek (Alpine Co.)	Granted	2/14-15/2024
<a href="#">2022-12</a>	8/1/2022	Sport fishing: Striped bass slot limit (inland and marine)	Request to modify the slot limit on striped bass to between 20-30 inches. The limit would apply to fresh and salt water.	Granted	12/14-15/2022

2022 Petition Tracking No.	Date Received by FGC Office	Subject of Request	Description	Status	FGC Meeting
<a href="#">2022-11</a>	6/29/2022	Sport fishing: Dungeness crab and vessel permits	Request to modify Dungeness crab regulations related to fishery start times, crab trap stamps, and best practices for trap buoy rigging.	Granted	6/14-15/2023
<a href="#">2022-10</a>	6/23/2022	Hunting: Air gun deer hunting	Request to authorize air guns as method of take for deer	Referred	10/12-13/2022
<a href="#">2022-09</a>	5/31/2022	Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve: Recreational uses and parking lots	Request to remove language allowing existing recreational uses and parking areas unless DFW makes determination	Denied	8/17/2022
<a href="#">2022-08</a>	5/31/2022	Marine Protected Areas: Ten Mile Estuary SMCA	Request to change the boundaries of the Ten Mile Estuary State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA)	Denied	8/17/2022
<a href="#">2022-07</a>	5/16/2022	Hunting: White-winged Dove	Request to bring limits for white-winged doves into alignment with federal frameworks, currently 15 birds	Denied	8/17/2022
<a href="#">2022-06</a>	3/4/2022	Marine Protected Areas: Casino Point SMCA	Request to rename "Casino Point State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA)" to the "Dr. Bill Bushing SMCA at Casino Point"	Referred	6/15-16/2022

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<a href="#">2022-05</a>	2/25/2022	Hunting: Waterfowl draw	Request to change the way waterfowl reservations are drawn	Denied	6/15-16/2022
<a href="#">2022-04</a>	2/23/2022	Marine Protected Areas: Vandenberg SMR	Request to revise boundaries of Vandenberg State Marine Reserve (SMR) to allow shore fishing	Referred	12/14-15/2022
<a href="#">2022-02</a>	1/27/2022	Hunting: Heritage deer tags	Request to create new class of deer hunting tags restricted to methods of take such as traditional archery and muzzleloading shotgun and rifle	Denied	8/13-14/2025
<a href="#">2022-01</a>	1/12/2022	Hunting: Restrict duck hunting in Benicia	Request to prohibit waterfowl hunting in specific areas along shoreline near Benicia and Southampton Bay	Denied	10/11-12/2023

**2021 Petitions**

2021 Petition Tracking No.	Date Received by FGC Office	Subject of Request	Description	Status	FGC Meeting
<a href="#">2021-028</a>	12/10/2021	Sportfishing: Shad spearfishing	Request to add spearfishing as an allowable method of take for American Shad	Granted	12/13-14/2023
<a href="#">2021-027</a>	12/10/2021	Hunting: Black bear	Request to eliminate open hunting season for black bear until bear management plan is updated	Denied	4/20-21/2022
<a href="#">2021-026</a>	12/6/2021	Ecological Reserves: Ballona Wetlands boundaries	Request to separate Ballona Channel regulations from Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve regulations	Denied	2/12-13/2025
<a href="#">2021-025</a>	11/17/2021	Ocean sport fishing: Red and purple urchins	Request to amend Title 14, Sec 29.06 to permit culling of purple and red urchins by kelp restoration specialists at sites with granite substrate, safe access, and commercial fishing prohibitions.	Denied	2/16-17/2022

2021 Petition Tracking No.	Date Received by FGC Office	Subject of Request	Description	Status	FGC Meeting
<a href="#">2021-024</a>	10/8/2021	Western Joshua tree	Request to amend western Joshua tree regulations to allow retention of some trees after disturbance, in consultation with a certified arborist	Denied	2/16-17/2022
<a href="#">2021-023</a>	10/6/2021	Ocean recreational fishing: Gooseneck barnacles	Request to allow recreational take of gooseneck barnacles with a limit of 50 per person per day	Denied	12/15-16/2021
<a href="#">2021-022</a>	10/5/2021	Commercial fishing: Market squid fishery management plan (FMP)	Request to amend the squid FMP, add "jigging" to methods of take, and re-open artisanal "open access" provision with modifications	Denied	12/15-16/2021
<a href="#">2021-021</a>	9/9/2021	Ocean recreational fishing: California halibut	Request to reduce the recreational daily bag limit from 3 to 1 for California halibut in state waters between Point Reyes and Bodega Head	Denied	12/15-16/2021
<a href="#">2021-020</a>	10/4/2021	Inland sport fishing: North Yuba River	Request to reverse sportfishing simplification regs in North Yuba River	Granted	4/20-21/2022

2021 Petition Tracking No.	Date Received by FGC Office	Subject of Request	Description	Status	FGC Meeting
<a href="#">2021-019</a>	9/30/2021	Inland sport fishing: Martis Creek Reservoir	Request to revert Martis Creek fishing regulations to pre-2020 regulations that allowed catch and release only	Denied	12/15-16/2021
<a href="#">2021-018</a>	9/24/2021	Nongame birds: Barred owl	Request to allow the take of barred owls, a non-native species that is endangering the northern spotted owl, as a wildlife management tool if authorized by DFW through a revocable permit	Denied	10/12-13/2022
<a href="#">2021-017</a>	8/30/2021	Mammal hunting: Big game	Request to amend hunting regulations for hunts and seasons to better serve the outdoor enthusiast	Granted	2/8-9/2023
<a href="#">2021-015</a>	8/23/2021	Ocean recreational fishing: Shortfin corvina	Request to make shortfin corvina an official California game fish and change size limit to 15 inches	Denied	6/15-16/2022

2021 Petition Tracking No.	Date Received by FGC Office	Subject of Request	Description	Status	FGC Meeting
<a href="#">2021-013</a>	6/18/2021	Commercial fishing: Market squid	Request to revise regulations for commercial market squid fishing in Monterey Bay, including changes to allowed days, times, and lighting, for a period of five years	Denied	10/14/2021
<a href="#">2021-012</a>	6/15/2021	Special fishing regulations: East Walker River	Request to change East Walker River special fishing regulations	Denied	8/18/2021
<a href="#">2021-011</a>	6/15/2021	Special fishing regulations: East Walker River	Request to change East Walker River special fishing regulations	Denied	8/18/2021
<a href="#">2021-009</a>	6/7/2021	Special fishing regulations: East Walker River	Request to change East Walker River special fishing regulations	Denied	8/18/2021
<a href="#">2021-008</a>	6/1/2021	Special fishing regulations: East Walker River	Request to change East Walker River special fishing regulations	Denied	8/18/2021
<a href="#">2021-007</a>	5/10/2021	Wild pig	Request to revise authorized methods of take and designation for wild pig	Denied	2/8-9/2023

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<a href="#">2021-006</a>	4/23/2021	Deer tag fees	Request to revise deer tag fee structure	Denied	4/15-16/2026
<a href="#">2021-005</a>	3/29/2021	Special fishing regulations: Alameda Creek	Request to change Alameda Creek special fishing regulations	Denied	4/19-20/2023
<a href="#">2021-004</a>	3/24/2021	Restricted species list: <i>Xenopus amietii</i> frog	Request to remove <i>Xenopus amietii</i> from the restricted invasive species classification	Denied	12/15-16/2021
<a href="#">2021-003</a>	3/31/2021	Special fishing regulations: East Walker River	Request to change East Walker River special fishing regulations	Denied	8/18/2021
<a href="#">2021-001</a>	2/22/2021	Recreational and commercial red abalone fishery: San Miguel Island	Request to open a three-month biological fishery for red abalone at San Miguel Island, Santa Barbara County, relying upon Appendix H of the Abalone Recovery and Management Plan	Denied	10/14/2021

## 2020 Petitions

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<a href="#">2020-017</a>	11/9/2020	Commercial fishing: Gooseneck barnacles	Request to allow the sport and commercial take of <i>Pollicipes polymerus</i> by amending Title 14 Section 29.05.b.1 to include Gooseneck Barnacles ( <i>Pollicipes polymerus</i> ) specifically	Denied	2/10-11/2021
<a href="#">2020-016 AM 1</a>	11/10/2020	ADA Archery Scope	Request to add visual disability to Section 354, authorizing use of a crossbow with a scope	Denied	2/12-13/2025
<a href="#">2020-015 AM 1</a>	11/13/2020	Allow Lampara bait nets as alternative gear for commercial take of Pacific herring	Request to amend commercial Pacific herring regulations to exempt Lampara bait nets, as described in Fish and Game Code Section 8780, from the current prohibition on the use of round haul nets to take herring	Granted	10/14/2021

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<a href="#">2020-014 AM 1</a>	9/19/2020	Authorize unlimited take of Sargassum horneri and recreational and research take inside Crystal Cove State Marine Conservation Area	Request to authorize increased removal of Sargassum Horneri: Set unlimited recreational take limit from April through October (non-reproductive season); Add take provision in Crystal Cove State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA) consistent with (1) above; and authorize controlled research removals at Crystal Cove SMCA under FGC authority as designating entity	Denied	12/9-10/2023
<a href="#">2020-012 AM 1</a>	9/1/2020	Protect great white shark nursery grounds at Padaro Beach, Carpinteria	Request to establish a protected area with boating and fishing restrictions at Padaro Beach, Carpinteria, to protect great white shark nursery grounds	Denied	4/14/2021
<a href="#">2020-011 AM 1</a>	8/12/2020	Set precautionary commercial coonstripe shrimp trap fishing regulations	Request to establish more precautionary coonstripe shrimp commercial trap fishery regulations to: (1) establish limited entry program; (2) set a trap limit (350 traps proposed); and (3) set a minimum trap mesh size of 1.0"-0.5"	Denied	6/16-17/2021

2020 Petition Tracking No.	Date Received by FGC Office	Subject of Request	Description	Status	FGC Meeting
<a href="#">2020-010</a>	7/28/2020	Reduce bag limit for wild rainbow and brown trout at Stanislaus River and Beaver Creek	Request to change the limit of wild rainbow and brown trout on the North Fork of the Stanislaus River and Beaver Creek to zero	Denied	10/14/2020
<a href="#">2020-008</a>	6/10/2020	Suspend or reduce elk hunting in Northwestern Elk Hunt Area	Request to suspend indefinitely all elk hunting (excluding by DFW depredation permit) in the Northwestern Elk Hunt Area or reduce tags	Denied	10/14/2020
<a href="#">2020-007 AM 1</a>	7/10/2020	Authorize surfboard fishing at South La Jolla State Marine Reserve	Request to amend marine protected area regulations to allow surfboard fishing at the South La Jolla State Marine Reserve	Denied	10/14/2020
<a href="#">2020-005 AM 1</a>	4/10/2020	Striped bass slot limit	Request to establish a slot limit on striped bass from 20-30 inches	Granted	12/9-10/2020

2020 Petition Tracking No.	Date Received by FGC Office	Subject of Request	Description	Status	FGC Meeting
<a href="#">2020-004</a>	3/10/2020	Trinity steelhead	Request to change the season opening for steelhead from April 1 to January 1 on the Trinity River mainstem from 250 feet downstream of Lewiston Dam to the Old Lewiston Bridge, and restrict boat access, except for those with disabilities	Denied	6/24-25/2020
<a href="#">2020-003</a>	2/6/2020	Ecological Reserve: Ballona Wetlands	Request to eliminate authorized recreational uses in Area C and currently allowed parking in existing designated areas of the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserves	Denied	6/24-25/2020
<a href="#">2020-002</a>	2/10/2020	Salmon fishing from shore	Request to clarify limitations from Sec 27.75 of T14 by defining mouth of river and shore of ocean boundaries.	Denied	02/10/2021
<a href="#">2020-001</a>	1/20/2020	Emergency regulation: Purple Sea urchin	Request for an emergency rulemaking to add Section 29.12, to increase the recreational daily bag limit of purple sea urchin at Tanker's Reef in Monterey	Granted	8/19-20/2020

## Other Active Petitions

Other Active Petition Tracking No.	Date Received by FGC Office	Subject of Request	Description	Status	FGC Meeting
<a href="#">2019-025</a>	11/15/2019	Consider non-lethal beaver deterrence and listed species impacts in depredation permit issuance	Request to change the regulations concerning the take of beavers by requiring landowners to exhaust feasible non-lethal deterrence before killing and removing beavers, and require DFW to consider of impacts to listed species from issuance of a depredation permit	Referred	02/21/2020
<a href="#">2019-010 AM 2(a)</a>	4/30/2019	Authorize air guns for take of game	Request to allow air guns for hunting game in California	Referred	06/12-13/2019
<a href="#">2018-016</a>	11/9/2018	Hope Valley Wildlife Area	Request to remove Hope Valley Wildlife Area from the Lands Pass Program	Granted	4/17-18/2024
<a href="#">2016-014</a>	6/29/2016	Falcon and raptor rehabilitation	Request to add falconers and raptor breeders to list of legal recipients for non-releasable birds from rehabilitation facilities	Referred	10/19-20/2016
<a href="#">2015-010</a>	12/4/2015	Night-time hunting and lethal trapping within the range of gray wolf	Request to ban night-time hunting and lethal trapping within the range of the gray wolf as currently provided to other CESA-listed canids, the San Joaquin kit fox and the Sierra Nevada red fox	Referred	4/14/2016