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Marine Resources Committee

Committee Co-chairs: Commissioner Sklar and Commissioner Murray

***Revised Meeting Agenda November 6-7, 2024**

Participate in Person

**California Natural Resources Headquarters Building
715 P Street, 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814**

or

Participate via Webinar/Phone

To participate in the meeting remotely, you may join the webinar directly at <https://wildlife-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/85953003100>. For complete instructions on how to join via Zoom or telephone, [click here](#) or visit fgc.ca.gov/meetings/2024.

*** The agenda has been revised to:**

- **change the start time on Wednesday, November 6 to 9:30 a.m.,**
- **update the description for item 2(B) to clarify the scope of discussion,**
- **correct the company name identified in item 3, and**
- **identify that MRC is expected to move item 12 (general public comment) to be the first item on Thursday, November 7.**

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

November 6, 2024; 9:30 a.m.

Call to Order

1. Approve agenda and order of items

MRC is expected to move item 12, general public comment for items not on the agenda, to be the first item of the day on November 7.

Discussion and Action Items

2. Marine protected area (MPA) regulation change petitions – evaluation process

- (A) Receive and discuss Department evaluation and recommendations for MPA petitions in Bin 1 (petitions ready to be evaluated in the near-term) and develop potential committee recommendation.
- (B) Discuss sorting MPA petitions in Bin 2 (petitions that require additional policy guidance, information and/or resources before evaluation), and next steps. Receive update on tools for petition visualization and evaluation from the Department and the California Ocean Protection Council.
- (C) Receive general input on MPA petitions (*as time allows following completion of 2A and 2B*).

November 7, 2024; 8:30 a.m.

Call to Order

Discussion and Action Items

3. Application for New Aquaculture Lease

Presentation and public vetting of San Andreas Shellfish Company's application for a state water bottom lease for aquaculture purposes in Tomales Bay, consistent with the Commission's enhanced leasing process.

4. Market squid fishery management and fishery management plan review

Discuss Department report on the Department Squid Fishery Advisory Committee review of California market squid fishery management and proposed recommendations; develop potential committee recommendation.

5. Recreational barred sand bass fishery

Receive and discuss Department's update on the recreational barred sand bass fishery, barred sand bass working group outcomes, and recommendations for potential regulation changes; develop potential committee recommendation.

6. Recreational crab trap gear options and trap validation for commercial passenger fishing vessels

Discuss Department proposed regulation changes related to gear and marine life entanglement concerns, and trap validation for commercial passenger fishing vessels; develop potential committee recommendation.

7. **Commercial harvest of marine algae sea palm (*Postelsia*)**
Receive and discuss Department-recommended regulations governing commercial harvest of sea palm; develop potential committee recommendation.
8. **Experimental Fishing Permit (EFP) Program**
Receive and discuss Department updates:
 - (A) ***Box crab exploratory fishing EFP research project***
 - (B) ***EFP program overview, including pop-up gear testing***
9. **Red Abalone Recovery Plan: Risk tolerance for harvest**
Discuss risk tolerance for reopening red abalone fishery harvest in the context of statewide recovery plan development.
Staff will recommend this item be continued to a future meeting.

Updates and Administrative Items

10. **Staff and agency updates**
These items provide updates from staff and/or 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
 - II. Marine Region
 - a. Kelp recovery and management plan development
 - (C) ***Commission staff***
 - I. Coastal Fishing Communities Policy – initial implementation steps
11. **Future agenda items**
Review work plan agenda topics and timeline, and identify any potential new agenda topics for Commission consideration.

General Public Comment

12. **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 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].
MRC is expected to move this item to be the first of the day on November 7.

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
December 10, 2024		Tribal California Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814
December 11-12, 2024	California Natural Resources Headquarters Building Auditorium 715 P Street, 1st Floor Sacramento, CA 95814	
January 15, 2025		Wildlife Resources California Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814
February 12-13, 2025	California Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814	
March 13, 2025		Marine Resources California Department of Fish and Wildlife 1010 Riverside Parkway, Poppy Room West Sacramento, CA 95605
April 15, 2025		Tribal California Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814
April 16-17, 2025	Sacramento area	
May 14, 2025	Teleconference Trinidad, Sonoma, Sacramento, Santa Cruz, and San Diego	
May 15, 2025		Wildlife Resources California Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814

Meeting Date	Commission Meeting	Committee Meeting
June 18-19, 2025	California Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814	
July 17, 2025		Marine Resources San Diego area
August 12, 2025		Tribal Fortuna
August 13-14, 2025	Fortuna	
September 11, 2025		Wildlife Resources California Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814
October 8-9, 2025	San Jose area	
November 6, 2025		Marine Resources Sacramento
December 9, 2025		Tribal San Diego area
December 10-11, 2025	San Diego area	

Other Meetings of Interest

[Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies](#)

- September 22-25, 2024 – Madison, WI

[Pacific Fishery Management Council](#)

- 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

[Wildlife Conservation Board](#)

- 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 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 topics before the Commission than would otherwise be possible. Committee meetings are less formal in nature and provide additional access to commissioners. The Committee does not take action independent of the Commission; instead, the Committee makes recommendations to the full Commission at regularly scheduled Commission 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 as possible.

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 at (916) 653-9089 or 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. For those joining by Zoom, you may be able to enable closed-captioning via the Zoom platform. If a request for an accommodation has been submitted but is no longer needed, please contact the Civil Rights 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 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; **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 October 24, 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 November 1, 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.

Note: Materials provided to the Committee may be made available to the general public.

Regulation Changes

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 regulation change, please provide your comments during Commission business meetings, via email, or by delivering to the Commission office.

As a general rule, requests for regulatory change must be submitted on the required petition form, [FGC 1, Petition to the California Fish and Game Commission for Regulation Change](#). 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 co-chair(s) 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 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 general public comment for items not on the agenda, 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 discusses 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.