

Staff Summary for December 11-12, 2024

20A. Wildlife Resources Committee (WRC)**Today's Item**Information Action

Discuss referred topics and consider revisions to topics and timing. Consider approving draft agenda topics for the next committee meeting to be held on January 15, 2025 in Sacramento.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

- Previous committee meeting September 12, 2024; WRC
- **Today consider approving agenda topics** **December 12, 2024**
- Next committee meeting January 15, 2025; WRC

Background

WRC works under Commission direction to set and accomplish its work plan.

Committee Work Plan

Topics that have been referred by the Commission to WRC are displayed within a work plan for scheduling and tracking. The updated work plan is Exhibit 1 and includes proposed topics for January 2025.

New Topics

Staff has no new topics to recommend the Commission refer to WRC at this time.

Next Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2025 in Sacramento, with webinar and phone options. In addition to standing agenda items (Department updates and future agenda items), four topics are proposed: big game hunting, inland sport fishing for striped bass, take of nongame mammals, and falconry.

Big Game Hunting

Develop and discuss potential recommendations for changes to big game regulations, including tag refunds due to wildfires.

Inland Sport Fishing (including striped bass)

Develop and discuss potential recommendations for changes to sport fishing regulations, including for the striped bass sport fishery.

Falconry

Discuss potential changes to regulations for falconry.

Take of Nongame Mammals

Develop and discuss potential recommendations regarding the take of nongame mammals.

Significant Public Comments (N/A)

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Recommendation

Commission staff: Approve the draft agenda topics for the January 15 WRC meeting, and approve the work plan as proposed in Exhibit 1, including any changes identified during today's meeting.

Exhibits

1. [WRC work plan, updated December 4, 2024](#)

Motion

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission approves the topics for the January 15, 2025 Wildlife Resources Committee meeting, as discussed today, and approves the work plan as proposed.

California Fish and Game Commission
Wildlife Resources Committee (WRC) Work Plan
Scheduled Topics and Timeline for Items Referred to WRC
Updated December 4, 2024

Note: Proposed changes to topics/timing are shown in blue underscore or strike-out font

Topics	Category	Sep 2024	Jan 2025	May 2025
Periodic and Annual Regulations				
Upland (Resident) Game Birds	Regulatory	X/R		X
Mammal <u>Big Game</u> Hunting	Regulatory	X/R	<u>X/R</u>	<u>X</u>
Waterfowl Hunting	Annual Regulatory	X/R		X
Central Valley Sport Fishing	Annual Regulatory	X/R		X
Klamath River Basin Sport Fishing	Annual Regulatory	X/R		X
Inland Sport Fishing (including striped bass)	Regulatory	X/R	X/R	
Department Lands	Regulatory			X
Regulations & Legislative Mandates				
Falconry	Referral for Review		<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>
Restricted Species	Regulatory			
Take of Nongame Mammals	Referral for Review	X	X/R	

KEY: X Discussion scheduled X/R Recommendation potentially developed and moved to FGC