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Tribal Committee

Committee Chair: Commissioner Hostler-Carmesin

Meeting Agenda

April 15, 2025; 1:30 p.m.

**Natural Resources Headquarters Building
715 P Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814**

or

Zoom and Phone

To participate in the meeting remotely, you may join Zoom directly at <https://wildlife-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/81752806307>. For complete instructions on how to join via Zoom or telephone, [click here](#) or visit fgc.ca.gov/meetings/2025.

- 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 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.

Call to Order

1. **Approve agenda and order of items**
2. **Co-management roundtable**
Discuss tribal co-management initiatives and projects planned or underway in collaboration with public agencies and California tribes. Tribal representatives are invited to share their co-management interests and experiences.
3. **California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) draft tribal consultation policy**
Receive an update and discuss the CNRA revised draft tribal consultation policy and associated draft tribal consultation best practices guide that are currently available for public comment and tribal consultation.

4. **Annual tribal planning meeting**
Discuss timing, format and agenda for next annual tribal planning meeting.
5. **Staff and agency updates**
Receive updates from staff and other agencies, including current topics on the work plan for which the Committee has requested an update.
 - (A) ***California Ocean Protection Council***
 - (B) ***Department***
 - I. Department Tribal Liaison
 - II. Law Enforcement Division
 - III. Wildlife and Fisheries Division
 - Potential amendments to striped bass fishery regulations
 - IV. Marine Region
 - Potential amendments to red abalone fishery regulations
 - (C) ***Staff***
 - I. Wildlife Resources Committee
 - II. Marine Resources Committee
 - III. Justice, equity, diversity and inclusion plan
 - IV. Marine protected areas petitions and evaluation process
 - V. Commission rulemakings, petitions and other pending actions
6. **Tribal subsistence definition and related management mechanisms**
Receive and discuss outcomes from the August 2024 Tribal Committee and Commission meetings discussions about how the tribal subsistence definition workgroup could be re-established and advance its efforts.
7. **Application for new aquaculture lease**
Update on Santa Barbara Sea Ranch, Inc.'s application for a state water bottom lease for aquaculture purposes offshore Santa Barbara.
8. **Future agenda items**
 - (A) ***Review work plan agenda topics and timeline***
 - (B) ***Potential new agenda topics for Commission consideration***
9. **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, visit www.fgc.ca.gov/meetings for the most current list of dates and locations.

Meeting Date	Commission Meeting	Committee Meeting
April 16-17, 2025	Capitol Event Center 1020 – 11th Street Sacramento, CA 95814	
May 14, 2025	Teleconference Trinidad, Sacramento, St. Helena, Santa Cruz, and La Jolla	
May 15, 2025		Wildlife Resources California Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814
June 11-12, 2025	Sacramento area	
July 17, 2025		Marine Resources California Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814
August 12, 2025		Tribal California Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814
August 13-14, 2025	California Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814	
September 11, 2025		Wildlife Resources California Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814
October 8-9, 2025	Sacramento area	
November 6, 2025		Marine Resources California Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814

Meeting Date	Commission Meeting	Committee Meeting
December 9, 2025		Tribal California Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814
December 10-11, 2025	Sacramento area	

Other Meetings of Interest

Meetings listed in this section are organizations for which the Commission: (1) is a member, or (2) takes action based upon regulations developed by that organization.

[Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies](#)

- September 21-24, 2025 – Tucson, AZ

[Pacific Fishery Management Council](#)

- June 12-18, 2025 – Rohnert Park, CA
- September 18-24, 2025 – Spokane, WA
- November 13-19, 2025 – Costa Mesa, CA

[Pacific Flyway Council](#)

- September 12, 2025 – Provo, UT

[Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies](#)

- June 2-6, 2025 – Provo, UT
- June 1-5, 2026 – Boise, ID

[Wildlife Conservation Board](#)

- May 22, 2025 – Sacramento, CA
- August 28, 2025 – Sacramento, CA
- November 20, 2025 – Sacramento, CA
- February 2026 – Sacramento, CA

Important Committee Meeting Procedures Information

Welcome to a meeting of the California Fish and Game Commission's Tribal 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 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 four 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 Thursday, April 3, 2025**. 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 Thursday, April 10, 2025**. Comments received by the 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.

Petitions for Regulation Change

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 redirected to the Commission and 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 chair 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 contributions concise so that everyone has an opportunity to speak.
- We encourage you to avoid repeating previous commentary. You may wish to appoint a spokesperson, or simply state you agree with a perspective already shared.
- 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 discussion 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. If the presentation file is too large to send via email, contact staff to identify an alternative method for submitting the file.
- 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.