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Notes: (1) See important meeting deadlines and procedures, including written public comment deadlines, starting on page 11.

- (2) A list of reports or other significant documents received by the commission since its February 2025 meeting is on page 7.
- (3) Unless otherwise indicated, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife is identified as Department.
- (4) All section and subsection references are to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, unless otherwise noted.

April 16, 2025; 8:30 AM

Call to Order and Roll Call to Establish a Quorum

1. Consider approving agenda and order of items

General Public Comment

2. 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.

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Consent Items

Note: Items on the consent calendar are expected to be routine and non-controversial. After public comment, the Commission will consider approving items on the consent calendar in a single vote without discussion. The presiding commissioner may choose to remove any item from the consent calendar and allow a separate discussion and potential action on that item in response to a request by a Commission member, staff, or an interested person.

3. Initial private lands wildlife habitat enhancement and management area (PLM) plans and licenses

Consider approving initial PLM plans and 2025-2029 licenses for: (Pursuant to Section 601)

- (A) Merced County
 - I. JG Angus Ranch

4. Five-year PLMs

Consider approving five-year PLM plans and 2025-2029 licenses for: (Pursuant to Section 601)

- (A) Humboldt County
 - I. Big Lagoon
 - II. Klamath
 - III. Rainbow Ridge PLM
- (B) Mendocino County
 - I. Ackerman-South Daugherty WMA
 - II. Amann Ranch
 - III. Bridges Ranch
 - IV. Carley Ranch
 - V. Pennacchio Ranch (formerly Christensen Ranch)
 - VI. Seven Springs Ranch
 - VII. Six Point Ranch
 - VIII. Summer Camp Ranch

- (C) Monterey County
 - I. Bardin Ranch
- (D) San Luis Obispo County
 - Carnaza Ranch
 - II. Clark & White Ranch
 - III. D Rafter "L" Ranch
- (E) Shasta County
 - I. Stackhouse Ranch
- (F) Trinity County
 - I. Stewart Ranch

5. Annual PLMs

Consider approving annual PLM plans for: (Pursuant to Section 601)

- (A) Del Norte County
 - I. Smith River PLM
- (B) Humboldt County
 - I. Diamond C Outfitters
 - II. Hunter Ranch
 - III. Redwood House Ranch
 - IV. Stover Ranch
 - V. Wiggins Ranch
- (C) Humboldt and Trinity counties
 - I. Wilkinson Hunting Club
- (D) Kern and San Luis Obispo counties
 - I. Temblor Ranch
- (E) Mendocino County
 - I. Capistran Ranch
 - II. Eden Valley Ranch
 - III. Four Pines Ranch
 - IV. Miller-Eriksen Ranch
 - V. R-R Ranch
 - VI. Shamrock Ranch
 - VII. Spring Valley Ranch
- (F) Merced County
 - I. DeFrancesco / Eaton Ranch
 - II. Stevinson Ranch
- (G) Monterey County
 - I. Alexander Ranch
 - II. Gabilan Ranch
 - III. Hartnell Ranch
 - IV. Indian Valley CattleCompany (IVCC) –Lombardo Ranch
 - V. Peachtree Ranch
 - VI. Sky Rose Ranch
 - VII. Work Ranch

- (H) Monterey and San Benito counties
 - Morisoli Ranch
- (I) Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties
 - I. Camp 5 Outfitters Roth Ranch
- (J) San Benito County
 - I. Lewis Ranch
 - II. Lone Ranch
 - III. Rancho Le Cuesta
 - IV. Trinchero Ranch
- (K) San Joaquin County
 - I. Corral Hollow Ranch
- (L) San Luis Obispo County
 - I. Avenales Ranch
 - II. Carrizo Ranch
 - III. Chimney Rock Ranch
 - IV. Hearst Ranch
- (M) Santa Clara County
 - Coon Creek Ranch
- (N) Tehama County
 - I. 3D Ranch
 - II. Bell Ranch
 - III. R Wild Horse Ranch
- (O) Trinity County
 - I. Travis Ranch

6. Golden mussel emergency regulation

Consider a 90-day extension of the emergency regulation adding golden mussel (*Limnoperna fortunei*) to the list of animals restricted from live importation, transportation and possession.

(Amend Section 671)

Discussion and Action Items

7. Commission executive director and Department reports

- (A) Commission executive director
- (B) **Department director and Law Enforcement Division**

8. Falconry

Consider authorizing publication of notice of intent to amend falconry regulations. (Amend sections 670 and 703)

9. Waterfowl hunting

Consider adopting proposed amendments to waterfowl hunting regulations and taking final action under the California Environmental Quality Act. (Amend Section 502)

10. Big game hunting and chronic wasting disease testing

Consider adopting proposed amendments to regulations regarding big game hunting and chronic wasting disease testing and taking final action under the California Environmental Quality Act.

(Amend sections 360, 362, 363, 364, 364.1 and 708.5)

11. White sturgeon sport fishing 2084 regular rulemaking

Discuss proposed amendments to regulations for the recreational take of, tagging of, and reporting requirements for, white sturgeon (*Acipenser transmontanus*) in inland and ocean waters, pursuant to California Fish and Game Code Section 2084. (Repeal sections 5.78, 5.79, 27.92, 27.93 and 27.95; and amend sections 1.74, 5.80, 5.81, 27.60, 27.90, 27.91 and 701)

12. Inland sport fishing

(A) Central Valley (annual)

Discuss proposed amendments to Central Valley sport fishing regulations. (Amend subsections 7.40(b)(4), (b)(43), (b)(66) and (b)(80))

(B) Klamath River Basin (annual)

Discuss proposed amendments to Klamath River Basin sport fishing regulations related to Chinook salmon.

(Amend subsection 7.40(b)(50))

13. Morro manzanita

Consider and potentially act on the petition, Department's evaluation report, and comments received to determine whether listing morro manzanita (*Arctostaphylos morroensis*) as endangered under the California Endangered Species Act may be warranted.

(Pursuant to subdivision 2074.2, California Fish and Game Code)

14. Western Joshua Tree Conservation Plan

Receive a summary of initial comments on and discuss the draft *Western Joshua Tree Conservation Plan.*

(Pursuant to subdivision 1927.6(a), California Fish and Game Code)

15. Recovery planning for CESA-listed species

Receive a presentation on the Department's development of California Endangered Species Act recovery planning guidelines and announce the public review period and public meeting to discuss the draft guidelines.

(Pursuant to subdivision 2079.1, California Fish and Game Code)

16. Regulation change petitions (wildlife and inland fisheries)

(Pursuant to Section 662)

(A) **Petitions for action today**

Consider whether to grant, deny, or refer for additional review, petitions for regulation change received at previous meetings. Petitions granted today will be added to the Commission's rulemaking calendar for development and future consideration.

I. Petition 2020-016: Authorize use of a crossbow with a scope for those with visual impairments.

(B) **New petitions**

Receive new petitions for regulation change.

Consideration of whether to grant, deny, or refer for additional review is expected to be scheduled for the June 11-12, 2025 Commission meeting.

(C) Referred petitions

Receive comments on petitions previously referred by the Commission to staff, legal counsel, a Commission committee, or the Department for review and recommendation.

Commission action on any referred petition will be scheduled for consideration once a recommendation is received.

17. Non-regulatory requests from previous meetings (wildlife and inland fisheries)

Consider and potentially act on non-regulatory requests submitted by members of the public at previous meetings.

18. Committee and Department reports

Receive updates on items of note since the previous Commission meeting from Commission committees and Department divisions.

(A) Tribal Committee

Receive summary and consider approving recommendations from the April 15, 2025 Committee meeting. Discuss referred topics and consider revisions to topics and timing.

(B) Wildlife Resources Committee

Discuss referred topics and consider revisions to topics and timing. Consider approving draft agenda topics and changing the meeting location for the next committee meeting on May 15, 2025.

(C) Department Wildlife and Fisheries Division, and Department Ecosystem Conservation Division

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Call to Order/Roll Call to Establish Quorum

Consent Items

19. Commercial California halibut and white seabass set gill nets

Consider adopting proposed amendments required by the Office of Administrative Law to regulations for commercial California halibut and white seabass set gill net fisheries regulations.

(Amend section 174.1)

20. Commercial take of red and other sea urchin and sea cucumber

Consider adopting proposed amendments to regulations for commercial take of red and other sea urchin and sea cucumber.

(Amend sections 120.7 and 128, and add Section 120.8)

21. Commercial harvest of kelp, including sea palm, and other aquatic plants

Consider adopting proposed amendments to regulations for commercial harvest of sea palm, and kelp and other aquatic plants harvest reporting and references. (Amend sections 165 and 705.1)

Discussion and Action Items

22. Recreational crab fishing gear and commercial passenger fishing vessel trap validation

Consider authorizing publication of notice of intent to amend regulations for recreational crab fishing gear and commercial passenger fishing vessel trap validation. (Amend Section 29.80, 29.85, 190, 195 and 701).

23. Recreational take of barred sand bass

Consider adopting proposed amendments to regulations for the recreational barred sand bass fishery.

(Amend Section 28.30)

24. Market Squid

(A) Market Squid Fishery Management Plan

Receive and conduct a public hearing on the draft amended "Market Squid Fishery Management Plan."

(Pursuant to sections 7075, 7077 and 7078, California Fish and Game Code)

(B) Commercial take of market squid

Consider authorizing publication of notice of intent to amend regulations for the commercial take of market squid.

(Amend sections 53.01,149 and 149.1; repeal sections 53.02 and 53.03).

25. Application for a restricted species permit amendment

Review an application for a restricted species permit amendment from the University of California San Diego to import, possess, transport or rear, or conduct research on transgenic painted urchins and transgenic sea squirts, and take action consistent with the Commission regulation, if warranted.

(Pursuant to subdivision 15007(e), California Fish and Game Code, and subsection 671.1(a)(8)(H), Title 14, CCR)

26. Experimental fishing permit (EFP) major amendment request

Potentially reconsider and act on a major amendment request for an EFP (Commission tracking # 2023-02) approved to test pop-up fishing systems in the California Dungeness crab fishery.

(Pursuant to Section 91)

27. Commission Policy on Naming Installations

Discuss and potentially approve amendments to the Commission's Policy on *Naming Installations*, including changing the policy's title to *Naming Protected Areas*. (Pursuant to Section 703, California Fish and Game Code)

28. Regulation change petitions (marine)

(Pursuant to Section 662)

(A) **Petitions for action today**

Consider whether to grant, deny, or refer for additional review, petitions for regulation change received at previous meetings. Petitions granted today will be added to the Commission's rulemaking calendar for development and future consideration.

I. Petition 2025-01: Request to amend methods of recreational take of limpets

(B) **New petitions**

Receive new petitions for regulation change.

Consideration of whether to grant, deny, or refer petitions for additional review is expected to be scheduled for the June 11-12, 2025 Commission meeting.

(C) Referred petitions

- I. Receive public comments on petitions previously referred by the Commission to staff, legal counsel, a Commission committee, and/or the Department for review and recommendation.
- II. Marine protected area (MPA) petitions: Amended petitions update
 Receive a written staff update regarding amendments submitted for MPA
 petitions previously referred for review and recommendation, but not yet
 scheduled for action. Receive an updated summary of MPA petitions in
 "bin 2" with proposed actions reflecting submitted amendments.

Commission action on any referred petition will be scheduled for consideration once a recommendation is received.

29. Non-regulatory requests from previous meetings (marine)

Consider and potentially act on non-regulatory requests submitted by members of the public at previous meetings.

30. Committee and Department reports

Receive updates on items of note since the previous Commission meeting from Commission committees and Department divisions.

(A) Marine Resources Committee

Receive summary and consider approving recommendations from the March 13, 2025 Committee meeting. Discuss referred topics and consider revisions to topics and timing.

(B) **Department Marine Region**

I. Update on annual recreational ocean salmon and Pacific halibut regulations and automatic conformance to federal regulations, including potential for a "bubble fishery" for ocean salmon at Pillar Point Harbor.

31. Commission administrative items

(A) Legislative report

Receive updates on legislative activity and consider providing direction to staff on potential actions.

(B) Rulemaking timetable updates

Review and potentially approve changes to the perpetual timetable for anticipated regulatory actions.

(C) Future meetings and new business

Review logistics and approve draft agenda items for the next Commission meetings (May 14 and June 11-12, 2025), consider any changes to approved meeting dates or locations, or introduce new business for a future meeting agenda.

General Public Comment

32. 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 (Section 11125 and subdivision 11125.7(a), California Government Code).

Adjourn

Public Receipt of Documents

This section of the agenda highlights reports or other significant documents received by the Commission since the previous meeting. Any Commission discussion or action on these documents will be noticed and placed on the agenda of a future meeting. Since February 13, 2025, the Commission has received three documents:

- 1. Department's evaluation report on the petition to list quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) as endangered under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA). Additional information about the petition is available on the Commission's CESA page under "Active Petitions" at https://fgc.ca.gov/CESA#active-petitions
- 2. Petition from Dr. Nick Jensen, Center for Biological Diversity, to list Gerry's curly-leaved monardella (*Monardella sinuate* subsp. *gerryi*) as endangered under CESA. Additional information about the petition is available on the Commission's CESA page under "Active Petitions" at https://fgc.ca.gov/CESA#active-petitions.
- 3. Petition from Lisa T. Belenky and Elizabeth Reid-Wainscoat, Center for Biological Diversity, to list Pacific pocket mouse (*Perognathus longimembris pacificus*) as threatened or endangered under CESA. Additional information about the petition is available on the Commission's CESA page under "Active Petitions" at https://fgc.ca.gov/CESA#active-petitions.

Executive Session

(Not open to the public)

At a convenient time during the regular agenda of its April 16-17, 2025 meeting, the Commission will recess from the public portion of the agenda and conduct a closed session on the agenda items below. The Commission is authorized to discuss these matters in a closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 11126, subdivisions (a)(1), (c)(3), and (e)(1), and Fish and Game Code Section 309. After closed session, the Commission will reconvene in public session, which may include announcements about actions taken during closed session.

- (A) Pending litigation to which the Commission is a party
 - I. The People of the State of California v. Hannam Chain U.S.A., Inc., et al. (restricted species) and Hannam Chain U.S.A., Inc., et al. v. California Fish and Game Commission (challenge to restricted species regulation)
 - II. The Ballona Wetlands Land Trust v. California Fish and Game Commission and California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (challenge to decisions related to public uses on an ecological reserve)
 - III. The Ballona Wetlands Land Trust v. California Fish and Game Commission (Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve petition for regulation change)
 - IV. Wright v. Sklar (classification of ferrets)
 - V. Borba et al. v. Merced Co, Merced Irrigation Dist., California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, and California Fish and Game Commission (complaint for damages related to flooding)
 - VI. Perez-Ramirez et al. v. County of Merced, City of Merced, Merced Irrigation Dist., California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, and California Fish and Game Commission (complaint for damages related to flooding)
 - VII. Glenn et al. v. County of Merced, City of Merced, Merced Irrigation Dist., California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, and California Fish and Game Commission (complaint for damages related to flooding)
- (B) Possible litigation involving the Commission
- (C) Staffing
- (D) Deliberation and action on license and permit items

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
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 95814go
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 here 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 Commission Meeting Procedures Information

Welcome to a Meeting of the California Fish and Game Commission

This year marks the 155th year of operation of the Commission in partnership with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Our goal is the preservation of our heritage and conservation of our natural resources through informed decision making; Commission meetings are vital in achieving that goal and we provide this information to be as effective and efficient toward that end. Welcome, and please let us know if you have any questions.

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 (CRO) at 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. If a request for an accommodation has been submitted but is no longer needed, please contact the CRO immediately.

Stay Informed

To receive meeting agendas and regulatory notices 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 Comments

The public is encouraged to comment on any agenda item. Submit written comments by one of the following methods: E-mail to 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 (you must call at least one business day in advance to arrange delivery). Materials provided to the Commission may be made available to the general public.

Comment Deadlines

The *Comment Deadline* for this meeting is **5:00 p.m. on 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 April 11, 2025**. Comments received by this deadline will be made available to Commissioners at the meeting.

After these deadlines, written comments may be delivered in person to the meeting. Please bring 12 copies of written comments to the meeting and give them to the designated staff member just prior to speaking.

Petitions for Regulation Change

Any person requesting that the Commission adopt, amend, or repeal a regulation must complete and submit form FGC 1, *Petition to the California Fish and Game Commission for Regulation Change* (as required by Section 662, Title 14, CCR), available at https://fgc.ca.gov/Regulations/Petition-for-Regulation-Change. To be received by the

Commission at this meeting, petition forms must be received by the **Supplemental Comment Deadline** or delivered in person at the meeting during the regulation change petitions agenda item. Petitions received at this meeting will be scheduled for consideration at the next regularly scheduled business meeting, unless the petition is rejected under staff review pursuant to subsection 662(b), Title 14, CCR.

Non-Regulatory Requests

All non-regulatory requests follow a two-meeting cycle to ensure proper review and thorough consideration of each item. All requests submitted by the *Supplemental Comment Deadline* (or heard during general public comment at the meeting) will be scheduled for receipt at this meeting and scheduled for consideration at the next regularly scheduled business meeting.

Speaking at the Meeting

To speak on an agenda item in-person, please complete a "speaker card" and provide it to the designated staff member before the agenda item is announced. Please complete one speaker card per item. Cards will be available near the entrance of the meeting room.

To speak on an agenda item via Zoom or phone, please "raise" your hand either through the Zoom function or by pressing *9 once on your phone when prompted at the beginning of the agenda item.

- 1. In-person speakers will be identified in groups; please line up when your name is called. Speakers on Zoom or phone will be identified by your Zoom display name or the last three digits of your phone number; listen closely for when your name or number is called.
- 2. When addressing the Commission, please give your name and the name of any organization you represent, and provide your comments on the item under consideration.
- 3. If there are several speakers with the same concerns, you are encouraged to appoint a spokesperson and avoid repetitive testimony.
- 4. The presiding commissioner will allot between one and three minutes per speaker per agenda item, subject to several exceptions:
 - a. The presiding commissioner may allow up to five minutes for an individual speaker if a minimum of three individuals who are present when the agenda item is called have ceded their time to the designated spokesperson, and the individuals ceding time forfeit their right to speak to the agenda item.
 - b. In-person participants ceding their time shall complete a speaker card and approach the staff table with the spokesperson so that staff may confirm the presence of those ceding their time. Persons participating via Zoom or phone and ceding their time to another speaker must notify the Commission at fgc.ca.gov prior to the start of the agenda item, including to whom they are ceding their time, and must be present during the agenda item.
 - c. Individuals may receive advance approval for additional time to speak if such requests are received by email or delivery to the Commission office by the **Supplemental Comment Deadline**. The president or designee will approve or deny the request no later than 5:00 p.m. two days prior to the meeting.
 - d. An individual requiring an interpreter is entitled to at least twice the allotted speaking time pursuant to Government Code Section 11125.7(c).

e. An individual may receive additional time to speak to an agenda item at the request of any commissioner.

Agenda items may be heard in any order and on either day pursuant to the discretion of the presiding commissioner.

Visual Presentations/Materials

All electronic presentations must be submitted by the **Supplemental Comment Deadline** and approved by the Commission executive director before the meeting.

- 1. 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.
- 2. All electronic formats must be Windows PC compatible.
- 3. If presenting at the in-person meeting location, it is recommended that you bring a print copy of your presentation in case of technical difficulties.