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### Wildlife Resources Committee

Committee Co-Chairs: Commissioner Zavaleta and Commissioner Anderson

#### Meeting Agenda

**May 15, 2025; 10:00 a.m.**

#### In Person

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

and

#### Zoom and Phone

**To participate in the meeting remotely, you may join via Zoom or by telephone directly at <https://wildlife-ca-gov.zoom.us/j/82201466595>. For complete instructions on how to join the meeting via Zoom or telephone, [click here](#) or visit [www.fgc.ca.gov/meetings/2025](http://www.fgc.ca.gov/meetings/2025).**

- Notes:**
- (1) See important meeting information 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. Annual regulation changes**  
Initial vetting for 2026-27 seasons:
  - (A) Waterfowl hunting
  - (B) Central Valley sport fishing
  - (C) Klamath River Basin sport fishing

**3. Periodic regulation changes**

Initial vetting for 2026-27 seasons:

- (A) Upland (resident) game bird hunting
- (B) Department lands
- (C) Big game hunting
  - I. Deer
  - II. Elk
  - III. Bighorn sheep
  - IV. Pronghorn antelope
  - V. Bear

**4. Take of coyotes**

Discussion and potential recommendations for changes to regulations regarding the take of coyotes.

**5. Department updates**

The Department will highlight items of note since the last committee meeting.

- (A) Wildlife Branch
  - I. Bighorn sheep plan
- (B) Fisheries Branch
- (C) Law Enforcement Division

**6. General public comment for items not on the agenda**

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].

**7. Future agenda items**

- (A) Review work plan agenda topics and timeline
- (B) Potential new agenda topics for Commission consideration

Adjourn

## California Fish and Game Commission Meeting Schedule

**Note:** As meeting dates and locations can change, please visit [www.fgc.ca.gov](http://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
June 11-12, 2025	East End Complex Auditorium 1500 Capitol Avenue Sacramento, CA 95814	
July 16-17, 2025		<b>Marine Resources</b> California Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814
August 12, 2025		<b>Tribal</b> 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		<b>Wildlife Resources</b> California Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814
October 8-9, 2025	Sacramento area	
November 5-6, 2025		<b>Marine Resources</b> California Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814
December 9, 2025		<b>Tribal</b> Sacramento area
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 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

## Committee Meeting Procedures and 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](mailto: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.

### 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](mailto: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, 16<sup>th</sup> 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 **May 2, 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 **May 12, 2025**. 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 redirected to the full 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 or co-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 previous comment.
- 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 members discuss 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](mailto: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.