

Staff Summary for April 16-17, 2025

31B. Rulemaking Timetable Updates**Today's Item****Information** ☐**Action** ☒

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

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

- Commission approved rulemaking timetable December 11-12, 2024
- **Today consider approving changes to the rulemaking timetable April 16-17, 2025**

Background

This is a standing agenda item for staff and the Department to request changes to the Commission's rulemaking timetable (Exhibit 2), confirm changes made by the Commission during this meeting, and highlight minor changes made by staff.

The Department requests three changes to the rulemaking timetable (Exhibit 1):

- Add a "Striped Bass Harvest Size Limits" rulemaking to amend sections 5.75 and 27.85. This rulemaking addresses a regulation change petition granted by the Commission to establish a minimum length and maximum size limit for sport take of striped bass. The proposed rulemaking schedule is notice in June 2025, discussion in August 2025, and adoption in October 2025.
- Add a "Golden Mussel – Restricted Species" rulemaking to amend Section 671. This regular rulemaking is necessary to maintain the current emergency regulations for golden mussel once the emergency regulations expire and to add other species, including European green crab, to the restricted species list. The proposed rulemaking schedule is notice in August 2025 and discussion and adoption in October 2025.
- Add a "Big Game Preference Points" rulemaking to amend section 708.14. This rulemaking is necessary to address concerns regarding administration in preference point reinstatement and refunds for big game hunt zones when public land closures occur due to wildfires. The proposed rulemaking schedule is notice in August 2025, discussion in October 2025, and adoption in December 2025.

Commission staff requests four changes to the rulemaking timetable:

- Remove the "European Green Crab (CFGC Petition 2017-006)" rulemaking from the "future rulemakings" table. This petition for regulation change will be incorporated into the "Golden Mussel – Restricted Species" rulemaking requested by the Department.
- Add a "Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)" rulemaking to the future rulemakings table to amend Section 632. This rulemaking will address actions granted during the MPA regulation change petition review process for "bin 1" petitions as part of the first decadal management review for California's network of MPAs. Also, add a footnote indicating that this future rulemaking "considers granted actions from petitions 2023-22MPA

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(actions 1, 2, 4 and 6), 2023-25MPA (actions 1 and 3), 2023-26MPA (actions 2, 3 and 4), and 2023-31MPA (actions 1 and 2)

- Add a “Lands Pass – Hope Valley Wildlife Area” rulemaking to the future rulemakings table. This rulemaking will incorporate the granted petition for regulation change 2018-016. Add a footnote indicating that this future rulemaking “considers CFGC Petition 2018-016(a).”
- Switch the scheduled Commission meeting days in June 2025 to reflect marine items on the first day and wildlife and inland fisheries items on the second day.

Significant Public Comments (N/A)**Recommendation**

Commission staff: Approve the proposed changes to the rulemaking timetable as identified in this staff summary and Exhibit 2, and any other changes identified during this meeting.

Department: Approve the proposed changes to the rulemaking timetable as identified in Exhibit 1.

Exhibits

1. [Department memo, received April 10, 2025](#)
2. [“Perpetual Timetable for Regulatory Actions,” dated April 11, 2025](#)

Motion

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission approves the proposed changes to the rulemaking timetable as recommended and discussed today.

Memorandum

Date: April 7, 2025

To: Melissa Miller-Henson
Executive Director
Fish and Game Commission

From: Charlton H. Bonham
Director

Subject: **April 2025 Request for Changes to the Fish and Game Commission's Timetable for Anticipated Regulatory Actions**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) requests the following schedule changes to the Fish and Game Commission's (Commission's) 2025 regulatory timetable for amendments to Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR):

1. Please add a new rulemaking, "Striped Bass Harvest Size Limits" amending sections 5.75 and 27.85, requesting to authorize notice at the June 2025 meeting, discussion at the August meeting, and adoption at the October 2025 meeting. This rulemaking aims to address the intent of the Commission's petition 2022-12 submitted by the NorCal Guides and Sportsmen's Association to establish a minimum length limit and a maximum size for sport fish take of striped bass, as discussed at [past Wildlife Resources Committee meetings](#).
2. Please add a certificate of compliance (standard rulemaking action) for the existing emergency regulation, "Golden Mussel Response – Restricted Species" amending Section 671. This regulation would be slated for notice for the August 2025 meeting and Discussion/ Adoption at the October 2025 meeting. This rulemaking aims to make the addition of golden mussel to the Restricted Species List indefinite, and will add to Section 671 in this standard rulemaking other species, such as the European green crab from the [Commission's Perpetual Rulemaking Timetable](#), "Future Rulemakings: Schedule to be Determined" items, from petition 2017-006.
3. Please add a new rulemaking, "Big Game Preference Points" amending Section 708.14, requesting to authorize notice at the August 2025 meeting, discussion at the October meeting, and adoption at the December 2025 meeting. This rulemaking aims to address concerns regarding administration in preference point reinstatement and refunds for big game hunt zones when public land closures occur due to wildfires.

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California Fish and Game Commission: Perpetual Timetable for Anticipated Regulatory Actions

April 11, 2025

Proposed changes are shown in blue ~~strikeout~~/underline

Subject of Rulemaking	Title 14 Section(s)	MRC Sacramento March 13, 2025	TC Sacramento April 15, 2025	FGC Sacramento April 16, 2025	FGC Sacramento April 17, 2025	FGC Teleconference May 14, 2025	WRC Sacramento May 15, 2025	FGC Sacramento June 11, 2025	FGC Sacramento June 12, 2025	MRC Sacramento July 17, 2025	TC Sacramento August 12, 2025	FGC Sacramento August 13, 2025	FGC Sacramento August 14, 2025	WRC Sacramento September 11, 2025	FGC Sacramento October 8, 2025	FGC Sacramento October 9, 2025	MRC Sacramento November 6, 2025	TC Sacramento December 9, 2025	FGC Sacramento December 10, 2025	FGC Sacramento December 11, 2025	WRC Ontario / San Bernardino January 13, 2026	FGC Sacramento February 11, 2026	FGC Sacramento February 12, 2026
Central Valley Sport Fishing (Annual)	7.40(b)(4), (43), (66), (80)			D		A				E 7/15													
Klamath River Basin Sport Fishing (Annual)	7.40(b)(50)			D		A				E 7/15													
Waterfowl Hunting, 2025-26 (Annual)	502			A						E 7/1													
Commercial California Halibut and White Seabass Set Gill Nets	174.1							Disapproved by OAL on 2/19. Re-submittal pending.															
Recreational Take of Barred Sand Bass	28.30				A			E 6/1															
Commercial Red Sea Urchin ²	120.7				A					E 7/1													
White Sturgeon Sport Fishing During CESA Candidacy Emergency (First 90-Day Extension)	5.78, 27.93	E 3/5						EE 6/3															
White Sturgeon Sport Fishing During CESA Candidacy Emergency (Second 90-Day Extension)	5.78, 27.93					A		E 6/3						EE 9/1									
White Sturgeon Sport Fishing 2084	5.78, 5.79, 5.80, 27.90, 27.92, 27.93			D				A	A					E 9/1									
Adding Golden Mussel to the List of Restricted Species Emergency	671									EE 6/17													
Adding Golden Mussel to the List of Restricted Species Emergency (First 90-Day Extension)	671			A						E 6/17					EE 9/15								
Adding Golden Mussel to the List of Restricted Species Emergency (Second 90-Day Extension)	671							A	A						E 9/15						EE 12/14		
Commercial Harvest of Sea Palm; Kelp and Other Aquatic Plants Harvest Reporting	165, 705.1				D/A																E 1/1		
Commercial Coonstripe Shrimp Fishery Emergency	180.15						E 5/1									EE 10/28							
Market Squid Fishery Management Plan Amendment	53.00, 53.01, 53.02, 53.03				N			D	D				A								E 1/1		
Commercial Take of Market Squid	149				N			D	D				A								E 1/1		
Recreational Crab Fishing Gear and Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessel Trap Validation	29.80, 29.85, 190, 195, 701				N			D	D				A								E 1/1		
Falconry	670			N		D		A	A						E 10/1								
Striped Bass Harvest Size Limits	5.75, 27.85								N			D			A								
Golden Mussel Response - Restricted Species	671												N			D/A			A				
Big Game Preference Points	708											N			D				A				
Big Game Hunting, 2025-26 Seasons, and Chronic Wasting Disease Testing	360, 362, 363, 364, 364.1, 708.5			A						E 7/1													

Future Rulemakings: Schedule to be Determined

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Santa Cruz Harbor Salmon Fishing (CFGC Petition 2016-018)	TBD																						
<u>European Green Crab (CFGC Petition 2017-096)</u>	<u>TBD</u>																						
Possess Game / Process Into Food	TBD																						
American Zoological Association / Zoo and Aquarium Association	671.1																						
Night Hunting in Gray Wolf Range (CFGC Petition 2015-010)	474																						
Donation of Fish to Non-Profit Organizations ¹	TBD																						
Electronic Report Cards	1.74, 5.79, 5.80, 5.81, 5.87, 5.88																						
Shellfish Aquaculture Best Management Practices	TBD																						
Ridgeback Prawn Incidental Take Allowance	120(e)																						
<u>Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)³</u>	<u>632</u>																						
<u>Lands Pass - Hope Valley Wildlife Area⁴</u>	<u>TBD</u>																						

KEY

CFGC = California Fish and Game Commission MRC = CFGC Marine Resources Committee WRC = CFGC Wildlife Resources Committee TC = CFGC Tribal Committee OAL = Office of Administrative Law

EM = Emergency EE = Emergency Expires E = Anticipated Effective Date (RED "X" = expedited OAL review) EUF = Effective Upon Filing w/ Secretary of State

N = Notice Hearing D = Discussion Hearing A = Adoption Hearing V = Committee Vetting R = Committee Recommendation 1 = Considers CFGC Petition 2023-10 2 = Considers CFGC Petition 2023-04

3 = Considers MPA Petitions/sub-actions: 2023-22MPA (sub-actions 1, 2, 4, 6); 2023-25MPA (sub-actions 1, 3); 2023-26MPA (sub-actions 2, 3, 4); and 2023-31MPA (sub-actions 1, 2) 4 = Considers CFGC Petition 2018-016(a)