

Staff Summary for August 13-14, 2025

24C. Administrative Items – Potential Meeting Dates for 2027**Today's Item****Information** ☐**Action** ☒

Consider and potentially approve revised draft meeting dates for 2027 as proposed by staff; staff will confirm locations at a future meeting.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

- Discuss revised 2027 meeting dates June 11-12, 2025
- **Discuss and potentially approve 2027 meeting dates August 13-14, 2025**

Background

The Commission currently conducts its business at six two-day meetings (February, April, June, August, October and December), usually on Wednesday and Thursday, plus a teleconference meeting in May and others as needed. Committees each generally hold three meetings per year (half-day to full-day and, occasionally, two full days).

In 2025, committee meetings have been held either between Commission business meetings (Wildlife Resources Committee [WRC] on Thursdays in January, May and September and Marine Resources Committee [MRC] on Thursdays in March, July and November), or the afternoon before the first day of a Commission meeting (Tribal Committee [TC] on Tuesdays).

Adequate meeting facilities have become more difficult to secure, and advanced planning increases the likelihood of locating suitable and available venues. Thus, to ensure staff has adequate time to identify and secure venue options that meet the Commission's requirements related to cost, information technology, and security conditions, as well as State-mandated bids, contracting conditions and timelines, it is important for meeting dates and locations to be identified well in advance.

A list of proposed 2027 meeting dates (Table 1) is presented for Commission consideration, discussion, and potential approval today; only one change has been made to the dates from the draft presented to the Commission in June (January WRC moved from Thursday, June 14th to Wednesday the 13th). Staff developed the proposed meeting dates accounting for State holidays, other relevant meeting schedules, and regulatory deadlines. In light of the State's current and expected ongoing budget deficit, staff propose Sacramento area meeting locations to reduce costs to the state.

For this year's Commission meetings, wildlife and inland fisheries items are heard on the first day, and marine items are heard the second day. For 2026, the subject matter will rotate such that marine items are heard on the first day, and wildlife and inland fisheries items on the second day, with a new rotation implemented in 2027.

Please note the following when reviewing the 2027 proposed meeting dates:

- The January WRC meeting is now scheduled for Wednesday, January 13, 2027.
- The February Commission meeting immediately follows a three-day weekend.

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- The June Commission meeting is during graduation season and the proposed dates were selected to not overlap with the June Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting (June 16-22).

The November MRC meeting is proposed for November 18, which may need to be reconsidered in the future, recognizing that the Pacific Fishery Management Council has not scheduled its November 2027 meeting yet.

Table 1: Proposed 2027 Commission and Committee Meeting Dates

| Dates | Meeting Type |
|----------------|--------------|
| January 13 | WRC |
| February 17-18 | Commission |
| March 18 | MRC |
| April 13 | TC |
| April 14-15 | Commission |
| May 6 | Commission |
| May 13 | WRC |
| June 9-10 | Commission |
| July 15 | MRC |
| August 17 | TC |
| August 18-19 | Commission |
| September 16 | WRC |
| October 13-14 | Commission |
| November 18 | MRC |
| December 14 | TC |
| December 15-16 | Commission |

Other Relevant 2027 Meetings and Locations

- Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
 - Normally takes place in September; specific dates and locations not yet available

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- Pacific Fishery Management Council
 - Mar 4-10, 2027 – Pacific Northwest (specific location not yet available)
 - Apr 6-12, 2027 – Northern California
 - Jun 16-22, 2027 – Rohnert Park, CA
 - Sep 2027 – Specific dates and location not yet available
 - Nov 2027 – Specific dates and location not yet available
- Pacific Flyway Council
 - Usually takes place in March and November
- Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
 - Usually takes place in June and December; specific dates and locations not yet available
- Wildlife Conservation Board (all held in Sacramento, CA)
 - Usually takes place in February, May, August, and November; specific dates and locations not yet available

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

Commission staff: Approve the 2027 meeting dates as proposed in Table 1.

Exhibits (N/A)**Motion**

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission approves the 2027 meeting dates as proposed in Table 1.