

Staff Summary for August 13-14, 2025

24B. Administrative Items – Rulemaking Timetable Updates**Today's Item**Information ☐Action ☒

Review and consider approving changes to the perpetual timetable for anticipated regulatory actions.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

- Commission approved rulemaking timetable June 11-12, 2025
- **Today, consider approving changes to the rulemaking timetable August 13-14, 2025**

Background

This is a standing agenda item for staff and the Department to request changes to the Commission's rulemaking timetable (Exhibit 3), confirm changes made by the Commission during this meeting, and highlight minor changes made by staff.

The Department requests eight changes to the rulemaking timetable (exhibits 1 and 2):

- Update the adoption date for the "White Sturgeon Sport Fishing 2084" rulemaking to August 2025.
- Remove the "Big Game Preference Points" rulemaking, amending Section 708. This rulemaking is not necessary at this time, according to Department program staff.
- Schedule the annual "Waterfowl Hunting" rulemaking, amending Section 502, for notice in December 2025, discussion in February 2026, and adoption in April 2026. Potential waterfowl hunting regulation changes will be discussed at the September 2025 Wildlife Resources Committee (WRC) meeting, with Commission approval at this meeting.
- Add a "Big Game Hunting, 2026-2027 Seasons" rulemaking to amend sections 362, 363, 364, and potentially other sections. This rulemaking is necessary to make adjustments to regulations for big game hunting, such as hunt tag quotas, hunt zone areas, and season dates. The proposed rulemaking schedule is notice in December 2025, discussion in February 2026, and adoption in April 2026. Potential big game hunting regulation changes will be discussed at the September 2025 WRC meeting, with Commission approval at this meeting.
- Add a "Black Bear Hunting" rulemaking to amend Section 365. This rulemaking is necessary to maintain appropriate bear harvest rates and hunt quality and opportunities. The proposed rulemaking schedule is for notice in December 2025, discussion in February 2026, and adoption in April 2026. Potential black bear hunting regulation changes will be discussed at the September 2025 WRC meeting, with Commission approval at this meeting.
- Add an "Inland Sport Fishing 2026" rulemaking, amending multiple sections to be determined. This rulemaking is necessary to make periodic adjustments to inland fishing regulations throughout the state, such as increased fishing opportunities, allowable gear, seasonal species protection, biological sampling, and report card requirements.

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The proposed rulemaking schedule before the full Commission has not yet been determined; however, initial vetting of potential regulation changes is recommended at the September 2025 WRC meeting, with additional discussion and potential recommendations at the January 2026 WRC meeting.

- Add a “Rattlesnake Exhibition” rulemaking, amending sections to be determined. This rulemaking is necessary to provide a possession and propagation permitting framework for commercial exhibition of California native rattlesnakes. The proposed rulemaking schedule before the full Commission has not yet been determined; however, initial vetting of potential regulation changes is recommended at the September 2025 WRC meeting, with additional discussion and potential recommendations at the January 2026 WRC meeting.
- Make various adjustments to anticipated regulation effective dates.

Commission staff requests one change to the rulemaking timetable:

- Reschedule the “Commercial Coonstripe Shrimp Fishery Emergency (Second 90-Day Extension)” from adoption in October 2025 to adoption in December 2025.

Significant Public Comments (N/A)

Recommendation

Commission staff: Approve the proposed changes to the perpetual timetable for anticipated regulatory actions as identified in this staff summary and Exhibit 3, and any other changes identified during this meeting.

Department: Approve the proposed changes to the rulemaking timetable as identified in exhibits 1 and 2.

Exhibits

1. [Department memo](#), received July 31, 2025
2. [Email from Ona Alminas, Regulations Unit Manager, Department](#), received August 5, 2025
3. [“Perpetual Timetable for Anticipated Regulatory Actions,”](#) dated August 7, 2025

Motion

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission approves the proposed changes to the perpetual timetable for anticipated regulatory actions as recommended and discussed today.

Memorandum

Date: July 30, 2025

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

From: Charlton H. Bonham
Director

Subject: **August 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) 2025-2026 regulatory timetable for amendments to Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR):

1. Please update the adoption for the existing rulemaking, "White sturgeon sport fishing 2084" to adoption at the upcoming August meeting, and a regulation effective date of effective upon filing.
2. Please remove the rulemaking, "Big game preference points" from the rulemaking calendar. Department programs have determined that amendments to regulatory language are not necessary.
3. Please update the effective date of the rulemaking, "Golden mussel, green crab, *Sinanondonta* and *Xeonstrobis* – Restricted Species" to be effective upon filing no later than December 13, 2025.
4. Please add the annual rulemaking, "Waterfowl hunting, 2026-2027 seasons (Annual)" amending Section 502, requesting to authorize notice at the December 2025 meeting, discussion at the February 2026 meeting, and adoption at the April 2026 meeting. This is the standard waterfowl rulemaking that occurs annually as part of the Pacific Flyway Council updates.
5. Please add the periodic rulemaking, "Big game hunting, 2026-2027 seasons" amending sections 362, 363, 364, and other sections TBD, requesting to authorize notice at the December 2025 meeting, discussion at the February 2026 meeting, and adoption at the April 2026 meeting. These are annual updates for big game hunting.
6. As part of big game hunting, please add an infrequent rulemaking "Black bear hunting" amending section 365, requesting to authorize notice at the December 2025 meeting, discussion at the February 2026 meeting, and adoption at the

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April 2026 meeting.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Regulations Unit Manager, Ona Alminas, at (916) 902-9222 or Regulations@wildlife.ca.gov.

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Subject: Proposed regulatory concepts for Committee consideration

Good afternoon Melissa,

The Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) requests the following regulatory proposals for amendments to Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR) to be added to the agenda for the September 11, 2025 Wildlife Resources Committee meeting for discussion and vetting, and for consideration towards a potential action at the January 13, 2026 Wildlife Resources Committee meeting.

1. Inland Sport Fishing 2026
 - a. This proposal includes various updates throughout inland sport fishing regulations, including regulatory language clean-up, changes to increase opportunities, gear related changes, updates for protection of certain species at certain times of year, biological sampling requirements, and updates for the steelhead report card.
2. Rattlesnake Exhibition
 - a. This proposal aims to provide a framework to permit the possession and propagation of California native rattlesnakes for commercial exhibition.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at Regulations@wildlife.ca.gov [REDACTED]

Thank you,
Ona Alminas



Ona Alminas, M.S. (she/her)
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California Fish and Game Commission: Perpetual Timetable for Anticipated Regulatory Actions

August 7, 2025

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Subject of Rulemaking	Title 14 Section(s)	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 Sacramento January 13, 2026	FGC Sacramento February 11, 2026	FGC Sacramento February 12, 2026	MRC Sacramento March 12, 2026	TC Sacramento April 14, 2026	FGC Sacramento April 15, 2026	FGC Sacramento April 16, 2026	FGC Sacramento May 6, 2026	WRC Sacramento May 14, 2026	FGC Sacramento June 17, 2026	FGC Sacramento June 18, 2026	MRC Sacramento July 16, 2026
Central Valley Sport Fishing (Annual)	7.40(b)(4), (43), (66), (80)				V/R																		
Klamath River Basin Sport Fishing (Annual)	7.40(b)(50)				V/R																		
Waterfowl Hunting, 2025-26-2026-2027(Annual)	502				V/R				N				D				A					E 7/1	
White Sturgeon Sport Fishing During CESA Candidacy Emergency (Second 90-Day Extension)	5.78, 27.93				EE 9/1																		
White Sturgeon Sport Fishing 2084	5.78, 5.79, 5.80, 27.90, 27.92, 27.93		A	E-9/4 EUF																			
Adding Golden Mussel to the List of Restricted Species Emergency (First 90-Day Extension)	671					EE 9/15																	
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Commercial Harvest of Sea Palm; Kelp and Other Aquatic Plants Harvest Reporting	165, 705.1											E 1/1											
Commercial Coonstripe Shrimp Fishery Emergency	180.15					EE 10/7																	
Commercial Coonstripe Shrimp Fishery Emergency (First 90-Day Extension)	180.15			A		E 10/7						EE 1/5											
Commercial Coonstripe Shrimp Fishery Emergency (Second 90-Day Extension)	180.15						A				A	E 1/5				EE 4/5							
Commercial Coonstripe Shrimp Fishery	180.15						N				D/A					E 4/1							
Market Squid Fishery Management Plan Amendment	53.01, 53.02, 53.03			A								E 1/1											
Commerical Take of Market Squid	149, 149.1			A								E 1/1											
Recreational Crab Fishing Gear and Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessel Trap Validation	29.80, 29.85, 190, 195, 701			A								E 1/1											
Falconry	670					E 10/1																	
Striped Bass Harvest Size Limits	5.75, 27.85		D			A						E 1/1											
Golden Mussel, Green Crab, Sinanodonta and Xenostrobus - Restricted Species ⁴	671			N		D/A					E-1/4- EUF												
Take of Morro Manzanita During Candidacy	749.14		D			A						E 1/1											
Extend Bull Kelp Harvest Restriction Date	165, 165.5			N			D/A					E 1/1											
Big Game Preference Points	708		N			D				A						E-4/4							
Recreational Red Abalone Closure Extension	29.15			N			D				A					E 4/1							
Donation of Sport-Caught Fish ¹	231						N				D/A					E 4/1							
Big Game Hunting, 2026-2027 Seasons	362, 363, 364, TBD									N				D				A				E 7/1	
Black Bear Hunting	365				V					N				D				A				E 7/1	
Inland Sport Fishing 2026	TBD				V							R											
Rattlesnake Exhibition	TBD				V							R											

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2 = 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) 3 = Considers CFGC Petition 2018-016(a) 4 = Considers CFGC Petition 2017-006

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Future Rulemakings: Schedule to be Determined

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Santa Cruz Harbor Salmon Fishing (CFGF Petition 2016-018)	TBD																						
Possess Game / Process Into Food	TBD																						
American Zoological Association / Zoo and Aquarium Association	671.1																						
Night Hunting in Gray Wolf Range (CFGF Petition 2015-010)	474																						
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)																						
Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) ²	632																						
Lands Pass - Hope Valley Wildlife Area ³	TBD																						

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