

Staff Summary for October 8-9, 2025

27B. 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 August 13-14, 2025
- **Today, consider approving changes to the rulemaking timetable October 8-9, 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 four changes to the rulemaking timetable (Exhibit 1):

- Schedule the annual "Central Valley Sport Fishing" and "Klamath River Basin Sport Fishing" rulemakings, with notice in February 2026, discussion in April 2026, and adoption in May 2026. The anticipated effective dates are July 1, 2026 for the Klamath River Basin and July 15, 2026 for the Central Valley.
- Schedule a rulemaking titled "Inland Sport Fishing 2026," with notice in April 2026, discussion in June 2026, and adoption in August 2026. The anticipated effective date is January 1, 2027.
- Remove the "Big Game Hunting, 2026-2027 Seasons" rulemaking and separate it into three rulemakings: "Bighorn Sheep Hunting," amending Section 362; "Pronghorn Antelope Hunting," amending Section 363; and "Elk Hunting," amending sections 364, 364.1, and 555.1. Schedule the three rulemakings under the same timeline: notice in December 2025, discussion in February 2026, and adoption in April 2026.
- Make several additions to affected Title 14 sections for multiple rulemakings.

Commission staff requests two changes to the rulemaking timetable:

- Reschedule the "Commercial Coonstripe Shrimp Fishery" rulemaking from notice in October 2025 and discussion/adoption in December 2025 to notice in December 2025 and discussion/adoption in February 2026.
- Rename the "Donation of Sport Caught Fish" rulemaking to "Processing and Donating Sport Caught Fish" to better represent the scope of the regulations, and reschedule the rulemaking from notice in October 2025 and discussion/adoption in December 2025 to notice in December 2025 and discussion/adoption in February 2026.

Significant Public Comments (N/A)

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Recommendation

Commission staff: Approve the proposed changes to the perpetual timetable for anticipated regulatory actions 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 September 24, 2025](#)
2. [“Perpetual Timetable for Anticipated Regulatory Actions,” dated September 25, 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: September 18, 2025

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

From: Charlton H. Bonham
Director

Subject: **October 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 (T14), California Code of Regulations (CCR):

1. Schedule the recurring rulemakings, "Central Valley Sport Fishing (Annual)," and "Klamath River Basin Sport Fishing (Annual)," requesting to authorize notice at the February 2026 meeting, discuss at the April 2026 meeting, and adopt at the May 2026 teleconference, amending subsections 7.40(b)(4), (b)(43), (b)(66), and (b)(80) and amending 7.40(b)(50), respectively. These are standard rulemakings that occur annually as part of the Pacific Fishery Management Council process. The requested effective dates will be July 1, 2026 for the Klamath River Basin and July 15, 2026 for the Central Valley.
2. Remove the existing rulemaking, "Big Game Hunting, 2026-2027 Seasons" and add new "Bighorn Sheep Hunting," "Pronghorn Antelope Hunting," and "Elk Hunting" rulemakings to amend Sections 362; 363; and 364, 364.1, 555.1; respectively. The Department supports separating the individual species under consideration in the "Big game Hunting, 2026-2027 Seasons" rulemaking into individual items on the same schedule of notice in December 2025, discussion in February 2026, and adoption in April 2026.
3. Update the existing rulemaking, "Black Bear Hunting," to add Sections 366 and 708.12 to the list of affected T14 Sections.
4. Update the existing rulemaking, "Rattlesnake Exhibition" to reflect amendments to Section 42.1 and the addition of a new Section 43.
5. Update and schedule the existing rulemaking, "Inland Sport Fishing 2026" reflect amendments to Sections 1.73, 1.74, 2.10, 4.20, 5.00, 5.65, 5.85, 5.88, 6.34,

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6.35, 7.00, 7.40 a 7.50, and 8.00. The changes include regulatory clean-up, means to increase fishing opportunities, changes related to gear use, protective changes, steelhead report card changes, and others. The Department requests to authorize notice at the April 2025 meeting, discuss at the June 2025 meeting and adopt at the August 2025 meeting, with an effective date of January 1, 2027.

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

September 25, 2025

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

Subject of Rulemaking	Title 14 Section(s)	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	TC Sacramento August 11, 2026	FGC Sacramento August 12, 2026	FGC Sacramento August 13, 2026	WRC Sacramento September 10, 2026
Central Valley Sport Fishing (Annual)	7.40(b)(4), (43), (66), (80)									<u>N</u>				<u>D</u>	<u>A</u>				<u>E 7/15</u>				
Klamath River Basin Sport Fishing (Annual)	7.40(b)(50)									<u>N</u>				<u>D</u>	<u>A</u>				<u>E 7/1</u>				
Waterfowl Hunting, 2026-2027 (Annual)	502					<u>N</u>				<u>D</u>				<u>A</u>					<u>E 7/1</u>				
Adding Golden Mussel to the List of Restricted Species Emergency (First 90-Day Extension)	671	<u>EE 9/15</u>																					
Adding Golden Mussel to the List of Restricted Species Emergency (Second 90-Day Extension)	671	<u>E 9/15</u>						<u>EE 12/14</u>															
Commercial Harvest of Sea Palm; Kelp and Other Aquatic Plants Harvest Reporting	165, 705.1							<u>E 1/1</u>															
Commercial Coonstripe Shrimp Fishery Emergency	180.15	<u>EE 10/7</u>																					
Commercial Coonstripe Shrimp Fishery Emergency (First 90-Day Extension)	180.15	<u>E 10/7</u>						<u>EE 1/5</u>															
Commercial Coonstripe Shrimp Fishery Emergency (Second 90-Day Extension)	180.15						<u>A</u>	<u>E 1/5</u>				<u>EE 4/5</u>											
Commercial Coonstripe Shrimp Fishery	180.15, 180.2		<u>N</u>				<u>D/A N</u>		<u>D/A</u>			<u>E 4/4 EUF</u>											
Market Squid Fishery Management Plan Amendment	53.01, 53.02, 53.03							<u>E 1/1</u>															
Commercial Take of Market Squid	149, 149.1							<u>E 1/1</u>															
Recreational Crab Fishing Gear and Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessel Trap Validation	29.80, 29.85, 190, 195, 701							<u>E 1/1</u>															
Falconry	670	<u>E 10/1</u>																					
Striped Bass Harvest Size Limits	5.75, 27.85	<u>A</u>						<u>E 1/1</u>															
Golden Mussel, Green Crab, Sinanodonta and Xenostrobus - Restricted Species ⁴	671	<u>D/A</u>						<u>EUF</u>															
Take of Morro Manzanita During Candidacy	749.14	<u>A</u>						<u>E 1/1</u>															
Extend Bull Kelp Harvest Restriction Date	165, 165.5		<u>D/A</u>					<u>E 1/1</u>															
Recreational Red Abalone Closure Extension	29.15		<u>D</u>				<u>A</u>					<u>E 4/1</u>											
<u>Denation of Sport-Caught Fish Processing and Donating Sport-Caught Fish</u> ¹	231		<u>N</u>				<u>D/A N</u>		<u>D/A</u>			<u>E 4/4</u>							<u>E 7/1</u>				
Recreational Take of Rockfish, Cabezon, Greenling, and Lingcod Emergency	1.91, 27.25, 27.30, 27.35, 27.40, 28.55										<u>EE 2/25</u>												
Recreational Take of Rockfish, Cabezon, Greenling, and Lingcod Emergency (First 90-day Extension)	1.91, 27.25, 27.30, 27.35, 27.40, 28.55						<u>A</u>				<u>E 2/25</u>							<u>EE 5/26</u>					
Recreational Take of Rockfish, Cabezon, Greenling, and Lingcod	1.91, 27.25, 27.30, 27.35, 27.40, 28.55		<u>N</u>				<u>D</u>		<u>A</u>								<u>E 5/26</u>						
Big Game Hunting, 2026-2027 Seasons	<u>362, 363, 364, TBD</u>					<u>N</u>				<u>D</u>				<u>A</u>					<u>E 7/1</u>				
Bighorn Sheep Hunting	<u>362</u>					<u>N</u>				<u>D</u>				<u>A</u>					<u>E 7/1</u>				
Pronghorn Antelope Hunting	<u>363</u>					<u>N</u>				<u>D</u>				<u>A</u>					<u>E 7/1</u>				
Elk Hunting	<u>364, 364.1, 555.1</u>					<u>N</u>				<u>D</u>				<u>A</u>					<u>E 7/1</u>				
Black Bear Hunting	<u>365, 366, 708.12</u>					<u>N</u>				<u>D</u>				<u>A</u>					<u>E 7/1</u>				
Inland Sport Fishing 2026	<u>TBD, 1.73, 1.74, 2.10, 4.20, 5.00, 5.65, 5.85, 5.88, 6.34, 6.35, 7.00, 7.40, 7.50, 8.00</u>							<u>R</u>						<u>N</u>				<u>D</u>				<u>A</u>	
Rattlesnake Exhibition	<u>TBD, 42.1, 43</u>							<u>R</u>															

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Future Rulemakings: Schedule to be Determined

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Santa Cruz Harbor Salmon Fishing (CFGC 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 (CFGC 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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