

Staff Summary for December 10-11, 2025

24C. Administrative Items – Future Meetings and New Business**Today's Item**Information ☐Action ☒

Review logistics and approve draft agenda items for the next Commission meeting, consider any changes to approved meeting dates or locations, or introduce new business for a future meeting agenda, including:

- I. Marine protected area (MPA) petitions review process: Receive and discuss date and location recommendations for Commission committee-style meetings in 2026 to review MPA petitions and evaluations.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions (N/A)**Background**

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for February 11-12, 2026 in Sacramento, with phone and webinar options for the public to participate remotely. Potential agenda items for this meeting are provided in Exhibit 1 for consideration and potential Commission approval. No unusual logistics are expected.

For two-day Commission meetings in 2026, marine items will be heard on the first day, and wildlife and inland fisheries items will be heard on the second day. Currently, Commission and committee meetings are scheduled for the Sacramento area through December 2026 due to ongoing budget constraints.

MPA Petitions Review Process

At its October 2025 meeting, the Commission agreed to conduct the future review of MPA petitions and evaluations through three in-person, regionally-based meetings using a committee-style format with all commissioners. The Commission directed staff to identify potential meeting dates based on commissioner availability, and to identify appropriate coastal locations that align with the geographic distribution of MPA petition activity, while also considering reasonable travel times for stakeholders and commissioners.

Recognizing the challenge of selecting only three meeting locations to serve a geographically broad and diverse set of petition areas, staff sought to balance two key factors: (1) Regional representation across the defined north, central, and south coast bioregions; and (2) proximity to concentrations of MPA petitions, to support meaningful public participation and efficient travel for stakeholders.

Based on commissioner, staff, and Department staff availability, staff identified proposed meeting dates of:

- April 21 (Tuesday)
- May 5 or 7 (Tuesday or Thursday)
- May 19 (Tuesday)

The dates are spaced approximately two weeks apart to allow for travel, preparation, and public engagement between meetings.

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Proposed Meeting Locations

Half Moon Bay (April 21)

Half Moon Bay (Princeton Harbor) is located adjacent to the southern boundary of the north coast bioregion. It is within reasonable driving distance (approximately 1-3 hours) for most stakeholders in the north coast, San Francisco Bay area, and northern central coast region, including Santa Cruz and Monterey counties. While not in close proximity to the northernmost petition area, it provides general in-person accessibility to the majority of petition locations in the northern part of the central coast bioregion and the north coast bioregion.

Santa Barbara Area (May 5 or 7)

The Santa Barbara area is positioned between the southern central coast and northern south coast bioregions, where several MPA petitions are located. This location allows for regional participation from communities spanning San Luis Obispo to northern Los Angeles, and is intended to support accessibility for stakeholders who straddle the two bioregions.

Oceanside or northern San Diego County (May 19)

Oceanside and northern San Diego are located in the southern portion of the south coast bioregion, in proximity to MPA petition areas in San Diego County and southern Orange County. These locations are generally within a 1- to 2-hour drive for stakeholders in the southernmost part of the state.

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

Commission staff: Approve agenda items for the February 2026 meeting as presented in Exhibit 1 and amended during this meeting; confirm dates and locations for the MPA petition evaluation meetings; and identify any new business to be added to a future agenda.

Exhibits

1. [Potential agenda items for the February 11-12, 2026 Commission meeting](#)

Motion

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission approves the draft agenda items for the February 11-12, 2026 Commission meeting, as amended during this meeting, and adds [insert dates and locations for MPA meetings] to the Commission meeting schedule.

California Fish and Game Commission
Potential Agenda Items for the February 2026 Commission Meeting
December 1, 2026

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for February 11-12, 2026 in Sacramento, with Zoom and phone options for the public. This document identifies potential agenda items for the meeting, including items to be received from staff and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department).

Wednesday, February 11: Marine-Related and Administrative Items

1. Election of Commission president and vice president
2. Commission committee assignments
3. General public comments for items not on the agenda
4. Commission executive director report and Department reports (director and Law Enforcement Division)
5. Discussion/adoption hearing: Commercial coonstripe shrimp fishery *regular rulemaking*
6. Discussion/adoption hearing: Processing and donating sport-caught fish
7. Adoption hearing: Recreational take of rockfish, cabezon, greenling, and lingcod *regular rulemaking*
8. Experimental fishing permits (EFPs)
 - a. Consider approving a major amendment to the permit for EFP Application Tracking ID #2023-02, issued to National Marine Sanctuary Foundation to test pop-up gear in the Dungeness and rock crab fisheries
 - b. Consider approving a major amendment to the permit for EFP Application Tracking ID #2023-01, issued to Sustainable Seas Technology to conduct exploratory fishing for brown box crab and California king crab using “on-demand” pop-up fishing systems
9. Commission justice, equity, diversity and inclusion plan update
10. Marine petitions for regulation change¹
11. Marine non-regulatory requests from previous meetings¹
12. Commission committee report (Marine Resources Committee) and Department report (Marine Region).
13. Executive (closed) session

Thursday, February 12: Wildlife- and Inland Fisheries-Related and Administrative Items

14. Notice hearing: Central Valley sport fishing

¹ Staff is authorized to remove this agenda item if there are no actionable, referred, or new items, in which case any new regulation change petitions or non-regulatory requests delivered at the meeting will be received under the general public comment agenda items on Wednesday or Thursday.

15. Notice hearing: Klamath River Basin sport fishing
16. Discussion hearing: Waterfowl hunting
17. Discussion hearing: Black bear hunting
18. Discussion hearing: Bighorn sheep hunting
19. Discussion hearing: Pronghorn antelope hunting
20. Discussion hearing: Elk hunting
21. Wildlife and inland fisheries petitions for regulation change¹
22. Wildlife and inland fisheries non-regulatory requests from previous meetings¹
23. Commission committee reports (Wildlife Resources Committee, Tribal Committee) and Department reports (Wildlife and Fisheries Division, and Ecosystem Conservation Division)
24. Administrative items (legislative report, rulemaking timetable updates, and future meetings and new business)
25. General public comment for items not on the agenda

Expected Reports or Other Significant Documents to be Received

- Annual report to the California State Legislature regarding necropsies on mountain lions taken under depredation permits in 2024 (Pursuant to subdivision 4807(b), California Fish and Game Code)
- Receipt of annual reports regarding Camp Roberts, Camp Pendleton, and Fort Hunter Liggett deer and elk hunts (per Section 640, due February meeting)