

## Staff Summary for December 10-11, 2025

**4. Regulation Change Petitions (Wildlife and Inland Fisheries) (Consent)****Today's Item**Information Action 

This is a standing agenda item for the Commission to receive new regulation change petitions and act on regulation change petitions received from the public at previous meetings. This meeting will address:

- (A) Action on previously received regulation change petitions
- (B) Receipt of new petitions for regulation change
- (C) Comments received on referred petitions not yet scheduled for action

**Summary of Previous/Future Actions****(A) *Petitions for Regulation Change - Scheduled for Action***

- Received Petition 2025-10 October 8-9, 2025
- Received Petition 2025-12 October 8-9, 2025
- **Today potentially act on petitions December 10-11, 2025**

**(B) *New Petitions for Regulation Change - Receipt***

- **Today receive new petitions December 10-11, 2025**
- Potentially act on new petitions February 11-12, 2026

**(C) *Comments Received on Referred Petitions (N/A)*****Background****(A) *Petitions for Regulation Change - Scheduled for Action***

Petitions received at the previous meeting are scheduled for Commission consideration at the next regularly scheduled business meeting. A petition may be: (1) denied, (2) granted, or (3) referred to a Commission committee, staff, legal counsel, or the Department for further evaluation or information gathering. Referred petitions are scheduled for action once a recommendation is received. Today, two petitions are scheduled for action:

- I. *Petition 2025-10*: Request to update regulations for restricted animal caging requirements and materials used (Exhibit A2)
- II. *Petition 2025-12*: Request to modify regulations on the Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area to allow bicycle use on roads and levees during waterfowl season (Exhibit A3)

Staff recommendations and rationales for each petition are provided in Exhibit A1.

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**(B) *New Petitions for Regulation Change - Receipt***

Pursuant to Section 662, any person requesting that the Commission adopt, amend, or repeal a regulation must complete and submit Form FGC 1. Petitions submitted by the public are “received” at this meeting if they are delivered by the public comment or supplemental comment deadlines or delivered in person to the Commission meeting.

Under the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, the Commission cannot discuss or act on any matter not included on the agenda, other than to determine whether to schedule issues raised by the public for consideration at future meetings. Thus, petitions for regulation change generally follow a two-meeting cycle of receipt and decision. The Commission will act on petitions received at today’s meeting at the next regularly-scheduled Commission meeting (February 11-12, 2026) following staff evaluation, unless the petition is rejected under the 10-day staff review as prescribed in subsection 662(b).

The Commission received one new petition for regulation change by the comment deadline for this meeting (Exhibit B1). Note that this petition is currently under review by Commission staff and has not been formally accepted.

**(C) *Comments Received on Referred Petitions***

This sub-item is for receiving public comments for any petition previously referred for review and recommendation, but not yet ready for Commission action. Action on any referred petition will be scheduled once the Commission receives a recommendation.

Today, there are no comments on previously referred petitions.

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

**Commission staff:** Grant Petition 2025-10 for the reasons set forth in Exhibit A1 and refer Petition 2025-12 to the Department for review and recommendation.

**Exhibits**

- A1. [Summary of petitions for regulation change scheduled for action, with staff recommendations](#)
- A2. [Petition 2025-10, received August 6, 2025](#)
- A3. [Petition 2025-12, received September 3, 2025](#)
- B1. [Petition 2025-16, received November 18, 2025](#)

**Motion**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ that the Commission adopts the staff recommendations for items 3 through 5 on the consent calendar.

**California Fish and Game Commission**  
**Petitions for Regulation Change — Action (updated November 21, 2025)**

CFGC - California Fish and Game Commission CDFW - California Department of Fish and Wildlife WRC - Wildlife Resources Committee MRC - Marine Resources Committee , MR - Marine Region

Grant: CFGC is willing to consider the petitioned action through a process Deny: Not willing to consider the petitioned action Refer: Need more information before the final decision

Tracking No.	Date Received	Name of Petitioner	Short Description	CFGC Receipt	CFGC Initial Action Date	Initial Staff Recommendation
2025-10	8/6/2025	Dale Anderson	Request to update regulations for restricted animal caging requirements and materials used	10/8-9/2025	12/10-11/2025	GRANT for consideration in a future rulemaking. The restricted animal caging requirements are part of a more comprehensive set of restricted species regulations that have not been updated since 1998 and are in need of review and amendment. The broader topic was referred to WRC for review and is reflected in the WRC work plan; a timeline for the effort has yet to be defined.
2025-12	9/3/2025	Phillip Sanders	Request to modify regulations on the Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area to allow bicycle use on roads and levees during waterfowl season	10/8-9/2025	12/10-11/2025	REFER to CDFW for evaluation and recommendation.
2025-14	10/3/2025	Jorge Garcia, City of Pismo Beach	Request to reduce Pismo clam bag limit	10/8-9/2025	12/10-11/2025	REFER to CDFW for evaluation and recommendation.



Tracking Number: ( 2025-10 )

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Incomplete forms will not be accepted. A petition is incomplete if it is not submitted on this form or fails to contain necessary information in each of the required categories listed on this form (Section I). A petition will be rejected if it does not pertain to issues under the Commission’s authority. A petition may be denied if any petition requesting a functionally equivalent regulation change was considered within the previous 12 months and no information or data is being submitted beyond what was previously submitted. If you need help with this form, please contact Commission staff at (916) 653-4899 or FGC@fgc.ca.gov.

**SECTION I: Required Information.**

*Please be succinct. Responses for Section I should not exceed five pages*

**1. Person or organization requesting the change (Required)**

Name of primary contact person: Dale Anderson

Address: 38257 E. Kings Canyon Rd Dunlap CA 93621

Telephone number: [REDACTED]

Email address: [REDACTED]

**2. Rulemaking Authority (Required)** - Reference to the statutory or constitutional authority of the Commission to take the action requested: **Revise standards to Title 671 section 2192**

**3. Overview (Required)** - Summarize the proposed changes to regulations: Update minimum caging requirements, Material uses for caging and update other outdated provisions to the regulations

**4. Rationale (Required)** - Describe the problem and the reason for the proposed change: Current regulations are outdated and don't reflect current animal welfare.

**SECTION II: Optional Information**

**5. Date of Petition:**

**6. Category of Proposed Change**

Sport Fishing

Commercial Fishing

Hunting

Other, please specify: Exotic animals permitting.



**7. The proposal is to:** (To determine section number(s), see current year regulation booklet or <https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs>)

X Amend Title 14 Section(s) 671

Add New Title 14 Section(s):

Repeal Title 14 Section(s):

**8. If the proposal is related to a previously submitted petition that was rejected, specify the tracking number of the previously submitted petition**

Or  Not applicable.

**9. Effective date:** If applicable, identify the desired effective date of the regulation.

If the proposed change requires immediate implementation, explain the nature of the emergency:

**10. Supporting documentation:** Identify and attach to the petition any information supporting the proposal including data, reports and other documents:

**11. Economic or Fiscal Impacts:** Identify any known impacts of the proposed regulation change on revenues to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, individuals, businesses, jobs, other state agencies, local agencies, schools, or housing:

**12. Forms:** If applicable, list any forms to be created, amended or repealed:

**SECTION 3: FGC Staff Only**

Date received: [ August 6, 2025 ]

FGC staff action:

Accept - complete

Reject - incomplete

Reject - outside scope of FGC authority

Tracking Number

Date petitioner was notified of receipt of petition and pending action: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting date for FGC consideration: \_\_\_\_\_

FGC action:

Denied by FGC

Denied - same as petition \_\_\_\_\_

Tracking Number

Granted for consideration of regulation change



Tracking Number: ( 2025-12 )

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**SECTION I: Required Information.**

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**1. Person or organization requesting the change (Required)**

Name of primary contact person: Phillip Sanders

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone number: [REDACTED]

Email address: [REDACTED]

**2. Rulemaking Authority (Required) - Reference to the statutory or constitutional authority of the Commission to take the action requested: California Fish and Game Code Section 200**

**3. Overview (Required) - Summarize the proposed changes to regulations: Modify the bicycle regulations on the Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area to allow bicycle use on roads or levees for transportation between parking lots and hunting areas during the water-**

**4. fowl season.**

**5. Rationale (Required) - Describe the problem and the reason for the proposed change: The current regulations that restrict bicycle use on the Napa-Sonoma Marshes WA unfairly limit access for older hunters and junior hunters who would be better able to access waterfowl hunting opportunities via bicycle rather than on foot. Bicycle access is already allowed on type A and type B waterfowl hunting units. Bicycles on these types of units enable access for hunters for whom walk-in only access would be impractical and allow hunters in free roam areas to more easily spread out rather than compete for sites close to the parking lots. Hunters should not be required to pay for the privilege of using bicycles for access to waterfowl hunting, which is what limiting bicycle use to only type A and B units does. Instead, hunters should be allowed to use bicycles for improved access on type C waterfowl units as well. The Napa-Sonoma Marshes WA has existing, convenient roads and levees that lend themselves to bicycle access as-is, and would not require any alterations to implement this access and equity improvement.**



**SECTION II: Optional Information**

6. **Date of Petition:** 9/3/2025

7. **Category of Proposed Change**

Sport Fishing

Commercial Fishing

X Hunting

Other, please specify:

8. **The proposal is to:** *(To determine section number(s), see current year regulation booklet or <https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs>)*

X Amend Title 14 Section(s):

Add New Title 14 Section(s):

Repeal Title 14 Section(s):

9. **If the proposal is related to a previously submitted petition that was rejected, specify the tracking number of the previously submitted petition**

Or X Not applicable.

10. **Effective date:** If applicable, identify the desired effective date of the regulation.

If the proposed change requires immediate implementation, explain the nature of the emergency: 10/8/2025

11. **Supporting documentation:** Identify and attach to the petition any information supporting the proposal including data, reports and other documents:

12. **Economic or Fiscal Impacts:** Identify any known impacts of the proposed regulation change on revenues to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, individuals, businesses, jobs, other state agencies, local agencies, schools, or housing: None

13. **Forms:** If applicable, list any forms to be created, amended or repealed:

**SECTION 3: FGC Staff Only**

Date received:

FGC staff action:

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Reject - incomplete

Reject - outside scope of FGC authority

Tracking Number

Date petitioner was notified of receipt of petition and pending action:

Meeting date for FGC consideration:



FGC action:

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- Denied - same as petition   
Tracking Number
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Tracking Number: (\_\_\_\_\_)

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**SECTION I: Required Information.**

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**1. Person or organization requesting the change (Required)**

Name of primary contact person: Beverly Paras

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone number: [REDACTED]

Email address: [REDACTED]

- 2. Rulemaking Authority (Required) - Reference to the statutory authority which grants the Commission to take the action requested: Commission has authority under the CA Constitution and Fish & Game Code to regulate nongame mammals, including coyotes.
- 3. Overview (Required): Request amendment to Title 14 §472 to modernize coyote rules, limit unsafe methods, address feeding, and support prevention.
- 4. Rationale (Required): Current rules cause confusion and safety issues in cities. Updating §472 improves safety, reduces conflicts, and aligns with science.

**SECTION II: Optional Information**

5. Date of petition: November 17, 2025

**6. Category of Proposed Change**

Sport Fishing

Commercial Fishing

Hunting

Other, please specify: Nongame Mammals / Urban Coyote Management



- 7. The proposal is to: Amend Title 14, Section 472
  - Amend Title 14 Section(s): 472
  - Add New Title 14 Section(s): [\[Click here to enter text.\]](#)
  - Repeal Title 14 Section(s): [\[Click here to enter text.\]](#)
  
- 8. **If the proposal is related to a previously submitted petition that was rejected, specify the tracking number of the previously submitted petition** [\[Click here to enter text.\]](#)
  - Not applicable.
  
- 9. Effective date: Earliest operative date available. No emergency requested.
  
- 10. Supporting documentation: See attached packet.
  
- 11. Economic or Fiscal Impacts: No significant fiscal impacts expected.
  
- 12. Forms: None.
  - [\[Click here to enter text.\]](#)

**SECTION 3: FGC Staff Only**

Date received: [\[Click here to enter text.\]](#)

FGC staff action:

- Accept - complete
- Reject - incomplete
- Reject - outside scope of FGC authority

Tracking Number

Date petitioner was notified of receipt of petition and pending action: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting date for FGC consideration: \_\_\_\_\_

FGC action:

- Denied by FGC
  - Denied - same as petition \_\_\_\_\_
- Tracking Number
- Granted for consideration of regulation change

## Cover Letter

Dear California Fish and Game Commission,  
Please accept this petition to modernize Title 14 §472 to address urban coyote conflicts, clarify regulatory language, and support prevention-focused management. The attached materials include the rationale, proposed language, and supporting documentation.

## Letter Explaining the Reason for Modernizing Title 14 §472

California's urban and suburban regions are experiencing a significant increase in habituated coyote behavior. Current regulatory language in Title 14 §472 was created decades ago for rural and wildland contexts, not today's densely populated neighborhoods. As a result, residents, municipalities, and enforcement agencies face confusion, inconsistent responses, and an absence of clear guidance for preventing and addressing urban coyote conflicts.

Modernization is needed for four primary reasons:

### 1. Outdated Language

The current regulation contains no definitions, no explanation of purpose, and no distinction between rural coyote behavior and repeated conflict behavior occurring in neighborhoods, parks, and residential streets.

### 2. No Feeding or Attractant Provisions

Unregulated intentional and unintentional feeding — including unmanaged feral-cat feeding stations — leads directly to habituation. The current regulation provides no tools to address or prevent this.

### 3. No Urban-Conflict Framework

There is no structure for determining when a coyote's behavior transitions from normal wildland behavior to urban conflict behavior requiring intervention, such as yard entry, stalking pets, or repeated daylight boldness.

### 4. Lack of Prevention Requirements

Modern wildlife management emphasizes prevention first. Updated language supporting attractant control, community education, and reporting creates consistent statewide standards.

Updating Title 14 §472 does not increase lethal control; it improves clarity, transparency, safety, and science-based prevention. Cities, counties, and residents need regulatory language that reflects today's urban realities.

## Petition Summary

This petition requests amendments to Title 14 §472 to improve clarity, safety, and management tools for urban environments experiencing increased habituated coyote behavior.

## **Proposed Urban Language Overview**

- Add definitions for urban area, habituation, attractants, feeding, and conflict behavior.
- Add clear purpose statement applicable to populated regions.
- Add feeding prohibition and attractant rules.
- Distinguish between normal wildland behavior and urban conflict behavior.
- Provide structured intervention criteria for conflict situations.
- Support prevention through community education and attractant mitigation.

## **Photo Documentation Section (Photos Attached Separately)**

Photos to be added separately illustrate habituated coyote behavior in residential environments. Captions will describe patterns such as reliance on food attractants, alley and yard movement, daylight exposure, reduced flight distance, and interactions with domestic animals and humans.

## Side-by-Side Reference: Current Language vs. Hypothetical Modernized Urban Language

Current Title 14 §472	Hypothetical Modernized Urban Language
No stated purpose or urban context.	Adds clear purpose for managing and preventing coyote conflicts in populated areas.
No definitions provided.	Adds key definitions: urban area, conflict behavior, habituation, attractants, feeding, domestic animal protection.
No feeding prohibition.	Adds explicit feeding prohibition including negligent attractant placement and unmanaged feral-cat feeding sites in active conflict zones.
No distinction between rural and urban behavior.	Creates two behavioral categories: normal wildland behavior and urban conflict behavior requiring intervention.
Depredation allowed without modern structure.	Allows intervention only when documented conflict behavior exists, paired with a simple review or verification process.
No prevention or mitigation requirements.	Adds prevention requirements: attractant removal, securing areas, and basic community education.
No domestic-animal protection language.	Adds domestic-animal protections and required responses for repeated yard entry, stalking, or pet attacks.
No reporting requirements.	Adds annual reporting of sightings, conflicts, interventions, and feeding-related hotspots.

K Kelly Hunter  
Park Santiago · 50m · 🌐

Coyote sighting Edgewood and French about 12:45pm today.



Broad daylight, a habituated coyote standing calmly in the open even with people nearby, acting like the neighborhood is his.



Midway City · 2d · Edited · 🌐



This big guy was hanging out in my backyard around 8:42 this morning. Please be careful and keep your pets inside. I'm on Carnegie and Newland.



Broad-daylight fence patrol.

Coyote strolling down Conway this morning/Thursday, about 9am - after being chased out of a backyard!



This is what really happens after a coyote is hazed out of a backyard it doesn't run, it doesn't show fear. It simply strolls away, calm and unfazed, then circles back when the person is gone. This is the behavior of a fully habituated coyote.



City Place · 1h · 🌐

Cute forest puppy has been in our neighborhood all day. Finally managed to catch a photo of him, but couldn't get him to come over.



Day-long lingering = this coyote is habituated.



ace



TODAY

10:16 PM

Don't know if this will help, but this coyote is under my front window in my front yard.

Thank you for all your efforts here.



A coyote so habituated it now sleeps inches from an occupied home—curled beneath a family's front window as if the yard were its den. This is no wildlife passing through. This is wildlife moving in."

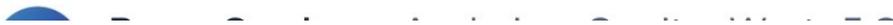


Message





[See all 34 comments](#)



Coyote out in broad daylight, completely at ease.”



Coyotes relaxing in broad daylight at Floral Park are a classic example of habituation.



North Yorba · 13 Sep

Coyote attacked my dog Wednesday morning in our backyard. Please be careful letting pets outside

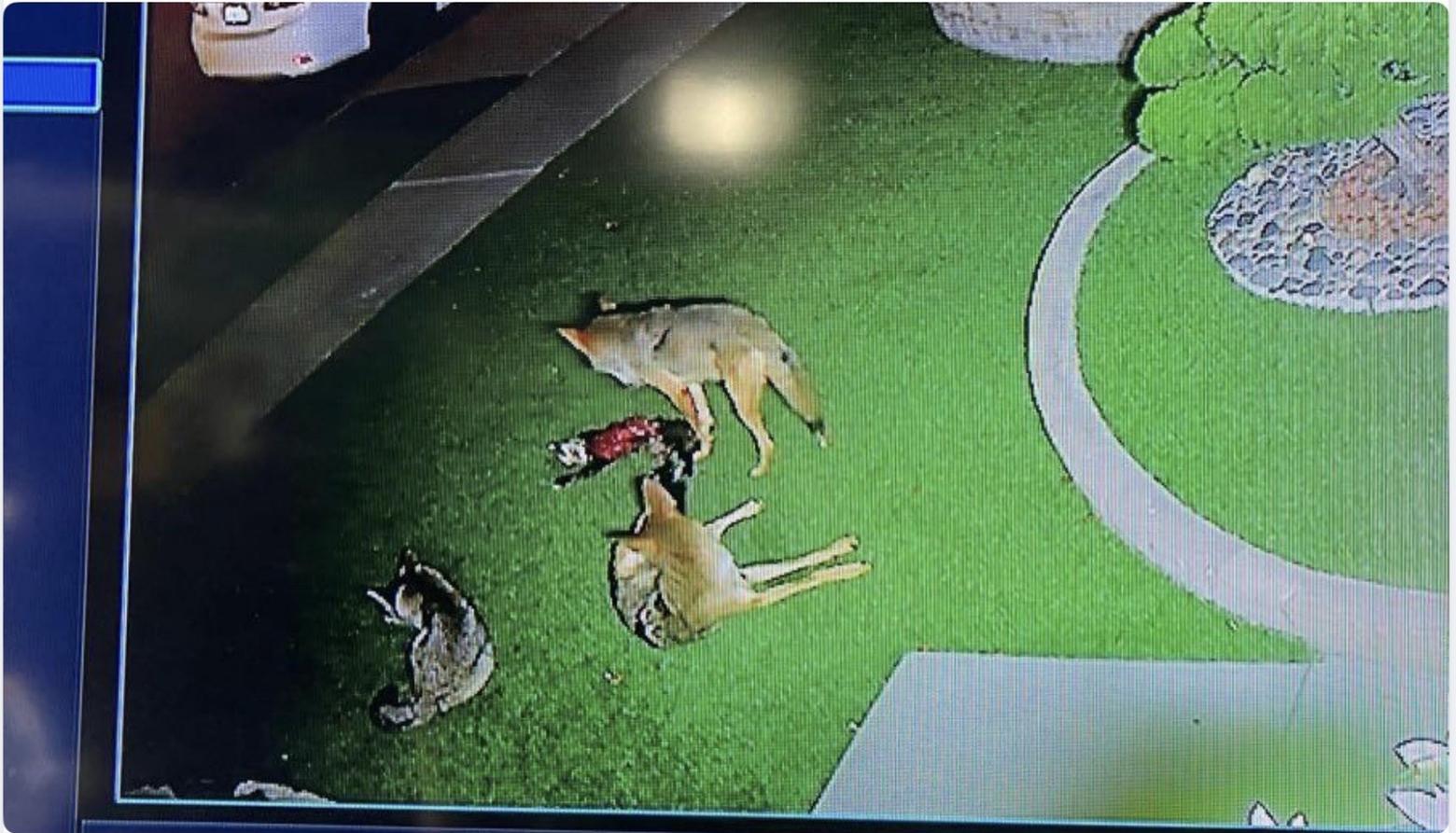


This dog is recovering from a severe coyote attack that happened in the owner's backyard."



Brookhurst / Bolsa · 11 Aug

Please be careful with your pets. Three coyotes and a dead cat in my Neighbourhood near Bowling Green Park.



Coyotes are habituated, hunting in groups, moving in and out of our yards, and comfortable staying in the front yard after a kill.”

Halecrest · 1h · Edited · 🌐

7:00 am today we had this large healthy looking coyote in our complex. Unfortunately, he killed the kitty. Giesler and college. Animal control was called and collected the remains. Kitty did have a collar on.



He killed a cat, stood his ground, and watched people watching him. Daylight. No fear. This is what happens when coyotes lose their fear of humans.

Calespana · 2d · 🌐

**COYOTES ATTACK AGAIN!**

This morning while I was picking up a friend for work and seen a Coyote with a cat in its mouth, just wanted to let everyone know because it was someone's pet (family member) and it was hard to see so keep your pets inside at night because they are out and searching for food.



Garden Grove, CA

Coyote carrying someone's pet in broad daylight. This behavior shows habituation because the coyote is comfortable moving openly around people and homes with no fear."



West Garden Grove North · 23h · 🌐



If you are missing a small black cat wearing this collar , I've just come across it's remains at Eastgate park 😭



This is all we can show. The rest was too heartbreaking. A cat's remains were found at Eastgate Park the collar is the only shareable part.