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Marine Resources Committee Committee Co-chairs: Commissioner Sklar and Commissioner Murray

Meeting Agenda March 12, 2026 8:30 a.m.

**California Natural Resources Headquarters Building
715 P Street, 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814**

Join us in person at the Sacramento location to observe or participate in the meeting.

Option for Remote Observation and Participation via Zoom or Phone

The Commission will make a reasonable effort to provide the public additional opportunities to observe or participate in the meeting through Zoom, phone, or mobile device connection. However, the Commission cannot guarantee the seamless accessibility or full functionality of the remote connection options. Should technical issues impact remote access or quality, an attempt will be made to resolve them, but the meeting will continue with in-person attendees.

To join the meeting remotely, you may join via Zoom directly at <https://wildlife-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/89836477592> For complete instructions on how to join via Zoom or phone, click [here](#) or visit the Commission meetings webpage at fgc.ca.gov/meetings/2026.

- Notes:**
- (1) See *important meeting deadlines and procedures*, including written public comment deadlines, starting on page 7.**
 - (2) The California Department of Fish Wildlife is identified as Department.**
 - (3) All agenda items are informational and/or discussion only. The Committee develops recommendations to the Commission but does not have authority to make policy or regulatory decisions on behalf of the Commission.**

Call to Order

- 1. Approve Agenda and Order of Items**

Discussion and Action Items

2. State Aquaculture Action Plan

Receive update from California Ocean Protection Council staff on scope and content of the draft action plan, engagement process to date, and timeline for release, public review, and adoption. Review key action plan themes.

3. Marine Aquaculture on State Water Bottom Leases

(A) *Status of Existing Leases and Pending Requests*

Receive and discuss update on the status of existing leases, pending leaseholder requests, and pending lease applications.

(B) *Best Management Practices (BMPs)*

Receive and discuss Department update on BMPs and possibilities for progressing development of BMP plans for all state aquaculture leases.

4. White Seabass Fishery Management

Receive and discuss Department overview of plans and proposed process for reviewing management of the white seabass fishery.

5. Evaluation of Bycatch in the California Halibut Trawl Fishery

Receive and discuss Department update on its evaluation of fisheries bycatch in the California halibut trawl fishery being conducted in support of fishery management review, including recent public engagement.

6. Recreational Tuna Fishery Gear Regulations

Receive and discuss Department-recommended regulatory amendments to allow recreational use of hand-held harpoons and flying gaffs to assist anglers in landing tuna; and potentially develop a committee recommendation.

Updates and Administrative Items

7. Staff and Agency Updates

This item provides updates from staff and other agencies, including progress on work plan topics as requested by the Commission. To promote meeting efficiency, some work plan topic updates will be in written format only. Public discussion may occur at the Committee's discretion if time allows.

(A) *California Ocean Protection Council*

(B) *Department*

I. *Law Enforcement Division*

- a. Marine protected area network enforcement statistics report for 2025
- b. Overview of new and future enforcement data collection tools

II. *Marine Region*

- III. *Office of Communications, Education and Outreach*: Recent trends in sport fishing license sales

(C) *Commission Staff*

8. Future Agenda Items

Review work plan agenda topics and timeline, and identify any potential new agenda topics for Commission consideration.

General Public Comment

9. General Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

The Committee may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during this item, except to consider whether to recommend that the matter be added to the agenda of a future meeting [Sections 11125, 11125.7(a), California Government Code].

Adjourn

California Fish and Game Commission Meeting Schedule

Note: As meeting dates and locations can change, please visit www.fgc.ca.gov for the most current list of meeting dates and locations. All Commission meetings will include a webinar/teleconference option for attendance and every effort will be made to ensure that committee meetings include the same.

Meeting Date	Commission Meeting	Committee Meeting
April 14, 2026		Tribal Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2 nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814
April 15-16, 2026	Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2 nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814	
April 21, 2026	Marine Protected Area Petitions Half Moon Bay area	
May 5-6, 2026	Marine Protected Area Petitions and Inland Sport Fishing Santa Barbara area	
May 14, 2026		Wildlife Resources Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2 nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814
May 19, 2026	Marine Protected Area Petitions Oceanside/Northern San Diego County area	
June 17-18, 2026	California Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, Second Floor Sacramento, CA 95814	
July 16, 2026		Marine Resources Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2 nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814
August 11, 2026		Tribal Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2 nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814
August 12-13, 2026	Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2 nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814	

Meeting Date	Commission Meeting	Committee Meeting
September 10, 2026		Wildlife Resources Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2 nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814
October 14-15, 2026	Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2 nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814	
November 12, 2026		Marine Resources Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2 nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814
December 14, 2026		Tribal Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2 nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814
December 15-16, 2026	Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2 nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814	

Other Meetings of Interest

Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

- September 13-16, 2026 – Lancaster, PA

Pacific Fishery Management Council

- April 7-13, 2026 – Portland, OR
- June 11-17, 2026 – Spokane, WA
- September 17-23, 2026 – Vancouver, WA
- November 13-19, 2026 – Orange County, CA

Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

- June 1-5, 2026 – Boise, ID

Wildlife Conservation Board

- May 2026 – Sacramento, CA
- August 2026 – Sacramento, CA
- November 2026 – Sacramento, CA

Important Commission Meeting Procedures Information

Welcome to a meeting of the California Fish and Game Commission's Marine Resources Committee. The Committee is composed of and chaired by up to two Commissioners; these assignments are made by the Commission each year.

The goal of the Committee is to allow greater time to investigate topics before the Commission than would otherwise be possible. Committee meetings are less formal in nature and provide additional access to commissioners. The Committee does not take action independent of the Commission; instead, the Committee makes recommendations to the full Commission at regularly scheduled Commission meetings.

The Commission's goal is preserving our outdoor heritage and conserving our natural resources through informed decision-making; Committee meetings are vital in developing recommendations to help the Commission achieve that goal. In that spirit, we provide the following information to be as effective and efficient as possible.

Persons with Disabilities

Persons with disabilities needing reasonable accommodation to participate in public meetings or other Commission activities are invited to contact the Department's Civil Rights Office at (916) 653-9089 or civilrights@wildlife.ca.gov. Accommodation requests for facility and/or meeting accessibility and requests for American Sign Language interpreters should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event. Requests for real-time captioners should be submitted at least four weeks prior to the event. These timeframes are to help ensure that the requested accommodation is met. For those joining by Zoom, you may be able to enable closed-captioning via the Zoom platform. If a request for an accommodation has been submitted but is no longer needed, please contact the Civil Rights Office immediately.

Submitting Written Materials

The public is encouraged to attend Committee meetings and engage in the discussion about items on the agenda; the public is also welcome to comment on agenda items in writing. You may submit your written comments by one of the following methods (only one is necessary): **Email** to fgc@fgc.ca.gov; **mail** to California Fish and Game Commission, P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090; **deliver** to California Fish and Game Commission, 715 P Street, 16th floor, Sacramento, CA 95814; or **hand-deliver** to a Committee meeting.

Comment Deadlines

The **Written Comment Deadline** for this meeting is 5:00 p.m. on **February 27, 2026**. Written comments received at the Commission office by this deadline will be made available to Commissioners prior to the meeting.

The **Supplemental Comment Deadline** for this meeting is noon on **March 6, 2026**. Comments received by this deadline will be made available to Commissioners at the meeting.

After these deadlines, written information may be delivered in person to the meeting; please bring **six** copies and provide them to staff during the relevant agenda item.

Note: Materials provided to the Committee may be made available to the general public.

Regulation Changes

The Committee **will not** consider comments regarding *proposed changes to regulations that have been noticed by the Commission*. If you wish to provide comment on a noticed regulation change, please provide your comments during Commission business meetings, via email, or by delivering to the Commission office.

As a general rule, requests for regulatory change must be redirected to the full Commission and submitted on the required petition form, [FGC 1, Petition to the California Fish and Game Commission for Regulation Change](#). However, at the Committee's discretion, the Committee may request that staff follow up on items of potential interest to the Committee and possible recommendation to the Commission.

Speaking at the Meeting

Committee meetings operate informally and provide opportunity for everyone to contribute to the dialogue. If you wish to speak on an agenda item, please follow these guidelines:

- You will be given instructions during the meeting for how to be recognized by the Committee chair or co-chair to speak.
- If you have written information to share, please provide **six** copies to staff before you begin speaking.
- Once recognized, please begin by giving your name and affiliation (if any) and the number of people you represent.
- Time is limited; please keep your contributions concise so that everyone has an opportunity to speak.
- We encourage you to avoid repeating previous commentary. You may wish to appoint a spokesperson, or simply state you agree with a previous comment.
- If speaking during general public comment for items not on the agenda, the subject matter you present should not be related to any item on the current agenda (public comment on agenda items will be taken at the time the Committee members discuss that item). As a general rule, public comment is an opportunity to bring matters to the attention of the Committee, but you may also do so via email or standard mail. At the discretion of the Committee, staff may be requested to follow up on the subject you raise.

Visual Presentations/Materials

All electronic presentations must be submitted by the **Supplemental Comment Deadline** and approved by the Commission executive director before the meeting.

- Electronic presentations must be provided by email to fgc@fgc.ca.gov or delivered to the Commission on a USB flash drive by the deadline.
- All electronic formats must be Windows PC compatible.
- If participating in person, it is recommended that you bring a print copy of any electronic presentation in case of technical difficulties.