

## Staff Summary for February 11-12, 2026

**25B. 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 December 10-11, 2025
- **Today, consider approving changes to the rulemaking timetable February 11-12, 2026**

**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 three changes to the rulemaking timetable (Exhibit 1):

- Reschedule the existing "Department Lands" rulemaking to notice in October 2026, discussion in December 2026, and adoption in February 2027. This later timeline is necessary to ensure adequate time to incorporate committee and public feedback from the May 2026 Wildlife Resources Committee meeting.
- Also under the "Department Lands" rulemaking, add Section 551 to the list of affected Title 14 sections to update the list of allowable activities at Department wildlife areas, and indicate that regulatory change Petition 2018-016(a) is being considered as part of the "*Department Lands*" rulemaking. As a result, the "Lands Pass – Hope Valley Wildlife Area" rulemaking will be removed from *Future Rulemakings* as redundant.
- Rename the "Rattlesnake Exhibition" rulemaking as "Commercial Use and Possession of Native Rattlesnake," and schedule for notice in April 2026, discussion in June 2026, and adoption in October 2026.

Staff is not requesting other changes to the rulemaking timetable at this meeting.

**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 2, and any other changes identified during this meeting.

**Department:** Approve the proposed changes to the rulemaking timetable as identified in Exhibit 1.

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**Exhibits**

1. [Department memo, received February 3, 2026](#)
2. [“Perpetual Timetable for Anticipated Regulatory Actions,” dated February 3, 2026](#)

**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:** February 2, 2026

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

**From:** Valerie Termini  
Acting Director

**Subject:** **February 2026 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) 2026 perpetual regulatory timetable for amendments to Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR):

1. Update the existing rulemaking, "Department Lands" and the regulatory timetable as follows:
  - a. Reschedule the rulemaking timeline to authorization of notice at the October 2026 meeting, discussion at the December 2026 meeting, and adoption at the February 2027 meeting, maintaining the effective targeted date of mid 2027. This schedule change will ensure adequate time to include public feedback from the May 2026 Wildlife Resources Committee meeting.
  - b. Add Section 551 to the list of affected Title 14 sections. Revisions are proposed to several subsections, including specific updates to the list of Type A, B, C Wildlife Areas, access for fishing, bicycles, boats, parking, and the list of Wildlife Areas That Require a Daily or Annual Lands Pass for Authorized Uses Other than Hunting (Lands Pass).
  - c. Include Commission petition 2018-016(a) that is listed in the perpetual rulemaking timetable under "Future Rulemakings: Schedule to be Determined" which would remove Hope Valley Wildlife Area from the Lands Pass program.
2. Update the existing rulemaking, "Rattlesnake Exhibition" to the name, "Commercial Use and Possession of Native Rattlesnakes for Other Purposes," and add the proposed timeline: authorize notice at the April 2026 meeting, discussion at the June 2026 meeting, and adoption at the August 2026 meeting.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Regulations

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

February 4, 2026

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

Subject of Rulemaking	Title 14 Section(s)	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	FGC Sacramento October 14, 2026	FGC Sacramento October 15, 2026	MRC Sacramento November 12, 2026	TC Sacramento December 15, 2026	FGC Sacramento December 16, 2026	FGC Sacramento December 17, 2026	WRC TBD January 13, 2027	FGC TBD February 17, 2027	FGC TBD February 18, 2027
Central Valley Sport Fishing (Annual)	7.40(b)(4), (43), (66), (80)				D	A				E 7/15													
Klamath River Basin Sport Fishing (Annual)	7.40(b)(50)				D	A				E 7/1													
Waterfowl Hunting, 2026-2027 (Annual)	502				A					E 7/1													
Commercial Coonstripe Shrimp Fishery Emergency (Second 90-Day Extension)	180.15		EE 4/5																				
Commercial Coonstripe Shrimp Fishery	180.15, 180.2, 180.5		EUF																				
Recreational Red Abalone Closure Extension	29.15		E 4/1																				
Processing and Donating Sport Caught Fish <sup>1</sup>	231									E 7/1													
Recreational Take of Rockfish, Cabezon, Greenling, and Lingcod Emergency	1.91, 27.25, 27.30, 27.35, 27.40, 28.55	EE 2/25																					
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	E 2/25						EE 5/26															
Recreational Take of Rockfish, Cabezon, Greenling, and Lingcod	1.91, 27.25, 27.30, 27.35, 27.40, 28.55							E 5/26															
Bighorn Sheep Hunting	362				A					E 7/1													
Pronghorn Antelope Hunting	363				A					E 7/1													
Elk Hunting	353, 364, 364.1, 555, 555.1				A					E 7/1													
Black Bear Hunting	365, 366, 708.12				A					E 7/1													
Sport Fishing 2026	1.62, 1.73, 1.74, 2.10, 2.11, 4.20, 5.00, 5.65, 5.85, 5.88, 6.34, 6.35, 7.00, 7.40, 7.50, 8.00				N				D				A								E 1/1		
<a href="#">Rattlesnake Exhibition Commercial Use and Possession of Native Rattlesnake</a>	42.1, 43, <a href="#">703</a>				<a href="#">N</a>				<a href="#">D</a>				<a href="#">A</a>								<a href="#">E 1/1</a>		
Harpoons and Flying Gaff Allowance	28.38, 28.40, 28.90, 28.95, 107	R						N				D			A								
<a href="#">Department Lands</a> <sup>3</sup>	550, 550.5, <a href="#">551</a> , 552, 630						R						N		<a href="#">D N</a>				<a href="#">A D</a>		<a href="#">A</a>		
Trapping Consistency with Statute	251.5, 465.5, 467, 474, 478, 478.1, 479, 550, 550.5, 551, 630, 696						R						N		D					A			
Private Lands Management (PLM) Program	601						V							R									

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## Future Rulemakings: Schedule to be Determined

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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) <sup>2</sup>	632																						
<del>Lands Pass – Hope Valley Wildlife Area</del> <sup>3</sup>	<del>TBD</del>																						
Restricted Animal Caging Requirements and Materials <sup>4</sup>	TBD																						

**KEY**  
 CFGC = California Fish and Game Commission MRC = CFGC Marine Resources Committee WRC = CFGC Wildlife Resources Committee TC = CFGC Tribal Committee OAL = Office of Administrative Law  
 EM = Emergency **EE = Emergency Expires** E = Anticipated Effective Date (**RED "X" = expedited OAL review**) EUF = Effective Upon Filing w/ Secretary of State  
 N = Notice Hearing D = Discussion Hearing A = Adoption Hearing V = Committee Vetting R = Committee Recommendation 1 = Considers CFGC Petition 2023-10  
 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 2025-10