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### Tribal Committee

Committee Chair: Commissioner Hostler-Carmesin

### Revised\* Meeting Agenda April 14, 2026; 1:00 PM

**California Natural Resources Headquarters Building  
715 P Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 or mobile device connection. However, the Commission cannot guarantee the accessibility or functionality of the remote connection options. Should technical issues impact remote attendee 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](http://fgc.ca.gov/meetings/2026).

**\* This agenda has been revised to correct the Zoom meeting link. The corrected link appears in the paragraph immediately above.**

- 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

### 2. Co-Management Roundtable

Discuss tribal co-management initiatives and projects planned or underway in collaboration with public agencies and California tribes. Tribal representatives are invited to share their co-management interests and experiences.

### 3. Kelp Restoration and Management

Receive Department update on development of a kelp restoration and management plan.

### 4. Tribally Led and Co-Led Marine Protected Area (MPA) Petitions

Receive and discuss presentations from tribes for the five tribally led and co-led MPA petitions. Consider committee recommendation regarding Department completion of evaluations and recommendations for the petitions.

- (A) **Petition 2023-19MPA**: Request from Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians (SYBCI) to designate a new MPA called “Chitqawi State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA)” in Morro Bay with a tribal take exemption for SYBCI
- (B) **Petition 2023-20MPA**: Request from SYBCI to change take regulations and add a tribal take exemption for SYBCI at Point Buchon SMCA, and expand Point Buchon State Marine Reserve northward
- (C) **Petition 2023-21MPA**: Request from Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation to remove recreational take of smelt, retain its tribal take exemption, and change the boundary at Pyramid Point SMCA
- (D) **Petition 2023-28MPA\_AM1**: Request from the Northern Chumash Tribal Council, as co-leads with the Natural Resources Defense Council, to designate a new SMCA off Point Sal, in Santa Barbara County, with a tribal MPA name determined through tribal consultation
- (E) **Petition 2023-29MPA\_AM1**: Request from SYBCI, as co-leads with Natural Resources Defense Council, to designate a new SMCA called “Mishopshno” off Carpinteria, in Santa Barbara County, with a tribal take exemption for SYBCI

### 5. Tribal Subsistence Definition

Receive and discuss an update from the tribal subsistence definition workgroup.

### 6. Commission Tribal Consultation Policy

Discussion regarding potential changes to the Commission *Tribal Consultation Policy* in the context of the new California Natural Resources Agency tribal consultation policy and associated tribal consultation best practices guide.

### 7. Staff and Agency Updates

Receive updates from staff and partner agencies on topics of note since the last committee meeting, including work plan topics assigned by the Commission. Some updates may be provided in written format, though public discussion is welcome.

- (A) **California Ocean Protection Council**
  - I. *State aquaculture action plan*

(B) **Department**

I. *Department tribal liaison*

(C) **Commission staff**

I. *Marine protected area petition process*

II. *Commission justice, equity, diversity and inclusion plan*

**8. Future Agenda Items**

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

**9. General Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda**

Receive public comment regarding topics within the Commission's authority that are not included on today's 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](http://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 15-16, 2026	Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814	
April 21, 2026	San Mateo Elks Lodge 229 W. 20th Avenue San Mateo, CA 94403 <i>Topic: Marine Protected Area Petitions (Del Norte through Monterey counties)</i>	
May 5-6, 2026	Hilton Garden Inn Santa Barbara/Goleta 6878 Hollister Avenue Goleta, CA 93117 <i>Topics: Marine Protected Area Petitions (San Luis Obispo through Santa Barbara counties, including the northern Channel Islands and Santa Barbara Island) and Annual Sport Fishing (Klamath River Basin and Central Valley)</i>	
May 14, 2026		<b>Wildlife Resources</b> Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814
May 19, 2026	Holiday Inn Express 35 Via Pico Plaza San Clemente, CA 92672 <i>Topic: Marine Protected Area Petitions (Los Angeles through San Diego counties, including Santa Catalina Island)</i>	
June 17-18, 2026	Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Sacramento, CA 95814	

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July 16, 2026		<b>Marine Resources</b> Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814
August 11, 2026		<b>Tribal</b> Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814
August 12-13, 2026	Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814	
September 10, 2026		<b>Wildlife Resources</b> Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814
October 14-15, 2026	Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814	
November 12, 2026		<b>Marine Resources</b> Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814
December 15, 2026		<b>Tribal</b> Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814
December 16-17, 2026	Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814	

## **Other Meetings of Interest**

Meetings listed here are organizations for which the Commission: (1) is a member, or (2) takes action based upon regulations developed by that organization.

### **Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies**

- September 13-16, 2026 – Lancaster, PA

### **Pacific Fishery Management Council**

- June 11-16, 2026 – Spokane, WA
- September 17-22, 2026 – Vancouver, WA
- November 13-18, 2026 – Orange County, CA
- December 31, 2026 – Location TBD

### **Pacific Flyway Council**

- August or September 2026 – Date and location TBD

### **Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies**

- June 1-5, 2026 – Boise, ID

### **Wildlife Conservation Board**

- May 28, 2026 – Sacramento, CA
- August 27, 2026 – Sacramento, CA
- November 19, 2026 – Sacramento, CA

## Important Committee Meeting Procedures Information

Welcome to a meeting of the California Fish and Game Commission's Tribal 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](mailto: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](mailto: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, 16<sup>th</sup> 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 April 3, 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 April 10, 2026**. Comments received by this deadline will be made available to the chair or co-chairs at the meeting.

After the written and supplemental comment 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 contributions. You may wish to appoint a spokesperson, or simply state you agree with a previous contributor.
- 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](mailto:fgc@fgc.ca.gov) or delivered to the Commission on a USB flash drive by the deadline. If the file is too large to send via email, staff may be able to assist you with an alternative delivery method, such as an FTP site.
- 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. The chair or co-chairs will receive your presentation electronically.