

Staff Summary for April 15-16, 2026

25C. Administrative Items – Future Meetings and New Business**Today's Item**Information Action

Review logistics and approve draft agenda items for the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting (June 17-18). Consider any changes to previously approved meeting dates or locations, and introduce any new business for inclusion on a future meeting agenda.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

- Approved extension of May 5-6 regional MPA petitions meeting and incorporation of May teleconference items into the agenda; approved draft agenda items for three regional MPA petitions evaluation meetings February 11-12, 2026
- **Today, discuss and consider approving draft agenda items for the June 17-18, 2026 Commission meeting** **April 15-16, 2026**

Background

The next regular Commission meeting is scheduled for June 17-18, 2026 in Sacramento. Potential agenda items for the June meeting are provided in Exhibit 1 for consideration and potential Commission approval. For regularly scheduled two-day Commission meetings in 2026, marine items will generally be heard on the first day, and wildlife and inland fisheries items on the second. Regular Commission and committee meetings are scheduled in the Sacramento area through December 2026 due to ongoing budget constraints.

At its February 11-12, 2026 Commission meeting, the Commission approved the proposed agenda items for three regional meetings focusing on marine protected area (MPA) petitions, set to take place beginning in April. The first meeting is April 21 in San Mateo, followed by meetings on May 5-6 in Goleta, and May 19 in San Clemente.

The May 5-6 regional meeting will also incorporate two rulemaking items from a previously-scheduled teleconference meeting, for topics related to Klamath River Basin sport fishing and Central Valley sport fishing. The regional meetings are expected to last longer than usual, up to 12 hours each day. Phone and webinar options are expected to be available for all meetings to allow remote public participation.

Finally, the February 2026 meeting included under this agenda item a staff request to change the December 2026 Tribal Committee and Commission meeting dates. While the request was listed on the agenda, approval was not included in the final motions of the day; hence, today the same request is on the agenda for approval.

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

Commission staff: Approve the proposed agenda items for the June 17-18, 2026 meetings as presented in Exhibit 1 and amended during this meeting

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Exhibits

1. [Potential agenda items for the June 17-18, 2026 Commission meeting](#)

Motion

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission approves the draft agenda items for the June 17-18, 2026 Commission meeting, as amended during this meeting, and approves the December 2026 meeting date changes as described in the agenda.

California Fish and Game Commission

Potential Agenda Items for the June 2026 Commission Meeting

April 8, 2026

The next regular Commission meeting is scheduled for June 17-18, 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, June 17: Marine-Related and Administrative Items

1. General public comments for items not on the agenda
2. Commission executive director report and Department reports (director and Law Enforcement Division)
3. Announce the recipient of the Commission's annual Wildlife Prosecutor of the Year award
4. Experimental Fishing Permit (EFP) Program – Consider approving an EFP application (Tracking ID #2025-01), named Southern Pacific Sardine Data Project, to allow data collection on commercial harvest of the southern subpopulation of Pacific sardine using a habitat model to inform purse seine fishing south of Point Conception.
5. Notice hearing: Harpoons and flying gaff allowance
6. Notice hearing: Add Federal Groundfish as defined in Section 1.91 to Auto Conformance Regulatory Text Amendment Processes (*if approved*)
7. Determine whether listing southern resident killer whale (*Orcinus orca*) as endangered under the California Endangered Species Act may be warranted
8. Marine petitions for regulation change¹
9. Marine non-regulatory requests from previous meetings¹
10. Commission committee reports (Tribal Committee, Marine Resources Committee) and Department report (Marine Region).
11. Executive (closed) session

Thursday, June 18: Wildlife- and Inland Fisheries-Related and Administrative Items

12. Discussion hearing: Sport fishing 2026 (including inland and ocean)
13. Notice hearing: Commercial use and possession of native rattlesnakes for other purposes
14. Consider restricted species permit application from The Scintillon Institute to possess transgenic zebrafish (*Danio rerio*) and the Department's recommendation.
15. Potentially approve proposed projects for the Duck Stamp Dedicated Account funds in Fiscal Year 2026-27
16. Receive and consider approving initial private lands wildlife habitat enhancement and management (PLM) plans and licenses
17. Receive and consider approving annual PLM plans and licenses
18. Receive and consider approving five-year PLM plans and licenses
19. Wildlife and inland fisheries petitions for regulation change¹

20. Wildlife and inland fisheries non-regulatory requests from previous meetings¹
21. Commission committee report (Wildlife Resources Committee) and Department reports (Wildlife and Fisheries Division, and Ecosystem Conservation Division)
22. Administrative items (legislative report, rulemaking timetable updates, and future meetings and new business)
23. General public comment for items not on the agenda

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.