

Committee Staff Summary for May 14, 2026 WRC

Committee Direction/Recommendation

The Wildlife Resources Committee recommends that the Commission update the Committee work plan with any proposed change(s) identified today.

California Fish and Game Commission
Wildlife Resources Committee (WRC) Work Plan
Scheduled Topics and Timeline for Items Referred to WRC
Updated May 5, 2026

Note: Proposed changes to topics/timing are shown in blue underscore or strike-out font.

Topics	Category	Jan 2026	May 2026	Sep 2026
Periodic and Annual Regulations				
Upland (Resident) Game Bird Hunting	Regulatory		X	X/R
Big Game Hunting (deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, black bear, Nelson bighorn sheep)	Regulatory		X	X/R
Waterfowl Hunting	Annual Regulatory		X	X/R
Central Valley Sport Fishing	Annual Regulatory		X	X/R
Klamath River Basin Sport Fishing	Annual Regulatory		X	X/R
Sport Fishing	Regulatory	X/R		X
Department Lands	Regulatory	X	X/R	
Regulations & Legislative Mandates				
Mammal Trapping	Regulatory	X	X/R	
Private Lands Management Program			X	X/R
Restricted Species	Regulatory			
Take of Coyotes	Referral for Review			

KEY: X = Vetting/Discussion X/R = Discussion/Potential Recommendation to Commission

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

April 16, 2026

Subject of Rulemaking	Title 14 Section(s)	FGC	WRC	FGC	FGC	MRC	TC	FGC	FGC	WRC	FGC	FGC	MRC	TC	FGC	FGC	WRC	FGC	FGC	WRC	FGC	FGC	MRC	TC	FGC	FGC	WRC	FGC	FGC	MRC	TC	FGC	FGC	WRC	FGC	FGC		
		Santa Barbara Area May 6, 2026	Sacramento May 14, 2026	Sacramento June 17, 2026	Sacramento June 18, 2026	Sacramento July 16, 2026	Sacramento August 11, 2026	Sacramento August 12, 2026	Sacramento August 13, 2026	Sacramento September 10, 2026	Sacramento October 14, 2026	Sacramento October 15, 2026	Sacramento November 12, 2026	Sacramento December 14, 2026	Sacramento December 15, 2026	Sacramento December 16, 2026	January 13, 2027	February 17, 2027	February 18, 2027	March 18, 2027	April 13, 2027	April 14, 2027	April 15, 2027															
Central Valley Sport Fishing (Annual)	7.40(b)(4), (43), (66), (80)	A				E 7/15																																
Klamath River Basin Sport Fishing (Annual)	7.40(b)(50)	A				E 7/1																																
Waterfowl Hunting, 2026-2027 (Annual)	502					E 7/1																																
Processing and Donating Sport Caught Fish ¹	231					E 7/1																																
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			EE 5/26																																		
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Bighorn Sheep Hunting	362					E 7/1																																
Elk Hunting	353, 364, 364.1, 555, 555.1					E 7/1																																
Black Bear Hunting	365, 366, 708.12					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, 8.10, 28.25, 28.30, 28.32, 28.35, 230, 701				D				A																												E 1/1	
Commercial Use and Possession of Native Rattlesnakes	42.1, 43, 703				N				D				A																								E 1/1	
Harpoons and Flying Gaff Allowance	28.38, 28.40, 28.90, 28.95, 107			N					D				A																								E 1/1	
Including Federal Groundfish and Associated Species in Auto Conformance Regulations	1.91, 1.95			N									A																								EU F	
Trapping Consistency with Statute	251.5, 465.5, 467, 474, 478, 478.1, 479, 550, 550.5, 551, 630, 696		R						N				D																								A	E 4/1
Department Lands ³	550, 550.5, 551, 552, 630		R										N																								D	A
Private Lands Management (PLM) Program	601		V							R																												

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 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)
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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 (CFGFC 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) ²	632																						
Restricted Animal Caging Requirements and Materials ⁴	TBD																						

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