

Staff Summary for June 17-18, 2026

26D. Administrative Items – Potential Meeting Dates for 2028**Today's Item**Information Action

Review and provide feedback on draft meeting dates for 2028 as proposed by staff. Staff will bring a final proposal to the August 2026 meeting.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

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| • Discuss proposed 2028 meeting dates | June 17-18, 2026 |
| • Discuss and potentially approve 2028 meeting dates | August 12-13, 2026 |

Background

The Commission currently conducts its business at six two-day meetings each year during even-numbered months (February, April, June, August, October and December) on Wednesday and Thursday, plus a teleconference meeting in May and others as needed. Committees generally hold three meetings per year, ranging from half-day to full-day, and occasionally two full days.

In recent years, committee meetings have been scheduled either between Commission business meetings — specifically, the Wildlife Resources Committee (WRC) on Thursdays in January, May and September, and Marine Resources Committee (MRC) on Thursdays in March, July and November — or on the afternoon before the first day of a Commission meeting in April, August and December, as is the case for the Tribal Committee (TC) that meets on Tuesdays. Staff seeks guidance on whether to retain the same months and days of the week for Commission and committee meetings when scheduling meetings for 2028.

Adequate meeting facilities at a cost within budget have become increasingly difficult to secure, and early planning improves the likelihood of finding suitable venues. To ensure staff has sufficient time to identify and secure venue options that meet the Commission's requirements — including cost, information technology, security, and State-mandated bidding and contracting processes — it is important for meeting dates and locations to be identified well in advance.

A list of proposed 2028 meeting dates (Table 1) is presented today for Commission consideration and discussion, with approval scheduled for August. Staff proposes meeting dates with consideration of holidays, other relevant meeting schedules, and regulatory deadlines. Staff proposes meetings be held at locations throughout the state, pending an improved budget.

For this year's Commission meetings, marine items are heard on the first day, and wildlife and inland fisheries items are heard the second day. In 2027, this order will rotate to wildlife and inland fisheries items on the first day and marine items on the second day; a new rotation will be implemented in 2028. Administrative items may be heard on either day.

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Table 1: Proposed 2028 Commission and Committee Meeting Dates

Proposed Dates	Meeting Type	State Holidays	Other Dates to Avoid
January 13	WRC	1 (New Year's) 17 (MLK)	
February 9-10	CFGC	21 (President's)	TBD (Wildlife Conservation Board)
March 16	MRC	31 (Farmworker's)	8-13 (PFMC) TBD (Pacific Flyway Council)
April 18	TC		7-12 (PFMC)
April 19-20	CFGC		
May 11	CFGC (teleconference)		
May 18	WRC	29 (Memorial)	TBD (Wildlife Conservation Board)
June 14-15	CFGC		TBD (WAFWA) TBD (PFMC) 19 (Juneteenth)
July 13	MRC	4 (Independence)	
August 15	TC		TBD (Wildlife Conservation Board)
August 16-17	CFGC		
September 14	WRC	4 (Labor)	TBD (PFMC) TBD (AFWA)
October 11-12	CFGC		9 (Columbus)
November 16	MRC	23-24 (Thanksgiving)	11 (Veteran's) TBD (PFMC) TBD (Wildlife Conservation Board)
December 19	TC		
December 20-21	CFGC	25 (Christmas)	Hanukkah (12-20)

PFMC = Pacific Fishery Management Council; WAFWA = Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies;
AFWA = Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

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Significant Public Comments (N/A)

Recommendation

Commission staff:

- (1) Confirm the intent to continue scheduling Commission meetings on Wednesdays and Thursdays and in the even-numbered months.
- (2) Confirm the intent to continue scheduling WRC and MRC meetings on Thursdays, and TC meetings on Tuesdays immediately prior to Commission meetings, and to retain the same months for these committee meetings.
- (3) Provide feedback on draft proposed 2028 meeting dates.

Exhibits (N/A)

Motion (N/A)