

## Staff Summary for June 17-18, 2026

**26B. 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 April 15-16, 2026
- **Today, consider approving changes to the rulemaking timetable June 17-18, 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 two changes to the rulemaking timetable (exhibits 1 and 2):

- Add a new emergency rulemaking titled "Gear Restrictions for White Shark" to amend sections 28.06 and 28.65, for adoption in June 2026 with an effective date upon filing (consistent with the proposed emergency action under Agenda Item 6, this meeting), and add a potential 90-day emergency rulemaking extension to be adopted in October 2026. Given increased aggregations of white shark and other shark species in southern California waters, along with an expected rise in shark encounters associated with the forecasted strong El Niño event this summer, this rulemaking is necessary to promptly implement gear restrictions to reduce the risk of injury to pier and beach anglers and sharks.
- Delay the "Commercial Use and Possession of Native Rattlesnakes" rulemaking by one meeting (consistent with the staff recommendation under Agenda Item 22, this meeting) to allow further development and refinement of the proposal. The new requested timeline is notice in August 2026, discussion in October 2026, and adoption in December 2026.

Staff requests two changes to the rulemaking timetable at this meeting:

- Delay the rulemaking titled "Including Federal Groundfish and Associated Species in Auto Conformance Regulations" by one meeting (consistent with staff recommendation under Agenda Item 8, this meeting) to allow further development and refinement of the proposal. Additionally, rename the rulemaking to "Process to Conform State Recreational Fishing Regulations to Federal Regulations, Including for Federal Groundfish" to more accurately reflect the scope of the rulemaking. The new requested timeline is notice in August 2026 and adoption in December 2026.
- Rename the "Harpoons and Flying Gaff Allowance" rulemaking to "Harpoons and Flying Gaffs for Recreational Tuna Fishery, and Gear Marking in Commercial Harpoon

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Swordfish Fishery.” This change is necessary to accurately reflect the scope of the rulemaking, which includes both recreational and commercial components.

**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.

**Exhibits**

1. [Department memo, received June 3, 2026](#)
2. [“Perpetual Timetable for Anticipated Regulatory Actions,” dated June 4, 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: June 3, 2026

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

From: Meghan Hertel, Director

**Subject: June 2026 Request for Changes to the Fish and Game Commission's Timetable for Anticipated Regulatory Actions**

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) requests the following schedule changes to the California Fish and Game Commission's (Commission's) 2026 perpetual regulatory timetable for amendments to Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR):

1. Add a new rulemaking, "Gear Restrictions for White Shark" for emergency notice at the June 2026 meeting, amending sections 28.06 and 28.65. This emergency regulation is necessary due to increased aggregations of white shark and other shark species in southern California waters this year, along with pier and beach anglers intentionally or accidentally hooking white sharks using certain gear. Without immediate gear restrictions, the risk of human injury increases. In addition, increased encounters are anticipated due to the forecasted strong El Niño event this summer, further compounding the problem. Based on the urgency of the situation, the Department requests an immediate effective regulation date, and may request a 90-day re-adoption, depending on environmental conditions.
2. Update the timing of the existing rulemaking, "Commercial Use and Possession of Native Rattlesnakes" to postpone notice. This would adjust the respective timing to requesting to authorize notice at the August 2026 meeting, discussion at the October 2026 meeting, and adoption at the December 2026 meeting.



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California Fish and Game Commission  
May 15, 2026  
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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Regulations Unit Manager, Ona Alminas, at (916) 902-9222 or [Regulations@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Regulations@wildlife.ca.gov).

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

June 4, 2026

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

Subject of Rulemaking	Title 14 Section(s)	FGC	FGC	MRC	TC	FGC	FGC	WRC	FGC	FGC	MRC	TC	FGC	FGC	WRC	FGC	FGC	MRC	TC	FGC	FGC	WRC	FGC	FGC	WRC	TC	FGC	FGC	WRC	TC	FGC	FGC	WRC	TC				
		Sacramento June 17, 2026	Sacramento June 16, 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	TBD January 13, 2027	TBD February 17, 2027	TBD February 18, 2027	TBD March 18, 2027	TBD April 13, 2027	TBD April 14, 2027	TBD April 15, 2027	Teleconference May 6, 2027	TBD May 13, 2027															
Central Valley Sport Fishing (Annual)	7.40(b)(4), (43), (66), (80)			E 7/15																																		
Klamath River Basin Sport Fishing (Annual)	7.40(b)(50)			E 7/1																																		
Waterfowl Hunting, 2026-2027 (Annual)	502			E 7/1																																		
Processing and Donating Sport Caught Fish <sup>1</sup>	231			E 7/1																																		
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					<u>D</u> <u>N</u>																														
<del>Harpoons and Flying Gaff Allowance</del> <del>Harpoons and Flying Gaffs for Recreational Tuna Fishery and Gear Marking in Commercial Harpoon Swordfish Fishery</del> <sup>5</sup>	28.38, 28.40, 28.90, 28.95, 107	N						A																														
<del>Including Federal Groundfish and Associated Species in Auto-Conformance Regulations Process to Conform State Recreational Fishing Regulations to Federal Regulations, Including for Federal Groundfish</del>	1.91, 1.95	N																																				
<del>Gear Restrictions for White Shark Emergency</del>	<del>28.06, 28.65</del>	A		E 7/6																																		
<del>Gear Restrictions for White Shark Emergency (First 90-day Extension)</del>	<del>28.06, 28.65</del>																																					
Trapping Consistency with Statute	251.5, 465.5, 467, 474, 478, 478.1, 479, 550, 550.5, 551, 630, 696							N																														
Department Lands <sup>3</sup>	550, 550.5, 551, 552, 630																																					
Private Lands Management (PLM) Program	601								R																													

**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 5 = Considers CFGC Petition 2024-04

