

Staff Summary for June 17-18, 2026

26C. 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 (August 12-13, 2026). 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 scheduling two additional days for the October 2026 Commission meeting to discuss and potentially act on marine protected area (MPA) petitions May 19, 2026
- **Today, discuss and consider approving draft agenda items for the August 12-13, 2026 Commission meeting, which two additional days to add to the October 2026 Commission meeting, and approving holding meetings in the Sacramento area through June 2027** **June 17-18, 2026**

Background***Upcoming Commission Meetings****August 12-13, 2026*

The next regular Commission meeting is scheduled for August 12-13, 2026 in Sacramento with Zoom and phone options available for public participation. Potential agenda items for the August meeting are provided in Exhibit 1 for consideration and potential Commission approval.

October 14-15, 2026

At the May 19 regional MPA meeting, the Commission identified its October meeting as the targeted timeline for taking action on the 15 pending MPA petitions under review. Because additional time will likely be needed to consider all comments, evaluations and recommendations associated with the pending MPA petitions, the Commission approved adding two additional days to the October 2026 meeting to dedicate to deliberations. Exact dates will be determined based on commissioner and venue availability, as well as whether action on tribally led or co-led MPA petitions needs to be delayed to accommodate tribal consultations and a Tribal Committee recommendation.

Approved Meeting Dates and Locations

Currently, Commission and committee meetings are scheduled to be held in the Sacramento area through December 2026 due to Commission budget constraints, which is not expected to change before the end of the fiscal year; Commission and committee meetings will generally need to continue to be held in the Sacramento area until the 2027-28 fiscal year, while still offering Zoom and phone options for the public.

Significant Public Comments (N/A)

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Recommendation

Commission staff: (1) Approve agenda items for the August 12-13, 2026 meeting as presented in Exhibit 1 and amended during this meeting; (2) confirm the two additional days for the October 2026 meeting as Tuesday and Friday or Monday and Tuesday for focused discussion and potential action on MPA petitions; and (3) approve holding Commission and committee meetings in the Sacramento area through June 2027.

Exhibits

1. [Potential agenda items for the August 12-13, 2026 Commission meeting](#)

Motion

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission approves the draft agenda items for the August 12-13, 2026 Commission meeting as amended during this meeting, approves adding [Tuesday and Friday] OR [Monday and Tuesday] to the October 14-15, 2026 meeting, and approves holding meetings in the Sacramento area through June of 2027.

California Fish and Game Commission
Potential Agenda Items for the August 2026 Commission Meeting
June 10, 2026

The next regularly scheduled Commission business meeting is scheduled for August 12-13, 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, August 12: 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. Notice hearing: Process to conform state recreational fishing regulations to federal regulations, including for federal groundfish¹
4. Discussion hearing: Harpoons and flying gaffs for recreational tuna fishery and gear marking in commercial harpoon swordfish fishery
5. Marine petitions for regulation change²
6. Marine non-regulatory requests from previous meetings^{2 above}
7. Commission committee reports (Tribal Committee, Marine Resources Committee) and Department report (Marine Region).
8. Executive (closed) session

Thursday, August 13: Wildlife- and Inland Fisheries-Related and Administrative Items

9. Notice hearing: Trapping consistency with statute
10. Notice hearing: Commercial use and possession of native rattlesnakes for other purposes¹
11. Adoption hearing: Sport fishing 2026 (inland and ocean)
12. Wildlife and inland fisheries petitions for regulation change²
13. Wildlife and inland fisheries non-regulatory requests from previous meetings²
14. Commission committee report (Wildlife Resources Committee) and Department reports (Wildlife and Fisheries Division, and Ecosystem Conservation Division)
15. Administrative items
 - a. Legislative report
 - b. Rulemaking timetable updates

¹ Continued from the June 17-18, 2026 Commission meeting

² 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.

- c. Future meetings – approve July 2026 through June 2027 locations and 2028 meeting dates
 - d. Future meetings – approve next meeting agenda and new business
16. General public comment for items not on the agenda

Expected Reports or Other Significant Documents to be Received

- 1. Department evaluations of the five tribally led or co-led marine protected area (MPA) petitions
- 2. Department, California Ocean Protection Council, and staff equity analysis of the 15 pending MPA petitions
- 3. California Ocean Protection Council evaluation of the 15 pending MPA petitions
- 4. Department report “Status of Endangered, Threatened, and Candidate Species Listed Under the California Endangered Species Act”