

## Staff Summary for August 12-13, 2026

**22D. Administrative Items – Proposed Meeting Dates for 2028****Today's Item**Information ☐Action ☒

Consider and potentially approve meeting dates for 2028 as proposed by staff; staff will suggest potential locations at a future meeting.

**Summary of Previous/Future Actions**

- 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.

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. Until the State budget outlook improves, staff recommends holding meetings in Sacramento.

***June Proposal and Discussion***

During the June 2026 Commission meeting, staff shared a proposed 2028 schedule of meetings for Commission discussion and feedback; when developing the proposal, staff considered holidays, other relevant meeting schedules, and regulatory process deadlines.

The December 2028 Commission and TC meeting dates were proposed by staff for later than usual to: (1) avoid a public comment deadline that extends into binder production week for the two meetings, (2) provide sufficient staff preparation time between the November MRC meeting and the December meetings when there is a four-day holiday weekend in the midst, and (3) avoid the first night of Hanukkah.

A commissioner voiced concern about the timing for December and inquired about holding the meetings the week prior (December 12-14). Staff committed to exploring the proposed dates and reporting out at this meeting.

***Today's Proposal***

An updated list of proposed 2028 meeting dates (Table 1) is presented today for Commission approval. To address the concern raised in June, staff suggests moving the December 2028 Commission meeting to December 13-14 and moving the TC meeting to December 12. Given the shortened time between the two December meetings and the November MRC meeting, staff also recommends moving the MRC meeting to the week prior, to November 9.

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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)<br>17 (MLK) |                                                                  |
| February 9-10  | CFGC                     | 21 (Presidents')           | TBD (Wildlife Conservation Board)                                |
| March 16       | MRC                      | 31 (Farmworkers)           | 8-13 (PFMC)<br>TBD (Pacific Flyway Council)                      |
| April 18       | TC                       |                            | 7-12 (PFMC)                                                      |
| April 19-20    | CFGC                     |                            |                                                                  |
| May 11         | CFGC<br>(teleconference) |                            |                                                                  |
| May 18         | WRC                      | 29 (Memorial)              | TBD (Wildlife Conservation Board)                                |
| June 14-15     | CFGC                     |                            | TBD (WAFWA)<br>TBD (PFMC)<br>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)<br>TBD (AFWA)                                         |
| October 11-12  | CFGC                     |                            | 9 (Columbus – Federal)                                           |
| November 99    | MRC                      | 23-24 (Thanksgiving)       | 11 (Veterans)<br>TBD (PFMC)<br>TBD (Wildlife Conservation Board) |
| December 12    | TC                       |                            | Hanukkah (12-20)                                                 |
| December 13-14 | 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:** Approve the 2028 meeting dates as proposed in Table 1.

**Exhibits (N/A)**

**Motion**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ that the Commission approves the 2028 meeting dates as proposed in Table 1.