

Staff Summary for August 12-13, 2026

21. Non-Regulatory Requests from Previous Meetings (Wildlife and Inland Fisheries)**Today's Item**Information ☐Action ☒

Consider and potentially act on non-regulatory requests (requests for action that do not require a regulation change) received from members of the public at previous meetings.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

- Commission received requests June 17-18, 2026
- **Today's potential actions on requests** August 12-13, 2026

Background

Requests for non-regulatory action are received from members of the public under general public comment. All non-regulatory requests follow a two-meeting cycle to ensure proper review through consideration of each item. All requests received in writing or public testimony during general public comment at the previous Commission meeting are scheduled for consideration at the next meeting. Referred non-regulatory requests are scheduled for action once the evaluation is completed and a recommendation is made.

The Commission received one non-regulatory request in June that is scheduled for potential action today. Exhibit 1 provides a summary of the request. The staff recommendation and rationale were developed in consultation with the Department staff.

Significant Public Comments (N/A)**Recommendation**

Commission staff: Adopt the staff recommendation for non-regulatory requests as reflected in Exhibit 1.

Exhibits

1. [Summary of non-regulatory requests and staff recommendations for wildlife and inland fisheries](#) scheduled for action, updated July 31, 2026

Motion

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission adopts the staff recommendations for non-regulatory requests as reflected in Exhibit 1

California Fish and Game Commission
Non-Regulatory Requests for Action — Updated July 31, 2026

Commission - California Fish and Game Commission Department - California Department of Fish and Wildlife
WRC - Wildlife Resources Committee MRC - Marine Resources Committee

Date Received	Name of Requestor	Subject of Request	Short Description	Category	FGC Receipt Scheduled	FGC Initial Action Scheduled	Initial Staff Recommendation
5/18/2026	Brett Duxbury, Kern River Boaters and Kern Fly Fishers Council	Minimum Flow Requirements	Requests the Commission assess whether its Public Trust obligations are being met and whether the Department's position on the KR3 Project aligns with its Strategic Plan. They highlight analysis showing that the proposed flow plan would continue causing severe ecological harm and urge agencies to reject it in favor of higher, science-based California Environmental Flows Framework (CEFF) instream flows needed to protect fish, wildlife, water quality, and recreation.	Wildlife	6/17-18/2026	8/12-13/2026	DRAFT: The Commission has demonstrated its interest in future engagement with water agencies and with the Kern River and similar issues. While the Department must make its own determination of whether its positions align with its Strategic Plan, the Commission remains committed to finding ways to express its concerns and recommendations in the future, including its obligations regarding public trust resources. No further action recommended.