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Revised* Meeting Agenda
October 13-16, 2026

California Natural Resources Headquarters Building
715 P Street, Auditorium
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*** This agenda has been revised to:**

- **Recommend continuing item 9 (Calistoga Popcornflower) to a future meeting;**
- **remove from consent item 18 (Harpoons and Flying Gaffs for Recreational Tuna Fishery and Gear Marking in Commercial Harpoon Swordfish Fishery) and hear the item as a regular agenda item;**
- **indicate that Petition 2023-19MPA_AM1 (New Chitqawi SMCA Near Morro Bay) has been withdrawn by the petitioner (see item 31); and**
- **add item (D)l. to Executive Session (Deliberation and Action on License and Permit Items).**

October 13 will focus on wildlife, inland fisheries, and administrative items.

October 14 will focus on marine and administrative items, and marine protected area (MPA) petitions 2023-14, 2023-23, and 2023-33.

October 15 will focus on MPA petitions 2023-21, 2023-20, 2023-34, 2023-28, 2023-29, 2022-04, and 2023-18 (Vandenberg and Kashtayit).

October 16 will focus on MPA petitions 2023-27, 2023-18 (San Miguel and Anacapa special closures), 2023-15, 2023-16, 2023-32, and 2023-24.

Join us in person in Sacramento to provide public comment or observe the meeting.

Options for Remote Public Comment via Zoom or Phone

To join the meeting remotely via Zoom (video and audio, click directly on the meeting link at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81694577331. Access detailed instructions for joining by phone or Zoom by clicking here or visiting the Commission meetings webpage at fgc.ca.gov/meetings; for instructions on how to join by phone (audio only), refer to Option 3.

The Commission will make a reasonable effort to provide the public additional opportunities to observe or provide comment in the meeting through the Zoom webinar platform by computer, mobile device, or telephone connection. However, the Commission cannot guarantee the accessibility or functionality of the remote connection options. Should technical issues affect remote attendee access or webinar quality, an attempt will be made to resolve them; however, the meeting will continue with in-person attendees.

Option for Remote Observation Without Public Comment

To watch or listen only on the day of the meeting visit http://www.fgc.ca.gov (link is on the right side of the page). The Commission will make a reasonable effort to live-stream the meeting to allow the public to observe the meeting from a remote location without providing comments. However, the Commission cannot guarantee the accessibility or functionality of the webcast.

Notes: (1) See important meeting deadlines and procedures, including written public comment deadlines, starting on this page.

(2) Unless otherwise indicated, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife is identified as Department.

(3) All section and subsection references are to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), unless otherwise noted.

(4) The times at which the Commission takes lunch and other breaks will be determined by the presiding commissioner.

Welcome to a Meeting of the California Fish and Game Commission!

This year marks the 157th year of operation of the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) in partnership with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. The Commission's goal is preserving our heritage and conserving our natural resources through informed decision making; Commission meetings are vital in achieving that goal. In that spirit, we provide the following information to be as effective and efficient as possible.

We expect to hear comments from people with varied perspectives and deeply held values about California's wildlife, coastal places, and public trust resources. In these meetings, the Commission is committed to supporting an environment where everyone can safely participate, while also protecting free speech. Meeting goals, expectations, and participation information have been created to support a respectful, constructive environment where all voices are heard; we share them here to enhance transparency.

Meeting Goals

- Provide a safe and inclusive environment for sharing knowledge, experiences, ideas, and perspectives.
- Uphold the Commission's Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Policy and goals, including centering principles of environmental justice and access for underserved communities; recognizing and honoring the perspectives and traditional knowledge and practices of California tribes and tribal communities; and working from a shared understanding of key JEDI-related definitions and terms.
- Ensure all commissioners can hear and participate in agenda topic dialogue in real time.

- Daylight areas of agreement or disagreement, as well as potential modifications and compromises.
- Gather input to inform Commission decision-making.

MPA Petitions Goals and Guidelines

- Deliberate and vote on all actions within the 15 bin 2 MPA petitions. Decisions could be to grant and continue to a regulatory process, deny, or take any other action the Commission determines is warranted by the petition such as considering regulatory amendments that petitioners have suggested during the petition process, or granting or further reviewing some portions of a petition.
- Consider MPA petitions on:
  - **Wednesday** in the afternoon (petition numbers 2023-14, 2023-23, 2023-33);
  - **Thursday** (petition numbers 2023-21, 2023-19, 2023-20, 2023-34, 2023-28, 2023-29, 2022-04, and 2023-18 [Vandenberg and Kashtayit]); and
  - **Friday** (petition numbers 2023-27, 2023-18 [San Miguel and Anacapa special closures], 2023-15, 2023-16, 2023-32, and 2023-24).
- MPA petition agenda items will include an introduction to the subject, public comment, and Commission discussion and action.
- ***Ceding time will be allowed*** for the MPA petition agenda items (beginning with Agenda Item 26).
  - If five or more people cede their time to a spokesperson, the speaker will receive 3 minutes of speaking time and if four people cede their time to a spokesperson, the speaker will receive 2 minutes of speaking time.
  - For those attending in person, the speaker and those ceding time must submit their speaker cards all together at the staff table in front of the auditorium, *before the agenda item is announced*, even if you have pre-registered.
  - For those attending via Zoom, the speaker and those ceding time must either pre-register or send an email message to fgc@fgc.ca.gov no later than noon on Monday, October 12; in both cases, include your name, the spokesperson's name, and the agenda item number.
- At any time, the presiding commissioner may ask for visual cues (such as raising hands or standing up) to express support or opposition.
- Pre-registration will be available on the Commission meeting webpage beginning Wednesday, September 30 until noon on Monday, October 12.
- It is highly advised to *submit written comments by September 30*; if you also speak at the meeting, then you can simply highlight the key points of your written comments when giving oral comments.

Meeting Expectations: Commitment to a Respectful Environment and Free Speech

We acknowledge that meeting participants care deeply about California's wildlife, coastal places, and public trust resources. The Commission is committed to creating and maintaining

an environment where all participants feel safe, respected, and able to contribute meaningfully. Therefore, the Commission strongly discourages personal attacks, intimidation, harassment, hateful expressions (including racial or other identity-based comments), or other conduct or comments that target individuals rather than issues. These comments can diminish the quality of public dialogue, discourage community participation, and potentially reduce the likelihood that commissioners will give weight to comments delivered in this manner.

The Commission upholds the right to free speech; all individuals possess this right and are entitled to use their full speaking time to express their views, including critiques, alternative perspectives, and disagreement. However, disruptions to the meeting will not be tolerated. Personal threats or attacks on members, staff or other commenters, references to protected characteristics, offensive or profane speech, yelling, interruptions, audible reactions, or disputing another speaker during their speaking time may constitute a disruption to the meeting, depending on the circumstances.

The Commission may restrict an individual's right to speak when necessary to avoid disrupting the orderly conduct of the meeting. In these cases, the presiding commissioner may gavel or mute a speaker's microphone. If the disruptive behavior continues, after a call for decorum and a warning, the person or people disrupting the orderly conduct of the meeting may be removed from the meeting, the meeting may be suspended, and the room may be cleared.

Meeting Participation: How to Engage and Attend

How to Provide Written Comments and Submission Deadlines

The public is encouraged to submit written comments on any agenda item. Written comments can be more detailed than what time allows during verbal comment at the meeting, *creating an opportunity to share more information in support of your thoughts and ideas.*

You may submit written comments by one of three methods (only one is necessary):

1. **Email** to fgc@fgc.ca.gov;
2. **mail** to California Fish and Game Commission, P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090; or
3. **hand deliver** to California Fish and Game Commission, 715 P Street, 16th floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (call at least one business day in advance to arrange delivery).

Written Comment Deadlines

Comment Deadline*	***Supplemental Comment Deadline***
September 30, 5:00 PM	October 8, 12:00 PM

* Written comments received at the Commission office by the ***Comment Deadline*** will be made available to the Commissioners prior to the meeting, and may be posted online with meeting materials.

** Written comments received at the Commission office by the ***Supplemental Comment Deadline*** will be made available to Commissioners at the meeting but not posted with meeting materials.

After the **Supplemental Comment Deadline**, written comments may be delivered in person to the meeting. Please bring twelve (12) copies of written comments and hand them to the designated staff member just prior to speaking.

Materials provided to the Commission will be available to the general public.

Visual Presentations: Slides, Videos, and Graphics

No visual presentations will be approved for the MPA petition agenda items (beginning with Agenda Item 26); however, print copies of informational materials can be distributed to commissioners and staff just before you speak by providing 12 copies to the identified staff member.

All electronic presentations for non-MPA petition agenda items must be requested and submitted by the **Supplemental Comment Deadline** and approved by the Commission executive director before the meeting.

- Electronic presentations must be provided by email to fgc@fgc.ca.gov. If the file is too large to send via email, contact staff to identify an alternative method for submitting the file.
- Specify to which meeting date and agenda topic it pertains.
- All electronic formats must be Windows PC compatible.
- If presenting in person, it is recommended that you bring a print copy of your presentation in case of technical difficulties.
- Pursuant to the Commission's meeting procedures, approval is at the discretion of the president and is not guaranteed.

Participate in Person, on Zoom, or by Phone

All Commission meetings are open to the public and subject to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act. You may participate and comment in person, via Zoom webinar, or by phone; meetings are also live streamed for listening or viewing only. The presiding commissioner will explain how to indicate your interest in speaking and time limits. Staff expects to be available to assist with logistical questions in person at the external staff table, by phone at (916) 653-4899, or by email at fgc@fgc.ca.gov. After each meeting, audio and video archives are posted to the Commission website.

How to Provide Verbal Comment During the Meeting

- *Pre-Register:* This is the best way to ensure you are on the list of speakers, whether you are joining in person, via Zoom, or on the phone! No need to fill out a speaker card for each agenda item and no worrying about whether you have missed the queue to raise your hand in Zoom. Pre-registration begins Wednesday, September 30 and ends at noon on Monday, October 12.

- *In Person:* Complete a "speaker card" — available outside the meeting room near the entrance — and submit it at the staff table at the bottom of the ramp just outside the auditorium. If others are ceding time to you, they must be present when you submit your speaker card. Please complete one speaker card per agenda item. ***You must submit your speaker card before the agenda item is announced.*** In-person speakers will be called in

small groups. Please line up behind the podium when your name is called and note that the order of speakers does not matter.

- *Via Zoom or Phone:* A "call for public comment" will be made at the beginning of each agenda item, specifying an approximately three-minute time window to "raise" your hand. Please raise your hand either through the Zoom function or, if on the phone, by pressing *9 once on your phone when prompted at the beginning of the agenda item. ***You must be available online at the beginning of the agenda item to raise your hand during the allotted time window.***

- *General Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda:* Comments made during the general public comment agenda items (Tuesday morning and Friday afternoon) must be about matters not on this agenda. This time is an opportunity to bring other issues to the Commission's attention; concerns may also be submitted by email or mail. Note that the Commission may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during this item, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting (per sections 11125 and 11125.7(a), California Government Code).

Accessibility or Accommodation Needs

Individuals with disabilities and/or needing reasonable accommodation to participate in Commission meetings may contact the Civil Rights Office (CRO) of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife at civilrights@wildlife.ca.gov. Requests for facility or meeting accessibility and requests for American Sign Language interpreters should be submitted at least two weeks before the meeting to help ensure that the requested accommodation can be met. Requests for real-time captioners should be submitted at least four weeks prior to the event. These timeframes are to help ensure that the requested accommodation can be met. If an accommodation is no longer needed, please notify CRO immediately.

Individuals relying on an interpreter are entitled to at least twice the allotted speaking time pursuant to California Government Code, Section 11125.7, subdivision (c), and are asked to provide at least 72 hours' notice. Additional time for other accommodation needs may be granted at the presiding commissioner's discretion to ensure equitable opportunity to address the Commission.

Meeting Expectations: Agenda and Format

Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda outlines the planned sequence of items, during which presentations, discussion, and public comment will occur. Each meeting includes an opportunity for public comment on each agenda item, as well as a "general public comment" agenda item for topics not on the agenda.

Meeting Format

During meetings, each agenda item generally follows the same format:

- Commission staff introduction of the item
- Department or other agency presentation (if applicable)
- Public presentation (if applicable)
- Commissioner questions

- Tribal and other elected officials
- Public comment (starting first with those who have time ceded to them)
- Commission discussion and potential action (if applicable)

Meeting Expectations: Guidelines on Speaker Time

The Commission understands that many participants travel long distances or rearrange commitments to attend, whether in person or remotely. To help participants prepare for Commission meetings, we share here speaker guidelines; please keep these in mind as you prepare your comments.

Under Commission meeting procedures, the presiding commissioner allocates a maximum speaking time per person (one to three minutes, with exceptions) for each agenda item. The Commission sometimes discusses items with high public engagement, potentially with large numbers of speakers, and is committed to hearing all scheduled items, while also maximizing the amount of information and number of viewpoints that can be shared by attendees. To balance these goals, the presiding commissioner will seek to ensure discussions are focused, respectful, and efficient, and that as many voices as possible can be heard.

Individual Speaking Time

At the beginning of public comment on an agenda item, the presiding commissioner will ask staff how many speakers have indicated a desire to speak, in addition to those with time ceded to them by other attendees (see instructions for ceded time). The presiding commissioner will assign one to three minutes for speakers without ceded time for that agenda item.

With limited time to speak during the meeting, it is helpful to submit detailed comments in writing by the **Comment Deadline** (September 30) to help ensure that your ideas and perspective are included in the meeting materials developed and distributed in advance. During the meeting, you can then focus on the key points you want the commissioners to keep in mind as they make any decisions or provide direction to staff.

Additional Time for Speakers with Ceded Time for Non-MPA Petition Items

For non-MPA petition agenda items, speakers may be approved to speak for *up to five minutes if three or more* participants cede their time to them. This allows a group to designate a spokesperson to provide comment on an agenda item. Participants ceding their time to a spokesperson:

- Must be present (in person, on Zoom, or by phone) when the agenda item is called; and
- forego their own opportunity to speak on that agenda item.

If you plan to cede time for non-MPA petition agenda items:

- *Pre-Register.* This is the best way to ensure you are on the list of speakers, whether you are joining in person, via Zoom, or on the phone! No need to fill out a speaker card for each agenda item, no worrying about whether you have missed the queue to raise your hand in Zoom, and you receive confirmation via email within minutes. Pre-registration begins Wednesday, September 30 and ends at noon on Monday, October 12 at https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=247417&inline.

- *In person.* Please complete a speaker card and approach the staff table with your spokesperson before the agenda item begins so staff can confirm the presence of those ceding time. An in-person speaker may identify a remote participant who wishes to cede their time. However, all individuals ceding time to an in-person speaker must be present on Zoom or phone during the agenda item.

- *Remote (via Zoom or phone).* Remote participants who wish to cede their time must pre-register or notify the Commission at fgc@fgc.ca.gov by **Monday, October 12 at noon** and include the name of the individual to whom they are ceding time. All individuals ceding time *must also be present on Zoom or phone during the agenda item*.

Considerations for Giving Effective Public Comment

When addressing the Commission, begin by giving your name, any organizational affiliation, and the number of people you represent. To help commissioners in their decision-making and facilitate a positive meeting experience for all, please remember to:

- Respect the meeting environment, other speakers, staff, and commissioners.
- Treat all participants with courtesy and recognize diverse experiences and perspectives.
- Listen respectfully while one person speaks at a time.
- Come prepared and keep comments centered on the topic as time is limited.
- Focus on clear, concise contributions that support productive dialogue.
- If there are several speakers with the same concerns, you are encouraged to appoint a spokesperson to avoid repetitive comments or state your agreement with earlier speakers or remarks.
- Treat disagreements as shared problems to solve.
- When offering critique, propose alternative ideas when appropriate.
- Avoid personal accusations, stereotyping, or deliberate misinformation.

To help you organize your comments, it may be helpful to focus on:

- Do you support or oppose what has been proposed and why?
- Why is the subject important to you, your community, or your work?
- What action(s) would you like the Commission to consider if not what has been proposed?

October 13, 2026; 9:00 AM

Call to Order and Roll Call to Establish a Quorum

1. Consider Approving Agenda and Order of Items

General Public Comment

2. General Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda
Receive public comment regarding topics within the Commission's authority that are not included on the agenda.
Note: The Commission may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during this item, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting (sections 11125 and 11125.7(a), Government Code).

Discussion and Action Items

3. Commission Executive Director and Department Reports
Receive updates on items of note since the previous Commission meeting.

(A) ***Commission executive director***

(B) ***Department director and Law Enforcement Division***

4. California Waterfowlers Hall of Fame
Recognition of newly inducted members of the California Waterfowlers Hall of Fame.

5. Department Lands
Consider authorizing publication of a notice of intent to amend regulations related to Department lands.
(Amend sections 540, 550, 550.5, 551, 552, 630 and 702)

6. Mammal Trapping Consistency with Statute
Discuss proposed amendments to regulations related to mammal trapping to align regulations with California Fish and Game Code, and to clarify existing mammal trapping provisions.
(Amend sections 251.5, 465.5, 467, 474, 478 and 479, and repeal Section 696)

7. Use of Native Rattlesnakes
Discuss proposed amendments, including considering authorizing staff to provide public notice of Department-requested, sufficiently-related changes to proposed amendments to regulations related to use and possession of native rattlesnakes
(Add Section 42.1 and amend sections 43 and 703)

8. Report on the status of endangered, threatened, and candidate species listed under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA)
Receive and discuss a Department report on the status of endangered, threatened, and candidate species listed under CESA.
(Pursuant to Section 2079 California Fish and Game Code)

9. Calistoga Popcornflower

Consider the Department's five-year species review report and recommendation, and comments received to determine whether changing the status of Calistoga popcornflower (*Plagiobothrys strictus*) from threatened to endangered under CESA may be warranted.
(Pursuant to Section 2077, California Fish and Game Code)

Staff will recommend this item be continued to a future meeting.

10. Veiny Monardella

Consider and potentially act on the petition, the Department's evaluation report, and comments received to determine whether listing veiny monardella (*Monardella venosa*) as threatened or endangered under CESA may be warranted.
(Pursuant to sections 2074 and 2074.2, California Fish and Game Code)

11. Mount Pinos Sooty Grouse

Consider and potentially act on the petition, the Department's evaluation report, and comments received to determine whether listing Mount Pinos sooty grouse (*Dendragapus fuliginosus howardi*) as threatened or endangered under CESA may be warranted.
(Pursuant to sections 2074 and 2074.2, California Fish and Game Code)

12. Wild Trout Waters

Receive, discuss, and potentially adopt proposed amendments to the Commission-designated Wild Trout Waters Policy.
(Pursuant to Section 1727, California Fish and Game Code)

13. Committee and Department Reports

(A) ***Wildlife Resources Committee***

Receive a summary and recommendations from the September 10, 2026 committee meeting, potentially act on the recommendations, discuss referred topics, and consider revisions to topics and timing.

(B) ***Department Wildlife and Fisheries Division, and Department Ecosystem Conservation Division***

Receive updates from Department divisions on items of note since the previous Commission meeting.

14. Regulation Change Petitions (Wildlife and Inland Fisheries)

(Pursuant to Section 662)

(A) ***Petitions for action today***

Consider whether to grant, deny, or refer for additional review, petitions for regulation change received at previous meetings. Petitions granted today will be added to the rulemaking calendar for development and future consideration.

I. *Petition 2019-010 AM 2(a):* Request to allow air guns for hunting game

II. *Petition 2022-10:* Request to authorize air guns as method of take for deer

III. *Petition 2024-03:* Request to prohibit local governments from contracting with private trappers to trap coyotes on public lands and to prohibit the use of carbon dioxide as a killing method for coyotes

(B) ***New petitions***
Receive new petitions for regulation change.

Consideration of new petitions (whether to grant, deny, or refer for additional review) is expected to be scheduled for the December 15-16 Commission meeting.

(C) ***Referred petitions***
Receive comments on petitions previously referred by the Commission to staff, legal counsel, a Commission committee, or the Department for review and recommendation.

Commission action on any referred petition will be scheduled for consideration once a recommendation is received.

15. Non-Regulatory Requests from Previous Meetings (Wildlife and Inland Fisheries)
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.

(A) Requests the Commission add to an agenda the status of California Fish and Game Code Section 2000.6 (enacted through Senate Bill 395, Statutes of 2019) known as the Wildlife Traffic Safety Act, for discussion and to provide a public explanation of the program, including any legal or administrative barriers and the steps needed to launch the pilot.

Recess

October 14, 2026; 8:30 AM

Call to Order and Roll Call to Establish a Quorum

Consent Items

Note: Items on the consent calendar are expected to be routine and non-controversial. After any public comment, the Commission will consider approving items on the consent calendar in a single vote without discussion. The presiding commissioner may choose to remove any item from the consent calendar and allow a separate discussion and potential action on that item in response to a request by a Commission member, staff, or an interested person.

16. Restricted Species Permit Application (consent)
Review and consider a restricted species permit application from Stanford University to possess transgenic tunicates (*Botryllus schlosseri* and *Ciona robusta*), transgenic painted urchins (*Lytechinus pictus*), and transgenic bat stars (*Patiria miniata*) and the Department's recommendation.
(Pursuant to subsection 671.1(a)(8)(H))

17. Recreational Gear Restrictions for White Shark (Emergency) (consent)
Consider adopting a 90-day extension of emergency regulations to further protect white shark during environmental conditions that increase nearshore aggregations of white sharks and increase the likelihood of humans interacting with sharks while fishing, by prohibiting specific gear types when recreational fishing from shore or within 1,000 yards of shore.
(Amend sections 28.06 and 28.65)

Discussion and Action Items

18. Harpoons and Flying Gaffs for Recreational Tuna Fishery and Gear Marking in Commercial Harpoon Swordfish Fishery

Consider adopting proposed amendments to regulations related to allowing the use of harpoons and flying gaffs in the recreational tuna fishery and gear marking requirements in the commercial harpoon swordfish fishery.
(Amend sections 28.38, 28.40, 28.90, 28.95 and 107)

19. White Seabass Recreational Minimum Size Limit

Consider authorizing publication of notice of intent to amend regulations related to white seabass caught in the recreational fishery.
(Amend sections 28.35 and 27.65)

20. Process to Conform State Recreational Fishing Regulations to Federal Regulations, Including Federal Groundfish

Discuss and consider adopting proposed amendments to regulations related to the process to conform state ocean salmon and Pacific halibut recreational fishing regulations to federal regulations and to add federal groundfish to the list of species for which the automatic conformance process may be used.
(Amend sections 1.95 and 27.80)

21. Marine Aquaculture Leases

(A) ***State Water Bottom Lease M-430-05***

Receive and discuss requests from Tomales Bay Oyster Company, LLC to renew State Water Bottom Lease M-430-05, issued to conduct aquaculture in Tomales Bay, and add two oyster species.
(Pursuant to Section 15406, California Fish and Game Code)

(B) ***State Water Bottom Lease M-430-06***

Receive and discuss a request from Starbird Mariculture, Inc. to renew State Water Bottom Lease M-430-06, issued to conduct aquaculture in Tomales Bay.
(Pursuant to Section 15406, California Fish and Game Code)

22. Regulation Change Petitions (Marine)

(Pursuant to Section 662)

Referred bin 2 marine protected area petitions — and any comments on those referred petitions — will be considered under individual MPA petition agenda items (beginning with item 26).

(A) ***Petitions for action today***

Consider whether to grant, deny, or refer for review and recommendation petitions for regulation change received at previous meetings. Petitions granted today will be added to the Commission's rulemaking calendar for development and future consideration.

I. Petition 2026-08: Request to exempt commercial passenger fishing vessels departing north of Point Arguello from the requirement to hold a sport-caught fish processing permit

(B) ***New petitions***
Receive new petitions for regulation change.

Consideration of new petitions (whether to grant, deny, or refer petitions for additional review) is expected to be scheduled for the December 15-16, 2026 Commission meeting.

(C) ***Referred petitions***
Receive public comments on petitions previously referred by the Commission to staff, legal counsel, a Commission committee, and/or the Department for review and consideration.

Commission action on any referred petition will be scheduled for consideration once a recommendation is received.

23. Non-regulatory Requests (Marine)
Consider and potentially act on non-regulatory requests submitted by members of the public at previous meetings.

(A) Request that the Commission evaluate the cumulative impacts of charter and commercial passenger fishing vessel activity in San Francisco Bay and adjacent waters, and consider management measures that reduce concentrated fishing pressure while protecting the long-term health of San Francisco Bay.

24. Committee and Department Reports

(A) ***Tribal Committee***
Discuss referred topics and consider revisions to topics and timing. Consider approving draft agenda topics for the next committee meeting to be held December 14, 2026.

(B) ***Marine Resources Committee***
Discuss referred topics and consider revisions to topics and timing. Consider approving draft agenda topics for the next committee meeting to be held on November 12, 2026.

(C) ***Department Marine Region***
Receive updates on items of note since the previous Commission meeting.

I. Update on actions taken by the Department director to restrict the take of northern anchovy to bait-use only for both the commercial and recreational fisheries in Monterey Bay due to elevated levels of domoic acid.

25. Commission Administrative Items

(A) ***Legislative report***
Receive updates on state and federal legislation and regulatory activity, and consider providing direction to staff.

(B) ***Rulemaking timetable updates***
Review and consider approving changes to the perpetual timetable for anticipated regulatory actions.

(C) ***Future meetings and new business***
Review logistics and approve draft agenda items for the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting (December 15-16), consider any changes to previously approved meeting dates or locations, or introduce any new business for inclusion on a future meeting agenda.

Bin 2 Marine Protected Area (MPA) Regulation Change Petitions

Consider evaluations, recommendations, and public comments in determining whether to grant or deny 15 pending bin 2 MPA petitions for regulation change. Petitions or individual actions within petitions that are granted today will be added to the Commission's rulemaking calendar for development and future consideration in a rulemaking.
(Pursuant to Section 662)

MPA Petitions Goals and Guidelines

- Deliberate and vote on all actions within the 15 bin 2 MPA petitions. Decisions could be to grant and continue to a regulatory process, deny, or take any other action the Commission determines is warranted by the petition such as considering regulatory amendments that petitioners have suggested during the petition process, or granting or further reviewing some portions of a petition.
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MPA Petitions and Public Comments

- *Petitions and compiled comments to date are available through the Commission's website at Status of MPA Petitions for Reg Change (the exception is Petition 2022-04).*

MPA Petition Evaluations

- *Department petition evaluations with recommendations are available to view through the Department's Bin 2 MPA Petition Evaluations StoryMap.*
- *A recording of the Department's presentation of MPA petition evaluations and recommendations, given during the April 15-16, 2026 Commission meeting, can be viewed by visiting the CAL-SPAN Network for April 15.*
- *Department and OPC Initial Assessment of Question 14 (Equitable Access) and Question 16 (Commission Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion [JEDI] Policy) of the 2025 MPA Petition Evaluation Framework is available at the Department's website.*
- *California Ocean Protection Council petition evaluations with recommendations are available through OPC's website at California Ocean Protection Council.*
- *A recording of the Department's presentation on their evaluations and recommendations of the tribally led or co-led MPA petitions and the Initial Assessment and OPC's presentation on their evaluations and recommendations can be viewed by visiting the CAL-SPAN Network for August 12*

26. Petition 2023-14MPA (Nine SMCAs from Mendocino to San Diego Counties)
Request to allow commercial take of sea urchins in nine state marine conservation areas (SMCAs): Sea Lion Cove SMCA, Stewart's Point SMCA, Salt Point, Double Cone Rock, Naples SMCA, Anacapa Island SMCA, Point Dume SMCA, Point Vicente SMCA (No Take), and Swami's SMCA.

27. Petition 2023-23MPA_AM1 (Monterey Bay Area MPAs)
Request to modify regulations in Pacific Grove Marine Gardens SMCA, Edward F. Ricketts SMCA, and Carmel Bay SMCA to prohibit recreational and commercial take of finfish for diver safety when kelp restoration activities are occurring; allow unlimited commercial and recreational urchin culling in these three MPAs, as well as in a portion of Point Lobos SMR; designate Tanker's Reef as new SMR; and other proposed actions to facilitate kelp restoration.

28. Petition 2023-33MPA_AM1 (Natural Bridges SMR, New SMCA at Pleasure Point, and Point Conception SMR)
Request to expand the boundaries of Natural Bridges SMR and designate a new SMCA off Pleasure Point, in Santa Cruz County, and expand the boundaries of Point Conception SMR.

29. Petition 2023-33MPA_AM1 (Point Dume SMCA, Gull Island SMR, South Point SMR, and Cabrillo SMR)
Request to expand the boundaries and change the take allowances to allow recreational take from shore by hook and line and spearfishing at Point Dume SMCA; and to expand the boundaries of Gull Island SMR, South Point SMR, and Cabrillo SMR.

Recess

October 15, 2026; 8:30 AM

Call to Order and Roll Call to Establish a Quorum

Bin 2 Marine Protected Area (MPA) Regulation Change Petitions

Consider evaluations, recommendations, and public comments in determining whether to grant or deny pending bin 2 MPA petitions for regulation change. Petitions or individual actions within petitions that are granted today will be added to the Commission's rulemaking calendar for development and future consideration in a rulemaking.
(Pursuant to Section 662)

30. Petition 2023-21MPA_AM1 (Pyramid Point SMCA, Tribally Led)
Request to modify Pyramid Point SMCA to amend the northern boundary, remove recreational take of true smelt, and continue the current take exemption for Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation.

31. Petition 2023-19MPA_AM1 (New Chitqawi SMCA Near Morro Bay, Tribally Led)
Request to designate a new MPA near Morro Bay as "Chitqawi SMCA" that only includes a tribal take exemption for the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians.

This petition has been withdrawn by the petitioner.

32. Petition 2023-28MPA_AM2 (New SMCA Near Point Sal, Tribally Co-Led)
Request to designate a new SMCA near Point Sal – using boundaries proposed in November 2025 – that allows recreational take of finfish by hook and line from shore and take during mission-critical operations at Vandenberg Space Force Base, and to consult with tribes to identify a tribal name for the SMCA.

33. Petition 2023-29MPA_AM2 (New Mishopshno SMCA Near Carpinteria, Tribally Co-Led)
Request to designate a new SMCA near Carpinteria as "Mishopshno SMCA" – using the size as amended of 9.05 square miles – that allows recreational take of finfish by hook and line from shore and includes a tribal take exemption for the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians.

34. Petition 2023-20MPA_AM1 and Petition 2023-34MPA

(A) **Petition 2023-20MPA_AM1 (Point Buchon SMCA, Tribally Led)**
Request to expand the northern boundary of Point Buchon SMR, add a tribal take exemption to Point Buchon SMCA for the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, and to rename Point Buchon SMCA as the Chumash Co-Managed SMCA.

(B) **Petition 2023-34MPA (Point Buchon SMCA and Farnsworth SMCAs)**
Request to change the classification of Point Buchon SMCA to an SMR and to change the current take allowance at Farnsworth Onshore SMCA and Farnsworth Offshore SMCA to allow only recreational spearfishing.

35. Petition 2023-18MPA and Petition 2022-04

(A) **Petition 2023-18MPA (Vandenberg SMR and Kashtayit SMCA)**
Request to change the classification of a portion of Vandenberg SMR by creating a narrow, nearshore "ribbon" SMCA, along the entire SMR shoreline, to allow recreational take of finfish by hook and line from shore; make non-regulatory changes at two MPAs; and simplify take regulations at Kashtayit SMCA.

(B) **Petition 2022-04 (Vandenberg SMR)**
Request to change the classification of a portion of Vandenberg SMR by creating a narrow, nearshore "ribbon" SMCA along the half-mile stretch of beach known as Surf Beach, to allow shore fishing.

Note: Petition 2022-04 was submitted prior to the 2023 MPA petitions process. The Commission referred the petition to the Department for review in 2022 and later requested that it be included in the Department's MPA petitions evaluations, presented at the Commission's April 2026 meeting. The petition is included here to ensure opportunity for public input and Commission decision-making within the context of the current MPA petition process.

Recess

October 16, 2026; 8:30 AM

Call to Order and Roll Call to Establish a Quorum

Bin 2 Marine Protected Area (MPA) Regulation Change Petitions

Consider evaluations, recommendations, and public comments in determining whether to grant or deny pending bin 2 MPA petitions for regulation change. Petitions or individual actions within petitions that are granted today will be added to the Commission's rulemaking calendar for development and future consideration in a rulemaking.
(Pursuant to Section 662)

36. Petition 2023-18MPA and Petition 2023-27MPA

(A) **Petition 2023-18MPA (San Miguel Island Special Closure and Anacapa Island Special Closure)**
Request to remove San Miguel Island Special Closure; remove the area of Frenchy's Cove from the brown pelican Anacapa Island Special Closure, and consider removing the 20-foot net-and-trap depth closure at Anacapa Island Special Closure.

(B) **Petition 2023-27MPA (Anacapa Island SMCA)**
Request to modify Anacapa Island SMCA or Anacapa Island Special Closure to protect eelgrass meadows through one of three options related to disallowing deployment of lobster traps in part or all of the SMCA or increasing the special closure depth restriction.

37. Petition 2023-15MPA and Petition 2023-16MPA

(A) **Petition 2023-15MPA (Footprint SMR, Santa Barbara Island SMR, and Gull Island SMR)**
Request to change the classification of Footprint SMR, Santa Barbara Island SMR, and Gull Island SMR to SMCAs to allow take of pelagic finfish species through one of several options.

(B) **Petition 2023-16MPA (Stewart's Point SMR and Bodega Head SMR)**
Request to classify Stewarts Point SMR and Bodega Head SMR to SMCAs and allow commercial take of salmon.

38. Petition 2023-32MPA (Duxbury Reef SMCA)
Request to reclassify Duxbury Reef SMCA to an SMR and expand the northern and southern boundaries.

39. Petition 2023-24MPA (Laguna Beach SMCA and Dana Point SMCA)
Request to shift the nearshore boundary between the Laguna Beach SMCA (No Take) and the Dana Point SMCA south to the Laguna Beach city limit, thereby increasing the nearshore area within the no-take SMCA.

40. General Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda
Receive public comment regarding topics within the Commission's authority that are not included on any day of the October 13-16, 2026 agenda.

Note: The Commission may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during this item, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting (Section 11125 and subdivision 11125.7(a), California Government Code).

Adjourn

Public Receipt of Documents

This section of the agenda highlights reports or other significant documents received by the Commission since the previous meeting. Any Commission discussion or action on these documents will be noticed and placed on the agenda of a future meeting.

Since August 13, 2026, the Commission has received six documents to highlight for the public.

1. CESA: Department five-year species review report for, and continued recommendation to list as endangered, Napa bluegrass (*Poa napensis*), which is currently listed as an endangered species under CESA. Received August 20, 2026. The species review report can be viewed at https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=247177&inline.

2. CESA: Department five-year species review report for, and recommendation to list as endangered, Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), which is currently listed as a threatened species under CESA. Received August 24, 2026. The species review report can be viewed at https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=247195&inline.

3. CESA: Department five-year species review report for, and continued recommendation to list as threatened, the southern Oregon/northern California coast evolutionarily significant unit of coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*), which is currently listed as a threatened species under CESA. Received August 31, 2026. The species review report can be viewed at https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=247194&inline.

4. Experimental fishing permit (EFP) application: A new EFP application (Commission tracking number 2026-01) to allow retention of East Pacific red octopus (*Octopus rubescens*) bycatch caught while targeting coonstripe shrimp in the commercial coonstripe shrimp trap fishery. The notice of receipt can be viewed at https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=247273.

5. Proposed revised kelp harvest plan (KHP): A proposed revised five-year KHP (2023-2028) from The Cultured Abalone Farm, LLC, authorizing mechanical harvest of giant kelp in specified administrative kelp beds offshore Santa Barbara County, to add leasable administrative kelp bed numbers 207 and 208 offshore San Luis Obispo County between Cambria and Morro Bay. The proposed KHP can be viewed at https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=247281&inline.

6. A restricted species permit application from the University of California at San Diego to possess transgenic mosquito larvae [yellow fever mosquito (*Aedes aegypti*), Asian tiger mosquito (*Aedes albopictus*), African malaria mosquito (*Anopheles gambine*), Asian malaria mosquito (*Anopheles stephensi*), and southern house mosquito (*Culex quinquefasciatus*)]. The documents can be viewed at https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=247382&inline.

Executive Session

(Not open to the public)

At a convenient time during the regular agenda of its October 13-16, 2026 meeting, the Commission will recess from the public portion of the agenda and conduct a closed session on the agenda items below. The Commission is authorized to discuss these matters in a closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 11126, subdivisions (a)(1), (c)(3), and (e)(1), and California Fish and Game Code Section 309. After closed session, the Commission will reconvene in public session, which may include announcements about actions taken during closed session.

(A) Pending Litigation to Which the Commission is a Party

I. Wright v. California Fish and Game Commission and California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (challenge related to public records request and rulemaking petition)

II. Bitts v. California Fish and Game Commission (challenge to suspension of Dungeness crab vessel permit)

III. United Water Conservation District v. California Fish and Game Commission (challenge to final Southern California steelhead CESA listing decision)

IV. The Ballona Wetlands Land Trust v. California Fish and Game Commission and California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (challenge to decisions related to public uses on an ecological reserve)

V. Borba et al. v. Merced Co, Merced Irrigation Dist., California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, and California Fish and Game Commission (complaint for damages related to flooding)

VI. Perez-Ramirez et al. v. County of Merced, City of Merced, Merced Irrigation Dist., California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, and California Fish and Game Commission (complaint for damages related to flooding)

VII. Glenn et al. v. County of Merced, City of Merced, Merced Irrigation Dist., California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, and California Fish and Game Commission (complaint for damages related to flooding)

(B) Possible Litigation Involving the Commission

(C) Staffing

(D) Deliberation and Action on License and Permit Items

I. Consider the accusation in Agency Case No. 26ALJ40-FGC, regarding revocation of the commercial fishing privileges including ability to obtain a commercial fishing license and commercial fish receiver’s license of Chad Freeman.

California Fish and Game Commission
Meeting Schedule

Note: As meeting dates and locations can change, please visit www.fgc.ca.gov for the most current list of meeting dates and locations. All Commission meetings will include a webinar/teleconference option for attendance, and every effort will be made to ensure that committee meetings include the same.

Meeting Date	Commission Meeting	Committee Meeting
November 12, 2026		**Marine Resources** Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814
December 14, 2026		**Tribal** Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814
December 15-16, 2026	East End Complex Auditorium 1500 Capitol Avenue Sacramento, CA 95814	
January 13, 2027		**Wildlife Resources** Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814
February 10-11, 2027	Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814	
March 18, 2027		**Marine Resources** Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814
April 13, 2027		**Tribal** Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814
April 14-15, 2027	Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814	
May 6, 2027	Teleconference	

Meeting Date	Commission Meeting	Committee Meeting
May 13, 2027		**Wildlife Resources** Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814
June 9-10, 2027	Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814	
July 15, 2027		**Marine Resources** TBD
August 17, 2027		**Tribal** TBD
August 18-19, 2027	TBD	
September 16, 2027		**Wildlife Resources** TBD
October 13-14, 2027	TBD	
November 18, 2027		**Marine Resources** TBD
December 14, 2027		**Tribal** TBD
December 15-16, 2027	TBD	

Other Meetings of Interest

Meetings listed here are organizations for which the Commission: (1) is a member, or (2) takes action based upon regulations developed by that organization.

Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

- September 26-30, 2027 – Boise, Idaho

Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

- June 14-18, 2027 – Stateline, NV

Pacific Fishery Management Council

- November 12-18, 2026 – Garden Grove, CA
- March 3-9, 2027 – Portland, OR
- April 7-12, 2027 – Sacramento, CA
- June 17-22, 2027 – Rohnert Park, CA
- September 18-23, 2027 – Portland, OR
- November 13-19, 2027 – Costa Mesa, CA

Pacific Flyway Council

- March 23, 2027 – Omaha, NE

Wildlife Conservation Board

- November 19, 2026 – Sacramento, CA
- February 2027 – Sacramento, CA
- May 2027 – Sacramento, CA
- August 2027 – Sacramento, CA
- November 2027 - Sacramento, CA