

Staff Summary for October 13-16, 2026

23. Non-Regulatory Requests (Marine)**Today's Item**Information ☐Action ☒

Consider and potentially act on non-regulatory requests submitted by members of the public at previous meetings.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

- Commission received the request August 13-14, 2025
- **Today, potentially act on request** **October 13-16, 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 and thorough consideration of each item. Requests received in writing or public testimony during general public comment at the previous Commission meeting are scheduled for consideration at the next regular meeting.

Non-regulatory requests that have been referred to staff, legal counsel, a committee, or the Department for review and recommendation are scheduled for action under this agenda item once a recommendation has been received. Staff recommendations and rationales are developed in consultation with the Department.

One non-regulatory request received in August is scheduled for action today (Exhibit 1). The requestor asks the Commission to evaluate the cumulative impacts of charter and commercial passenger fishing vessels activity in and around San Francisco Bay and consider measures to reduce concentrated fishing pressure in support of the bay's long-term health, including its sevengill sharks. The requester is reporting on personally observed declines in sevengill sharks and offers examples such as limiting permits, reducing operating days, rotating access, improving monitoring, and applying consistent conservation measures across sectors.

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

Commission staff: The Commission appreciates proactive approaches to fisheries management issues, before they become urgent, and encourages the requestor to document their observations to share with CDFW and engage in a dialogue about potential solutions to identified issues. No further action required at this time.

Exhibits

1. [Email from Tony Crosetti, received June 20, 2026](#)

Motion

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission adopts the staff recommendation for the non-regulatory request.

SF Bay Party Boats

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Date Sat 06/20/2026 11:44 AM

To FGC <FGC@fgc.ca.gov>

To the California Fish and Game Commission,

I am writing as a longtime fisherman and former participant in California's commercial fishing industry to express my concern about the level of charter and party boat fishing pressure occurring in and around San Francisco Bay.

Over the years, California has imposed significant restrictions on commercial fishermen through permit reductions, closures, quotas, and other regulations in the name of conservation. Yet charter and party boat effort has continued to expand in many fisheries. While these operations are often classified as part of the recreational sector, they are still for-profit businesses that can fish the same areas day after day throughout the season.

My concern is not with recreational anglers taking their families fishing on private boats. My concern is with the concentrated and continuous fishing effort created by large charter operations that repeatedly target the same fish stocks and fishing grounds.

As someone who has spent many years fishing San Francisco Bay, I have personally observed a significant decline in sevengill shark fishing compared to past decades. Areas that once consistently produced sevengill sharks now often yield few or none. While multiple factors may contribute to these changes, many longtime fishermen believe the cumulative fishing pressure on Bay resources deserves much closer examination.

I urge the Commission to evaluate:

- Limits on the number of charter and party boat permits.
- Restrictions on the number of operating days per week.
- Area rotation programs for heavily pressured fishing grounds.
- Enhanced monitoring of fishing effort and localized impacts.
- Conservation measures that apply fairly across all sectors.

Many fishermen believe that localized fishing pressure is not receiving sufficient attention in current management discussions. Conservation efforts should consider not only total harvest but also the intensity and frequency with which specific areas are fished.

I respectfully request that the Commission review the cumulative impact of charter and party boat fishing activity in San Francisco Bay and adjacent waters and consider management measures that reduce concentrated fishing pressure while protecting the long-term health of the resource.

The goal should not be to eliminate access to fishing, but to ensure that future generations have the same opportunities and healthy fish populations that previous generations enjoyed. Conservation measures should be applied fairly across all sectors that place significant pressure on the resource.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Tony Crosetti