

## Staff Summary for June 11-12, 2025

**30C. Potential Meeting Dates for 2027****Today's Item****Information** ☒**Action** ☐

Review and provide feedback on draft meeting dates for 2027 as proposed by staff.

**Summary of Previous/Future Actions**

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| • <b>Discuss proposed 2027 meeting dates</b>         | <b>June 11-12, 2025</b> |
| • Discuss and potentially approve 2027 meeting dates | August 13-14, 2025      |

**Background**

The Commission currently conducts its business at six 2-day meetings (February, April, June, August, October, and December) on a Wednesday and Thursday, plus a teleconference meeting in May and others as needed. Committees each generally hold three meetings per year (half-day to full-day and, occasionally, two full days).

In 2025, committee meetings have been held either between Commission business meetings (Wildlife Resources Committee [WRC] on Thursdays in January, May and September and Marine Resources Committee [MRC] on Thursdays in March, July and November), or the afternoon before the first day of a Commission meeting (Tribal Committee [TC] on Tuesdays). Staff seeks guidance on whether to retain the same months and days of week for Commission and committee meetings.

Adequate meeting facilities have become more difficult to secure, and advanced planning increases the likelihood of locating suitable and available venues. Thus, to ensure staff has adequate time to identify and secure venue options that meet the Commission's requirements related to cost, information technology and security conditions, as well as State-mandated bids, contracting conditions and timelines, it is important for meeting dates and locations to be identified well in advance.

A list of proposed 2027 meeting dates (Table 1) is presented for Commission consideration and discussion today, with potential approval in August. Staff developed the proposed meeting dates accounting for State holidays, other relevant meeting schedules, and regulatory deadlines. In light of the State's current and expected ongoing budget deficit, staff propose Sacramento area meeting locations to reduce costs to the state.

For this year's Commission meetings, wildlife and inland fisheries items are heard on the first day, and marine items are heard the second day. For 2026, the subject matter will rotate such that marine items are heard on the first day, and wildlife and inland fisheries items on the second day, with a new rotation implemented in 2027.

Please note the following when reviewing the 2027 proposed meeting dates:

- The January WRC meeting is on the Thursday before a three-day weekend.
- The February Commission meeting is the week after a three-day weekend.

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- The June Commission meeting is during graduation season and the proposed dates were selected to not overlap with the June Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting (6/16-22).
- The November MRC meeting is proposed for November 18, recognizing Pacific Fishery Management Council has not scheduled its November meeting yet.

**Table 1: Proposed 2027 Commission and Committee Meeting Dates**

<b>Proposed Dates</b>	<b>Meeting Type</b>
January 14	WRC
February 17-18	Commission
March 18	MRC
April 13	TC
April 14-15	Commission
May 6	Commission
May 13	WRC
June 9-10	Commission
July 15	MRC
August 17	TC
August 18-19	Commission
September 16	WRC
October 13-14	Commission
November 18	MRC
December 14	TC
December 15-16	Commission

**Other Relevant 2027 Meetings and Locations**

- Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
  - Sep 2027 – Date and location unknown at this time
- Pacific Fishery Management Council

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- Mar 4-10, 2027 – Pacific Northwest (specific location unknown at this time)
- Apr 6-12, 2027 – Northern California
- Jun 16-22, 2027 – Rohnert Park, CA
- Sep 2027 – Dates and location unknown at this time
- Nov 2027 – Dates and location unknown at this time
- Pacific Flyway Council
  - Dates and locations unknown at this time
- Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
  - Dates and locations unknown at this time
- Wildlife Conservation Board (all held in Sacramento, CA)
  - Dates and locations unknown at this time

**Significant Public Comments (N/A)****Recommendation*****Commission staff:***

- (1) Confirm intent to schedule Commission meetings on a Wednesday and Thursday in February, April, June, August, October and December;
- (2) confirm intent to schedule MRC meetings on Thursdays, WRC meetings on Thursdays, and TC meetings on Tuesdays immediately prior to Commission meetings; and
- (3) provide direction on proposed 2027 dates.

**Exhibits (N/A)****Motion (N/A)**