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Revised* Meeting Agenda
August 13-14, 2025

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***This agenda has been revised in four ways:**

- **Updated information about joining the meeting remotely, with and without providing public comment.**

- Moved what was Agenda Item 21 (experimental fishing permit major amendment request) to become the new Agenda Item 17 under consent, and renumber what were items 17-20 accordingly.
- The descriptions for what is now 18C (Referred petitions), Agenda Item 23A (Tribal Committee), and Agenda Item 23B (Marine Resources Committee) have been refined.
- Added information regarding the re-opening of recreational razor clam fishing in Del Norte County by the Department director under item 23C.

Notes: (1) See important meeting deadlines and procedures, including written public comment deadlines, starting on page 12.

(2) A list of reports or other significant documents received by the commission since its June 2025 meeting is on page 7.

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

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

August 13, 2025; 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 either day of the August 13-14, 2025 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), California Government Code).

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.

3. **Five-year private lands wildlife habitat enhancement and management area (PLM) plan and license (consent)**

Consider approving corrections to PLM plan and 2025-2029 license for Roostercomb Ranch (Stanislaus County).
(Pursuant to Section 601)

4. **White sturgeon sport fishing 2084 regular rulemaking (consent)**
Consider adopting proposed amendments to regulations for the recreational take of, tagging of, and reporting requirements for, white sturgeon (*Acipenser transmontanus*) in inland and ocean waters, pursuant to California Fish and Game Code Section 2084 and consider taking final action under the California Environmental Quality Act.
(Repeal sections 5.78, 5.79, 27.92, 27.93 and 27.95; and amend sections 1.74, 5.80, 5.81, 27.60, 27.90, 27.91 and 701)
5. **Regulation change petitions (wildlife and inland fisheries) (consent)**
(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 2022-02: Request to create a new class of deer hunting tags restricted to specified methods of take such as traditional archery and muzzleloading*
 - II. *Petition 2025-04: Request to allow the purchase of a second bear tag*
 - (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 October 8-9, 2025 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.
6. **Non-regulatory requests from previous meetings (wildlife and inland fisheries) (consent)**
Consider and potentially act on non-regulatory requests submitted by members of the public at previous meetings.

Discussion and Action Items

7. **Commission executive director and Department reports**
 - (A) ***Commission executive director***
 - (B) ***Department director and Law Enforcement Division***
8. **Western Joshua Tree Conservation Plan**
Discuss and consider approving the revised draft *Western Joshua Tree Conservation Plan*.
(Pursuant to subdivision 1927.6(a), California Fish and Game Code)

9. Quino checkerspot butterfly

Consider and potentially act on the petition, the Department's evaluation report, and comments received to determine whether listing Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) as an endangered species under the California Endangered Species Act may be warranted.

(Pursuant to sections 2074 and 2074.2, California Fish and Game Code)

10. Bogg's Lake hedge-hyssop

Receive a presentation from the Department on the five-year status review for Bogg's Lake hedge-hyssop (*Gratiola heterosepala*).

(Pursuant to Section 2077)

11. Morro manzanita take provision

Discuss proposed regulation regarding take of Morro manzanita while a candidate species under the California Endangered Species Act, pursuant to Section 2084 of the California Fish and Game Code.

(Add Section 749.14)

12. Invasive non-native mussels (including golden, pond, and axe-head mussels) and green crab

Consider authorizing publication of notice of intent to amend regulations adding invasive non-native mussels of the *Limnoperna* (including golden mussel), *Sinanodonta* (pond mussels) and *Xenostrobus* (axe-head mussels) genera, and green crab (*Carcinus maenas*), to the list of live animals restricted from importation, transportation and possession.

(Amend Section 671)

13. Recreational take of striped bass

Discuss proposed amendments to regulations regarding recreational striped bass harvest size limits.

(Amend sections 5.75 and 27.85)

14. Committee and Department reports

(A) Wildlife 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 September 11, 2025.

(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.

Recess

August 14, 2025; 8:30 AM

Call to order and roll call to establish a quorum

Consent Items

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15. Commercial take of coonstripe shrimp emergency (consent)

Consider adopting a 90-day extension of emergency regulations related to the commercial take of coonstripe shrimp.

(Amend Section 180.15)

16. Market squid (consent)

(A) ***Market Squid Fishery Management Plan***

Consider approving proposed amendments to the draft amended *Market Squid Fishery Management Plan*.

(Pursuant to sections 7075, 7077 and 7078, California Fish and Game Code)

(B) ***Commercial take of market squid***

Consider adopting proposed amendments to regulations for commercial take of market squid.

(Amend sections 53.01, 149 and 149.1; repeal sections 53.02 and 53.03).

17. Experimental fishing permit (EFP) major amendment request (consent)

Receive, consider, and act upon a major amendment request to an EFP (Commission tracking ID #2022-01) approved to test deep-set buoy gear and night-set buoy gear to target swordfish and other highly migratory species fisheries.

(Pursuant to Section 91) I

18. Regulation change petitions (marine) (consent)

(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 Commission's rulemaking calendar for development and future consideration.

I. *Petition 2025-05: Request to allow filleting of striped bass on commercial passenger fishing vessels*

II. *Petition 2025-06: Request to restrict the use of trap gear in the commercial coonstripe shrimp fishery*

III. *Petition 2025-07: Request to remove recreational crab trap validation requirements for anglers under the age of 16*

(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 October 8-9, 2025 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 recommendation.

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

The Commission is not expected to discuss individual MPA (marine protected area) petitions at this meeting. General MPA comments not specific to petitions, will be received under Agenda Item 25 (general public comment for items not on the agenda).

Comments related to the proposed MPA petitions evaluation framework, and the potential grouping of petitioned actions for future review and discussion, will be received under Agenda Item 23B (Marine Resources Committee).

Discussion and Action Items

19. Recreational take of rockfish, cabezon, greenling, and lingcod emergency

Consider adopting emergency regulations to reopen recreational rockfish, cabezon, greenling, and lingcod fisheries in state waters.

(Amend sections 1.91, 27.25, 27.30, 27.35, 27.40 and 28.55)

20. Commercial bull kelp harvest restrictions

Consider authorizing publication of notice of intent to amend regulations regarding temporary commercial bull kelp harvest restrictions along the north coast and the closure of lease-only administrative kelp beds 308, 309, and 312 until January 1, 2029.

(Amend sections 165 and 165.5)

21. Recreational red abalone closure extension

Consider authorizing publication of notice of intent to amend regulations to extend the temporary red abalone recreational fishery closure until April 1, 2036, extending the “sunset” date by ten years.

(Amend Section 29.15)

22. Recreational crab fishing gear and commercial passenger fishing vessel trap validation

Consider authorizing staff to provide public notice of sufficiently related changes to, and consider adopting, proposed amendments to regulations for recreational crab fishing gear and commercial passenger fishing vessel trap validation.

(Amend sections 29.80, 29.85, 190, 195 and 701)

23. Committee and Department reports

Staff will recommend that this item be heard immediately before Agenda Item 19.

(A) ***Tribal Committee***

Receive summary and consider approving recommendations from the August 12, 2025 committee meeting, including committee perspectives on MPA petitions review and how tribally-focused MPA petitions are identified. Discuss referred topics and consider revisions to topics and timing.

(B) ***Marine Resources Committee***

Receive summary and consider approving recommendations from the July 16-17, 2025 committee meeting, including the proposed MPA petitions evaluation framework and potential grouping of petitioned actions for future review and evaluation discussion. Discuss referred topics and consider revisions to topics and timing.

(C) ***Department Marine Region***

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

I. ***Pacific sardine***

Action taken by the Department director to lift the recreational and commercial take restrictions for Pacific sardine south of Point Conception to the U.S./Mexico border after notification that a health risk no longer exists.

(Pursuant to subdivision 5523(b)(2), California Fish and Game Code)

II. ***Razor clam***

Action taken by the Department director to reopen the recreational razor clam fishery in Del Norte County after health agencies determined that razor clams from this area no longer pose a significant health threat for domoic acid exposure.

(Pursuant to subdivision 5523(b)(2), California Fish and Game Code)

(Note: The bivalve shellfish health advisory for elevated levels of paralytic shellfish poisoning toxins remains in effect in Del Norte County.)

24. Commission administrative items

(A) ***Legislative report***

Receive updates on state and federal legislation and regulatory activity, and consider providing direction to staff on potential actions.

(B) ***Rulemaking timetable updates***

Review and consider approving changes to the perpetual timetable for anticipated regulatory actions.

(C) ***Potential meeting dates for 2027***

Consider and potentially approve revised draft meeting dates for 2027 as proposed by staff; staff will confirm locations at a future meeting.

(D) ***Future meetings and new business***

Review logistics and approve draft agenda items for the next Commission meeting (October 8-9, 2025), consider any changes to approved meeting dates or locations, or introduce new business for a future meeting agenda.

25. General public comment for items not on the agenda

Receive public comment regarding topics within the Commission's authority that are not included on either day of the August 13-14, 2025 agenda.

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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 June 14, 2025, the Commission has received two documents:

1. Department's evaluation report on the petition to list Pacific pocket mouse (*Perognathus longimembris pacificus*) as threatened or endangered under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA); consideration of whether the petitioned action may be warranted is scheduled for October 2025. Additional information about the petition is available on the Commission's CESA page under "Active Petitions" at <https://fgc.ca.gov/CESA>.
2. Department's evaluation report on the petition to list Gerry's curly-leaved monardella (*Monardella sinuate* subsp. *gerryi*) as endangered under CESA; consideration of whether the petitioned action may be warranted is scheduled for October 2025. Additional information about the petition is available on the Commission's CESA page under "Active Petitions" at <https://fgc.ca.gov/CESA>.

Executive Session

(Not open to the public)

At a convenient time during the regular agenda of its June 11-12, 2025 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 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. United Water Conservation District v. California Fish and Game Commission (challenge to final Southern California steelhead CESA listing decision).
 - II. The People of the State of California v. Hannam Chain U.S.A., Inc., et al. (restricted species) and Hannam Chain U.S.A., Inc., et al. v. California Fish and Game Commission (challenge to restricted species regulation)
 - III. 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)
 - IV. The Ballona Wetlands Land Trust v. California Fish and Game Commission (Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve petition for regulation change)
 - 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

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
September 11, 2025		Wildlife Resources California Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814
October 8-9, 2025	Sacramento	
November 5-6, 2025		Marine Resources Sacramento area
December 9, 2025		Tribal California Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814
December 10-11, 2025	Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor (2-302 A/B) Sacramento, CA 95814	
January 13, 2026		Wildlife Resources Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor (2-302 A/B) Sacramento, CA 95814
February 11-12, 2026	Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor (2-221 A/B/C) Sacramento, CA 95814	
March 12, 2026		Marine Resources Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor (2-221 A/B/C) Sacramento, CA 95814
April 14, 2026		Tribal Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor (2-201, Media) Sacramento, CA 95814

Meeting Date	Commission Meeting	Committee Meeting
May 6, 2026	Teleconference Sacramento (2-201, Media), Trinidad, Sonoma, Santa Cruz, and La Jolla	
May 14, 2026		Wildlife Resources Natural Resources Headquarters Building 715 P Street, 2nd Floor (2-221 A/B/C) Sacramento, CA 95814
June 17-18, 2026	Sacramento area	

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 21-24, 2025 – Tucson, AZ
- September 13-16, 2026 – Lancaster, PA

Pacific Fishery Management Council

- September 18-24, 2025 – Spokane, WA
- November 13-19, 2025 – Costa Mesa, CA
- March 4-10, 2026 – San Francisco, CA
- April 7-13, 2026 – Portland, OR
- June 11-17, 2026 – Spokane, WA
- September 17-23, 2026 – Vancouver, WA
- November 13-19, 2026 – Orange County, CA

Pacific Flyway Council

- September 12, 2025 – Provo, UT
- March 2026 – Date and location TBD
- August or September 2026 – Date and location TBD

Wildlife Conservation Board

- August 28, 2025 – Sacramento, CA
- November 20, 2025 – Sacramento, CA
- February 2026 – Sacramento, CA
- May 2026 – Sacramento, CA
- August 2026 – Sacramento, CA
- November 2026 – Sacramento, CA

Important Commission Meeting Procedures Information

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This year marks the 156th year of operation of the Commission in partnership with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Our goal is the preservation of our heritage and conservation of our natural resources through informed decision making; Commission meetings are vital in achieving that goal and we provide this information to be as effective and efficient toward that end. Welcome, and please let us know if you have any questions.

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Comment Deadlines

The **Comment Deadline** for this meeting is **5:00 p.m. on July 31, 2025**. Written comments received at the Commission office by this deadline will be made available to Commissioners prior to the meeting.

The **Supplemental Comment Deadline** for this meeting is **noon on August 8, 2025**. Comments received by this deadline will be made available to Commissioners at the meeting.

After these deadlines, written comments may be delivered in person to the meeting. Please bring 12 copies of written comments to the meeting and give them to the designated staff member just prior to speaking.

Petitions for Regulation Change

Any person requesting that the Commission adopt, amend, or repeal a regulation must complete and submit form FGC 1, *Petition to the California Fish and Game Commission for Regulation Change* (as required by Section 662, Title 14, CCR), available at <https://fgc.ca.gov/Regulations/Petition-for-Regulation-Change>. To be received by the

Commission at this meeting, petition forms must be received by the **Supplemental Comment Deadline** or delivered in person at the meeting during the regulation change petitions agenda item. Petitions received at this meeting will be scheduled for consideration at the next regularly scheduled business meeting, unless the petition is rejected under staff review pursuant to subsection 662(b), Title 14, CCR.

Non-Regulatory Requests

All non-regulatory requests follow a two-meeting cycle to ensure proper review and thorough consideration of each item. All requests submitted by the **Supplemental Comment Deadline** (or heard during general public comment at the meeting) will be scheduled for receipt at this meeting and scheduled for consideration at the next regularly scheduled business meeting.

Speaking at the Meeting

To speak on an agenda item in-person, please complete a “speaker card” and provide it to the designated staff member before the agenda item is announced. Please complete one speaker card per item. Cards will be available near the entrance of the meeting room.

To speak on an agenda item via Zoom or phone, please “raise” your hand either through the Zoom function or by pressing *9 once on your phone when prompted at the beginning of the agenda item.

1. In-person speakers will be identified in groups; please line up when your name is called. Speakers on Zoom or phone will be identified by your Zoom display name or the last three digits of your phone number; listen closely for when your name or number is called.
2. When addressing the Commission, please give your name and the name of any organization you represent, and provide your comments on the item under consideration.
3. If there are several speakers with the same concerns, you are encouraged to appoint a spokesperson and avoid repetitive testimony.
4. The presiding commissioner will allot between one and three minutes per speaker per agenda item, subject to several exceptions:
 - a. The presiding commissioner may allow up to five minutes for an individual speaker if a minimum of three individuals who are present when the agenda item is called have ceded their time to the designated spokesperson, and the individuals ceding time forfeit their right to speak to the agenda item.
 - b. In-person participants ceding their time shall complete a speaker card and approach the staff table with the spokesperson so that staff may confirm the presence of those ceding their time. Persons participating via Zoom or phone and ceding their time to another speaker must notify the Commission at fgc@fgc.ca.gov prior to the start of the agenda item, including to whom they are ceding their time, and must be present during the agenda item.
 - c. Individuals may receive advance approval for additional time to speak if such requests are received by email or delivery to the Commission office by the **Supplemental Comment Deadline**. The president or designee will approve or deny the request no later than 5:00 p.m. two days prior to the meeting.
 - d. An individual requiring an interpreter is entitled to at least twice the allotted speaking time pursuant to Government Code Section 11125.7(c).

- e. An individual may receive additional time to speak to an agenda item at the request of any commissioner.

Agenda items may be heard in any order and on either day pursuant to the discretion of the presiding commissioner.

Visual Presentations/Materials

All electronic presentations must be submitted by the ***Supplemental Comment Deadline*** and approved by the Commission executive director before the meeting.

1. Electronic presentations must be provided by email to fgc@fgc.ca.gov. If the presentation file is too large to send via email, contact staff to identify an alternative method for submitting the file.
2. All electronic formats must be Windows PC compatible.
3. If presenting at the in-person meeting location, it is recommended that you bring a print copy of your presentation in case of technical difficulties.