

Staff Summary for December 10-11, 2025

7B. Wildlife Resources Committee (WRC)**Today's Item**Information ☐Action ☒

Discuss referred topics and consider revisions to topics and timing. Consider approving draft agenda topics for the next committee meeting to be held on January 13, 2026 in Sacramento.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

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| • Previous committee meeting | September 11, 2025; WRC |
| • Today consider approving agenda topics | December 10-11, 2025 |
| • Next committee meeting | January 13, 2026; WRC |

Background

WRC works under Commission direction to set and accomplish its work plan.

Committee Work Plan

Topics that have been referred by the Commission to WRC are displayed within a work plan for scheduling and tracking. The updated work plan in Exhibit 1 includes proposed topics for January 2026, including one potential new topic.

Potential New Topic

The Department proposes that the regulatory topic “Mammal Trapping” be referred to WRC for initial vetting and discussion in January and discussion with a potential recommendation in May 2026. Several trapping rules in California Fish and Game Code have changed over the last few years, necessitating corresponding changes in Title 14. The topic has been added to the draft work plan in blue text to represent that it is new/proposed.

Next Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2026 in Sacramento, with a webinar option for the public. In addition to standing agenda items (Department updates and future agenda items), four topics are proposed:

- *Inland sport fishing.* Discussion and potential recommendation for Department-recommended regulatory amendments related to inland sport fishing.
- *Commercial use of rattlesnakes.* Discussion and potential recommendations for Department-recommended regulations regarding the commercial use of native rattlesnakes.
- *Mammal trapping.* Initial vetting and discussion of Department-recommended regulatory amendments related to mammal trapping.
- *Department lands.* Initial vetting and discussion of Department-recommended regulatory amendments related to Department lands (ecological reserves and wildlife areas).

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Significant Public Comments (N/A)

Recommendation

Commission staff: Approve the draft agenda topics for the January 13 WRC meeting, and approve the updated work plan as proposed in Exhibit 1, including any changes identified during today's meeting.

Exhibits

1. [Draft work plan](#), updated November 5, 2025

Motion

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission approves the topics for the January 13, 2026 Wildlife Resources Committee meeting, as discussed today, and approves the work plan as proposed.

California Fish and Game Commission
Wildlife Resources Committee (WRC) Work Plan
Scheduled Topics and Timeline for Items Referred to WRC
Updated November 5, 2025

Note: Proposed changes to topics/timing are shown in blue underscore or strike-out font.

Topics	Category	Sep 2025	Jan 2026	May 2026
Periodic and Annual Regulations				
Upland (Resident) Game Bird Hunting	Regulatory	X/R		<u>X</u>
Big Game Hunting (deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, black bear, Nelson bighorn sheep)	Regulatory	X/R		<u>X</u>
Waterfowl Hunting	Annual Regulatory	X/R		<u>X</u>
Central Valley Sport Fishing	Annual Regulatory	X/R		<u>X</u>
Klamath River Basin Sport Fishing	Annual Regulatory	X/R		<u>X</u>
Inland Sport Fishing	Regulatory	X	X/R	
Department Lands	Regulatory	X/R	<u>X</u>	<u>X/R</u>
Regulations & Legislative Mandates				
<u>Mammal Trapping</u>	<u>Regulatory</u>		<u>X</u>	<u>X/R</u>
Commercial Use of Rattlesnakes	Regulatory	X	X/R	
Restricted Species	Regulatory			
Take of Coyotes	Referral for Review			

KEY: X = Vetting/Discussion X/R = Discussion/Potential Recommendation to Commission