

STAFF SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 14-15, 2022

24A. 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 currently scheduled for Jan 12, 2023.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

- Previous WRC meeting Sep 15, 2022; WRC, Arcadia
- **Today consider approving agenda topics** **Dec 14-15, 2022; San Diego**
- Next WRC meeting Jan 12, 2023; WRC, Los Angeles area

Background

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

Committee Work Plan

Topics that have been referred by FGC to WRC are displayed within a work plan for scheduling and tracking (Exhibit 1).

Next Committee Meeting

In addition to standing agenda items, six topics are proposed for the Jan 12 WRC meeting:

- *American Bullfrog and Non-Native Turtle Stakeholder Engagement Project*: Receive options for collective action and continue discussion of the previous analysis.
- *Petition 2021-017*: Discuss, receive DFW's recommendations, and potentially make recommendations to FGC for the big game hunting proposals in this referred petition.
- *Preference Points and Refunds for Hunting Tags*: Receive recommendations on proposed changes to the previous hunting tags preference points and refund rulemaking, and potentially make recommendations to FGC.
- *Rulemakings*: Receive proposals for a potential future rulemaking concerning DFW-owned and DFW-managed lands. Discuss and potentially make recommendations for three potential rulemakings related to wildlife rehabilitation facilities, upland game hunting draws, and chronic wasting disease.
- *Inland Sport Fishing*: Discuss and potentially make recommendations on inland boat limits.
- *Bear Management Plan*: Receive an update and continue discussion on DFW's bear management plan.

Most of the topics are expected to require significant discussion and cannot be completed in a single-day meeting. WRC Chair Zavaleta and staff have identified Jan 11 as an option for adding to the scheduled meeting to ensure there is sufficient discussion time for all agenda topics.

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Significant Public Comments (N/A)

Recommendation

FGC staff: Approve the draft WRC agenda topics as proposed and add Jan 11 to the scheduled Jan 12 WRC meeting date.

Exhibits

1. [WRC work plan, updated Dec 7, 2022](#)

Motion

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission approves the topics for the Jan 12, 2023 Wildlife Resources Committee meeting and adds Jan 11 to the meeting date, as discussed today.

California Fish and Game Commission
Wildlife Resources Committee (WRC) Work Plan
Scheduled Topics and Timeline for Items Referred to WRC
Updated December 7, 2022

TOPICS	CATEGORY	Sep 2022	Jan 2023	May 2023
Periodic Regulations				
Upland (Resident) Game Birds	Regulatory	X/R		X
Mammal Hunting	Regulatory	X/R		X
Waterfowl Hunting	Annual Regulatory	X/R		X
Central Valley Sport Fishing	Annual Regulatory	X/R		X
Klamath River Basin Sport Fishing	Annual Regulatory	X/R		X
Inland Sport Fishing	Regulatory	X/R	X/R	X
Regulations & Legislative Mandates				
Falconry	Referral for Review			
Preference Points and Refunds for Hunting Tags	Regulatory	X/R	X/R	
Restricted Species	Regulatory			
Wildlife Rehabilitation	Regulatory	X	X/R	
Upland Game Hunting Draws	Regulatory	X	X/R	
Chronic Wasting Disease	Regulatory		X/R	
Wildlife Areas/Public Lands	Regulatory		X	
Special Projects				
American Bullfrog and Non-native Turtle Stakeholder Engagement Project	Referral for Review	X	X	X
Bear Management Plan Development	Information	X	X	X
Regulation Change Petitions				
Petition 2021-017	Referral for Review	X/R	X/R	

KEY: X Discussion scheduled X/R Recommendation developed and moved to FGC