

NOTICE OF MEETING PURSUANT TO FISH AND GAME
CODE SECTIONS 2111 AND 2111.5
(NOTICE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 11125)

SACRAMENTO - The California Fish and Game Commission will hold a special meeting beginning at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, to gain public input on the Department of Fish and Game's (DFG) recovery strategy for coho salmon. The meeting will be held in the Resources Building Auditorium, 1416 Ninth St., Sacramento.

The agenda items considered at the meeting are:

- Receipt of public comment on the Department's recovery strategy for coho salmon.
- Consideration of the Department's request for an extension of time to continue work on the recovery strategy.

In late August 2002, the Commission made the finding that coho salmon warranted listing pursuant to the California Endangered Species Act. At that time, the Commission directed DFG to prepare a recovery strategy for coho salmon and delayed the regulatory action by which coho would be added to the list while the Department prepares a recovery strategy.

Under the laws governing recovery plans, DFG is allowed one year to submit a recovery strategy to the Commission.

During this period, the Department convened two recovery teams: (1) a statewide team, and (2) a local team focusing on agricultural water and land uses in the Shasta and Scott river valleys in Siskiyou County. These teams are composed of representatives of a variety of interests including landowners, environmental organizations, commercial and recreational fishing, and tribal, federal, state, and local governments.

DFG presented the recovery strategy to the Commission at its Aug. 28 meeting, and requested additional time and the opportunity to make additions to the strategy. DFG further asked to address timber harvesting, economic impacts and implementation measures including funding for recovery actions. The Commission voted to extend the Department an additional six months, under state law, and set Thursday's special meeting to hear public comments. DFG has said it expects to report to the Commission on the recovery strategy by the end of 2003.

The August 2003 Recovery Strategy can be found on the DFG Website at www.dfg.ca.gov/nafwb/index.html. Notices for Commission meetings are found at www.dfg.ca.gov/fg_comm/. Anyone who requires disability-related modifications or accommodations in order to participate in a meeting, must contact the Commission office by telephone or e-mail no later than three business days prior to the meeting.

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