

INYO COUNTY
FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION

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ALTERNATE
NICK LARA

MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY, March 19, 2026

2:30 p.m.

Meeting Location:

**California Department of Fish and Wildlife Offices
787 North Main Street, Suite 220
Bishop, California**

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE**
2. **ROLL-CALL** – The Commission will take a roll call of its members to ensure there is a quorum of the Commission to conduct business as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Any member of the public may make comments to the Commission – No action is taken.
4. **FINANCIAL REPORT** – The Commission will receive an update on the Fish and Game Fine Fund balance.
5. **ACTION ITEM** – the Commission will consider approval of Minutes of the February 19, 2026 meeting.
6. **ACTION ITEM** – The Commission will receive reports and updates and, take action as appropriate regarding State Fish and Game Commission and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife activities regarding diminishing numbers of local mule deer and the federally listed endangered Sierra Big Horn Sheep because of more mountain lions in the area.
7. **ACTION ITEM – EASTERN SIERRA GOLDEN MUSSEL COLLECTIVE:** A representative from the Eastern Sierra Golden Mussel Collective to provide an overview of the groups prevention and outreach plans, including: update on Mono and Inyo County ordinances; watercraft inspection and decontamination stations; outreach and education materials; and funding (including grants, agency participation and contribution requests from the Inyo County Fine Fund.
8. **STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES REPORTS** – Representative(s) of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and other State and Federal Agencies will update the Commission on Department activities and projects.
9. **COMMISSION REPORTS** – No action to be taken on reports from Commission Members.
10. **NEXT MEETING** – The Commission will consider confirming March 19, 2026 as the date for the next Commission Meeting.
11. **ADJOURNMENT.**

FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION
MINUTES
February 19, 2026

The Inyo County Fish and Wildlife Commission met in regular session, at 2:30 p.m., February 19, 2025, at the CADF&W Offices in Bishop, California.

Call to Order: Chairperson Doug Brown called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: The Commission Members present were Doug Brown, Chairperson, Gaye Mueller, and Alternate Nick Lara. Commissioners Allsup, Ivey and Smith were excused.

Public Comment: The Chairperson announced the public comment period. There were no public comments made,

Financial Report: The secretary reported on the Fish and Game Budget noting that the fine balance is \$17,082.

Action Item - Minute Approval: Moved by Commissioner Mueller and seconded by Commissioner Lara to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2026 meeting. Motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Mueller, Brown, and Lara voting yes and with Commissioners Allsup, Ivey, and Smith absent

Action Item - The Commission took no action regarding the mountain lion impacts on the populations of mule deer and Sierra Nevada Big Horn Sheep in Inyo County. The Commission briefly discussed the diminishing populations of the deer. The discussion included the deer management plan, the consideration of suspending youth hunts and how that might be avoided, possible correspondence to the Board asking they send a letter to the State, discussion on other situations which are impacting the deer like the wasting disease, vehicle collisions, other area of the State where specific sub-species of mountain lions may be listed as endangered, and habitat improvement. It was also noted in the discussion that Chuck Bonham is no longer with CADF&W and a new Director is in place.

Action Item - The Commission discussed the impact to local fisheries if the golden mussel is allowed to migrate into the Eastern Sierra. The Chairperson reported on the Board of Supervisors Workshop on this issue explaining the Inyo County is developing an ordinance to address the protection of local resources. He said they are looking into inspection stations, a public information campaign, enforcements and fines, and joint jurisdiction projects,

State and Federal Agencies Reports: Like Solman, Warden for the Lone Pine area, along with joining in previous discussions on the mountain lion impacts on the deer populations and the golden mussels, reported local hunter education classes are on-going.

Commission Reports: Commissioner Mueller reported on some personal projects she is pursuing including printed fishing regulations.

Next meeting: The Chairperson confirmed March 19, 2026, as the date of the next Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting.

Adjournment: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.