

INYO COUNTY
FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION

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MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY, April 16, 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 a report on the Fish and Game Budget and Fine Fund.
5. **ACTION ITEM** – the Commission will consider approval of Minutes of the March 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:** This item is a continuation of the item addressed at the March 19, 2026, Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting. Representatives from the Eastern Sierra Golden Mussel Collective and Mono County along with the Commission will continue to discuss the prevention and outreach plans for the golden mussel, including update on Mono and Inyo County ordinances; watercraft inspection and decontamination stations; outreach and education materials. This discussion will include funding through grants, agency participation and contribution requests from the Inyo County Fine Fund, with amount of funding from the Fine Fund to be determined by the Commission.
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 May 21, 2026 as the date for the next Commission Meeting.
11. **ADJOURNMENT.**

FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION
MINUTES
March 19, 2026

The Inyo County Fish and Wildlife Commission met in regular session, at 2:45 p.m., March 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, Warren Allsup, and Jared Smith. Commissioners Mueller, Ivey and alternate Nick Narla were absent.

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 showing as being \$17,082 but may be at \$12,752 because of an authorized allocation.

Action Item - Minute Approval: Moved by Commissioner Allsup and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the minutes of February 19, 2026, meeting. Motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Allsup, Smith and Brown 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. This item is placed on the agenda to provide the Commission with the opportunity to be proactive and timely in its recommendations to this concern.

Action Item - The Commission received presentations from Liz Gran, Mono County Director of Economic Development and Nick Buckmaster CADF&W Sr. Wildlife Biologist, updated the Commission on activities surrounding the impact of the golden mussel should it invade the waters of the Eastern Sierra. Mr. Buckmaster noted that the golden mussels are reproducing faster than the quagga mussels.

Ms. Gran reported on the formation of a public outreach group called the *Eastern Sierra Golden Mussel Collective*. She said that Mono County's ordinance identifying and addressing its concerns will go into effect on April 10, 2026, and she expects Inyo County's similar ordinance to take effect very quickly. She talked about the type of monetary support which might be available from Inyo County, acknowledging the disparity in the amount of funds received by Inyo County compared to Mono County which is significantly lower. Ms. Gran talked about the types of public outreach that Mono County is doing, including signage, watercraft inspection and decontamination stations, and table tents. She noted these activities are being supported with the help of the public, local businesses, multiple impacted jurisdictions, Caltrout, Trout Unlimited, DWP, and possibly SCE. Supervisor Jennifer Roeser provided an update on SCE's participation. She said there is good support from the local operations but that the corporate side is not as interested in participating. Mr. Buckmaster added that CADF&W and local SCE representatives may travel to Southern California to meet with corporate representatives.

Ms. Gran noted that Inyo County will provide inspections at Diaz Lake, DWP is installing an inspection station at the south end of Bishop as well as at Crowley Lake for off sight boats that will be visiting other waters in Inyo and Mono County. She also noted that DWP is printing up E.S. mussel stickers if boats

do not have a compliance sticker, indicating that the Sheriff will be called to enforce inspection non-compliance, saying that currently 50% of the boats inspected at Crowley Lake need de-contamination.

Other items noted included that Cal Trout received a CADF&W grant to buy cleaning units, DWP is lending Mono County and the Collective 4 more cleaning units for use in Mono and Inyo counties, USFS is requesting \$85,000/per year be budgeted to man two inspection sites for three years for a of \$225,000, and DWP is assisting both financially and with equipment.

The Commission, Ms. Gran, and Mr. Buckmaster continued discussing on-going specific concerns with various waters in Inyo County, including where and how the money would be spent, which entity would be responsible for staffing stations, funding contribution from Inyo County Fine Fund and the types of requirements on this type funding which prohibits using Fine Funds for anything other supplies, and with Commissioner Smith saying Sabrina expects to police boats up Bishop Creek. At the conclusion of the lengthy discussion the following motion was made:

Moved by Commission Smith and seconded by Commissioner Allsup to table this item to be rescheduled for further discussion and possible action at the April 16,2026 Inyo Fish and Wildlife Commission Meeting. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Smith, Allsup and Brown voting yes and with Commissioners Mueller, Ivey and Lara absent.

State and Federal Agencies Reports: Nick Buckmaster reported that the fish stocking quotas will be in line with last year's numbers. He indicated he wanted the fish sizes, and frequency of plants for the past five years to compare the numbers.

Commission Reports: Commissioner Smith asked that the department provide the stocking numbers for every body of water in Inyo and Mono counties since the past two fish kills. He said that he wanted the fish sizes and the frequency of plants to compare the numbers.

Next meeting: The Chairperson confirmed April 16, 2026, as the date of the next Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting.

Adjournment: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.