

California's Coastal Fishing Communities Project Update



Marine Resources Committee Meeting
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State Law: Marine Life Management Act Goals

- Conserves Entire Systems
- Non-Consumptive Values
- Sustainability
- Habitat Conservation
- Fishery Restoration
- Bycatch Limitation
- Fishing Communities: Fisheries management should recognize the long-term interests of people dependent on fishing, and adverse impacts of management measures on fishing communities are to be minimized.







Coastal Meetings Staff Report

- Public input synthesized into a staff report
- July 2018 MRC meeting: Staff report opened for public feedback
- · Comments received:
 - > 14 letters and emails
 - > Over 75 unique comments



Public Comments: Key Ideas

- Requests for revisions/additions to staff report
- Develop more context and background, including analysis of potential options
- Recommendations for specific fishery pilot projects
- Requests to defer discussion of "next steps and recommendations" to March 2019 MRC meeting
- · Expressed desires to collaborate



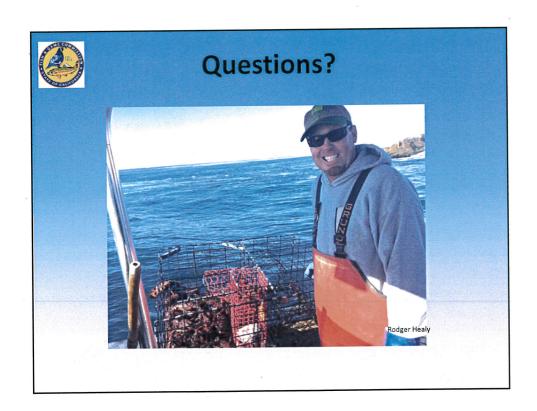
Additional Developments

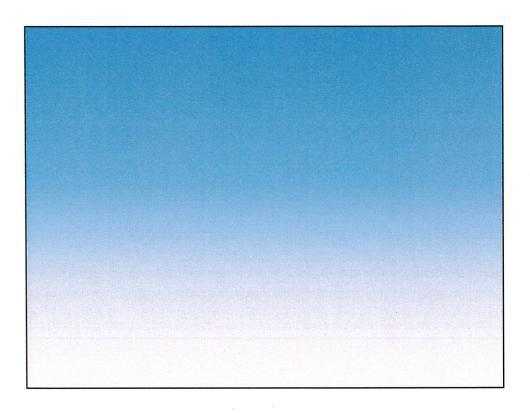
- Discussions with:
 - Commercial fishing organization leaders
 - Environmental non-governmental organizations
 - Academics
 - Local, state and federal agencies
- Ad-hoc interagency work group



Recommended Next Steps

- Revise staff synthesis report (corrections, clarifications)
- Develop new, more comprehensive report
 - ➤ Additional background/context
 - > Analyze range of options for potential action
- Continue dialogue
- Discuss report, next steps and possible recommendations at March 2019 MRC meeting





Staff Report Initial Recommendations - Recap

- 1. Develop Commission policy on fishing communities
- 2. Review Commission policy on restricted access
- 3. Identify specific projects to test new approaches
- 4. Engage legislative staff to pursue adjustments to laws as ideas are refined
- 5. Direct staff to increase engagement and coordination with sister agencies on management decisions affecting California
- 6. Explore/research possible community-based adaptable fishery structures
- 7. Explore filling data needs through collaborative research and data collection
- 8. Survey communities, commercial and recreational fishers, and processors about their priorities for Commission focus

Staff Report Initial Recommendations - Recap Additions

- 9. Explore impact of climate change on fisheries, management, and communities
- 10. Consider state companion to federal "Fishing Community Sustainability Plans"