

STAFF SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 14, 2020

9. MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE (MRC)**Today's Item**Information ☐Action ☒

Discuss referred topics and consider revisions to topics and timing. Consider approving draft agenda topics for next MRC meeting.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

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| • Previous MRC meeting | Jul 29, 2020; MRC, Webinar/Teleconference |
| • Today consider approving agenda topics | Oct 14, 2020; Webinar/Teleconference |
| • Next MRC meeting | Nov 10, 2020; MRC, Webinar/Teleconference |

Background

MRC works under FGC direction to set and accomplish its work plan (Exhibit 1).

Committee Work Plan

Topics that have been referred from FGC to the MRC are displayed within a work plan to help with scheduling and tracking.

New MRC Topics

No additional topics are proposed for referral to MRC at this time.

Next Committee Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Nov 10, 2020 as a webinar/teleconference. Four discussion topics and four updates are proposed:

- Update on MLMA master plan for fisheries implementation
- Consider potential recommendation for California grunion recreational fishing regulation changes
- Consider potential recommendation for rulemaking on provisions for operation, maintenance, and repair of pre-existing artificial structures in marine protected areas
- Consider potential recommendation to rescind or continue temporary hiatus on receipt of new state water bottom lease applications
- Staff and agency updates, including:
 - Aquaculture principles and action plan development
 - Red abalone fishery management plan development
 - Commercial kelp and algae harvest regulations development
 - California's Coastal Fishing Communities project

Significant Public Comments (N/A)

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Recommendation

FGC staff: Approve the draft Nov MRC agenda topics as proposed or as modified.

Exhibits

1. [MRC work plan, updated Sep 4, 2020](#)

Motion/Direction

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission approves the topics for the November 10, 2020 Marine Resources Committee meeting as discussed today.

California Fish and Game Commission
Marine Resources Committee (MRC) Work Plan
Scheduled Topics and Timeline for Items Referred to MRC
Updated September 4, 2020

TOPIC	CATEGORY	JUL 2020	NOV 2020	MAR 2021
Planning Documents & Fishery Management Plans (FMPs)				
MLMA Master Plan for Fisheries - Implementation Updates	Master Plan Implementation	X	X	X
Red Abalone FMP / ARMP Update	FMP	X/R	X	X
California Halibut FMP (TBD)	FMP			
Regulations				
Experimental Fishing Permit Program, Phase II	Fisheries	X/R		
Kelp and Algae Commercial Harvest	Kelp		X	X/R
Update on and possible review of California Spiny Lobster FMP implementing regulations (<i>added Feb 2019; timing TBD</i>)	FMP			
Maintenance of Preexisting Structures Within Marine Protected Areas	Marine Protected Areas	X	X/R	
California Grunion Recreational Fishing Regulations	Fisheries	X	X/R	
Aquaculture				
Aquaculture Program Planning (Information Report, Action Plan)	Planning Document		X	
Aquaculture State Water Bottom Leases: Existing & Future Lease Considerations	Current leases/planning			
Moratorium on New Aquaculture Lease Applications	New Leases		X/R	
Aquaculture Lease Best Management Practices (BMP) Plan Requirements (HOLD, TBD)	Regulations			
Emerging/Developing Management Issues				
Kelp Restoration and Recovery Tracking	Kelp		X	
Recreational Swordfish Fishing Regulations				
Special Projects				
California's Coastal Fishing Communities	MRC Special Project	X	X	

KEY:

X Discussion scheduled

X/R Recommendation developed; topic generally moved to FGC