COMMITTEE STAFF SUMMARY FOR MARCH 23, 2017

7A. ABALONE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Today's Item **Information** ☒ **Direction** ☐

Progress update on red abalone fishery management plan (FMP).

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

- FGC accepts MRC recommendation to develop red abalone FMP — Oct 8, 2014; FGC, Mt. Shasta
- DFW update on FMP process and timeline — 2015-2016; MRC meetings
- **Today's update on FMP process and timeline** — **Mar 23, 2017; MRC, San Clemente**

Background

This is a standing agenda item to receive DFW updates on the red abalone FMP, which has been under development since fall of 2014. DFW has provided updates at MRC meetings on stakeholder input and next steps in the FMP development process for MRC discussion.

Since Feb 2016, DFW abalone project staff has kept FGC and MRC updated on impacts to abalone stocks resulting from the unprecedented set of environmental conditions and subsequent biological impacts to abalone, and how those are affecting the FMP process.

Today DFW will provide an update on red abalone FMP progress.

Significant Public Comments (N/A)

Recommendation (N/A)

Exhibits (N/A)

Committee Direction/Recommendation (N/A)