7C.   MLMA MASTER PLAN

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

Receive DFW update on progress in reviewing and amending the current FGC-adopted master plan for fisheries.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

- Received overview of plan and timeline   Nov 4, 2015; MRC, Ventura
- Update on progress   Mar 21, 2016; MRC, Los Alamitos
- Update on progress   Jul 21, 2016; MRC, Petaluma
- Update on progress   Nov 15, 2016; MRC Los Alamitos
- **Today update on stakeholder engagement**   **Mar 23, 2017; MRC, San Clemente**

Background

In 2001, FGC adopted *The Master Plan: A Guide for the Development of Fishery Management Plans* (MLMA Master Plan), developed by DFW with input from stakeholders, pursuant to the Marine Life Management Act (MLMA). A DFW effort to amend the MLMA Master Plan is currently underway, to broaden the policy scope of the document and facilitate moving more fisheries under active management and fishery management plans, as envisioned in the MLMA (See Exhibit 1 for more background). The amendment process is significant and substantial enough that DFW's Marine Region has elevated its priority to one of five strategic work plan objectives.

Since Nov 2015, MRC has received overviews and updates from DFW on the MLMA Master Plan amendment process, expected timeline, and initial details on the draft framework. DFW has developed a number of information resources to engage the public (e.g., MLMA Master Plan amendment webpage, public information documents, and stakeholder engagement strategies).

Today DFW will provide an update on progress, provide an overview of the topic of stakeholder engagement as outlined in the MLMA objectives, reflect on lessons learned from engagement processes, and seek input and guidance on ideas, approaches, and tools for DFW to consider as part of an amended MLMA Master Plan.

Significant Public Comments (N/A)

Recommendation (N/A)

Exhibits

1. DFW MLMA Master Plan webpage
   (www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/MLMA/Master-Plan)

Committee Direction/Recommendation

Solicit public input on DFW approaches and provide input where appropriate.