

COMMITTEE STAFF SUMMARY FOR MARCH 23, 2017

8B. CALIFORNIA'S FISHING COMMUNITIES**Today's Item****Information** **Direction**

Receive staff update on plans to host meetings concerning California's fishing communities.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

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| • Initial discussion on fishing communities | Mar 4, 2015; MRC, Marina |
| • Continued discussion on fishing communities | Nov 4, 2015; MRC, Ventura |
| • Public meeting and discussion | Jul 20, 2016; Petaluma |
| • Update on planning efforts | Nov 15, 2016; MRC, Los Alamitos |
| • Today's review proposed meeting locations | Nov 15, 2016; MRC, San Clemente |

Background

Discussions in Mar and Nov 2015 between MRC and members of various fishing communities demonstrated the potential value in expanding a conversation surrounding challenges facing California's fishing communities and providing additional time for the conversation through a public meeting dedicated to the topic. At the direction of MRC, a public meeting and discussion was held Jul 20, 2016 in Petaluma. Based on public feedback in support of continuing the fishing communities discussion, in Aug 2016 FGC supported an MRC recommendation for staff to schedule a series of fishing community discussions with more locally-focused meetings along the coast.

The next series of community discussions is anticipated to focus on the future fishing development needs in specific communities, and how FGC could potentially support localized efforts to foster stability in California's diverse fishing communities.

In Nov 2016, MRC discussed recommending regional fishing community meetings in spring 2017. At this MRC meeting, staff will provide an update on planning efforts, including a proposed starting point for community meeting in late spring or early summer. Potential regional meeting locations include:

- Crescent City/Eureka/Fort Bragg
- Bodega Bay/Half Moon Bay
- San Francisco/Oakland
- Santa Cruz/Moss Landing/Monterey
- Morro Bay/San Luis Obispo/Santa Barbara
- Los Angeles/San Pedro
- Orange County/San Diego

Today provides an opportunity for public input and discussion on proposed locations, timeframes, and format. Considerations for scheduling include staffing availability, avoiding conflicts with active fishing seasons, and logistical planning needs.

Significant Public Comments (N/A)

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Recommendation (N/A)

Exhibits (N/A)

Committee Direction/Recommendation (N/A)