

COMMITTEE STAFF SUMMARY FOR JULY 20, 2017

4. PACIFIC HERRING FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN**Today's Item****Information** **Direction**

Receive DFW update on the planning process to develop a fishery management plan (FMP) for Pacific herring.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

- DFW updates on FMP progress 2016-2017; MRC meetings
- **Today receive update on FMP progress Jul 20, 2017; MRC, Santa Rosa**

Background

This is a standing agenda item to receive DFW updates on development of an FMP for Pacific herring, a critically important forage species in California and along the West Coast. The commercial roe herring fishery is managed through FGC regulations to establish fishing quotas, pursuant to Section 163, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, based on herring spawning population size estimates from DFW surveys.

FGC and DFW identified Pacific herring as a priority fishery for developing an FMP, as mandated in the Marine Life Management Act. For over two years, a collaborative working group of herring fleet leaders, staff from conservation non-governmental organizations, and DFW staff, has developed a vision and concept for an FMP, and provides MRC with regular updates on progress.

Today DFW will provide an update on the herring FMP process.

Significant Public Comments (N/A)**Recommendation (N/A)****Exhibits (N/A)****Committee Direction/Recommendation (N/A)**