

STAFF SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 11-12, 2017

19. MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE**Today's Item**Information Action

Review tasks referred to the Marine Resources Committee (MRC), review potential agenda topics for the Nov 9, 2017 MRC meeting, and consider new topics for MRC review.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

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| • Most recent MRC meeting | Jul 20, 2017; MRC, Santa Rosa |
| • Today approve draft MRC agenda topics | Oct 11-12, 2017; Atascadero |
| • Next MRC meeting | Nov 9, 2017; MRC, Marina |

Background***MRC Work Plan and Draft Timeline***

FGC directs committee work. The updated work plan in Exhibit 1 includes topics and draft timelines for items referred to MRC. Draft agenda topics proposed for the Nov 2017 MRC meeting are shown in the "Nov" column of the work plan for FGC review and consideration today:

Management plan topics

- Marine Life Management Act master plan
- Red abalone fishery management plan

Regulations topics

- Pink shrimp trawl permits
- California halibut trawl permit transferability

Special projects topics

- Fisheries Bycatch Workgroup
- Coastal fishing communities

Emerging management issues

- Box crab and king crab: increased incidental take in commercial fisheries

Informational topics

- Marine debris
 - OPC draft 2017 Ocean Litter Prevention Strategy (presentation)
 - Lobster trap gear loss prevention (video)

Three additional topics were originally identified for Nov but, due to the heavy MRC agenda proposed for Nov and based on timing considerations, staff proposes moving the topics to Mar 2018 (see "recommendations" below).

New MRC Topics

No new topics are proposed by staff. See public request under "significant public comments" below.

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Significant Public Comments

1. Request from Audubon California related to future aquaculture lease considerations, specifically to consider a resolution in support of eelgrass and seabird habitat avoidance and marine spatial planning in Tomales Bay (this request is included under Agenda Item 28, Marine non-regulatory requests from previous meetings, in Exhibit 28A.1).

Recommendation

FGC staff: Approve draft agenda topics for Nov MRC as identified above; and defer the following topics to Mar 2018:

- Herring fishery management plan update
- Kelp and algae harvest regulations (phase 2)
- Aquaculture leases - "Best management practices" regulation, and consideration of new/future lease applications

DFW: Supports FGC staff recommendation to defer the specified topics to Mar 2018.

Exhibits

1. [MRC work plan with draft agenda topics for Nov 9, 2017 MRC meeting](#)

Motion/Direction

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission approves the draft agenda topics for the November 2017 Marine Resources Committee meeting.

Marine Resources Committee (MRC) 2017-18 Draft Work Plan: Scheduled topics and timeline for items referred to MRC from the California Fish and Game Commission (Updated for Oct 2017 FGC meeting)

Topic	Type of Topic	2017		2018	
		JUL	NOV	MAR	JUL
		Santa Rosa	Marina	Santa Rosa	TBD
Management Plans					
MLMA Master Plan for Fisheries	Amendment	X	X / R		
Abalone FMP / ARMP Update	FMP development	X	X	X	
Herring FMP Updates	FMP development	X	*	X	
Regulations					
Kelp & Algae Harvest	DFW project		*	X	-
Aquaculture - Best Management Practices	DFW project	X	*	X / R	
Pink Shrimp Fishery and Capacity Goal	DFW project		X		
California halibut trawl permit transferability	Initial review		X		
Emerging Management Issues					
Aquaculture - Future Lease Considerations	Initial review	X	*	X	
Box crab and king crab: Incidental take limits and consider experimental fishing permit applications	DFW project		X		
Special Projects					
Fisheries Bycatch Workgroup	MRC workgroup	X	X / R		
California's Fishing Communities	MRC project	X	X	X / R	
Informational / Special Topics					
Marine Debris and Plastic Pollution	Informational	X	X		
Offshore Wind Energy (BOEM Project)	Informational				
KEY: X Discussion scheduled X/R Recommendation developed and moved to FGC					
* Proposed for defererral to Mar 2018					