



# Update on the Marine Life Management Act (MLMA) Master Plan Amendment

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## Why an Amendment?

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- Reflect advancements in management tools, changing ocean conditions, and stakeholder priorities since 2001
- Identify additional tools and strategies that will help to achieve the MLMA's vision of healthy ecosystems, sustainable fisheries and fishing communities, and transparent and strategic management



## Goals of the Amendment

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- Enhance **resource stewardship and sustainability** of fisheries
- Elevate **ecosystem health in decision-making**
- Help promote more **efficient, effective, and streamlined** fisheries management
- Establish a **clear pathway** for improving the management of individual fisheries
- Set **clear expectations** for managers and the public
- Foster **transparency and flexibility** in fisheries management with Tribes and native communities, stakeholders, and interested members of the public



**Phase I: Build Knowledge**

Gather Information

Tribal Engagement

Stakeholder Engagement

Draft Amended Framework for MLMA-Based Management

**Phase II: Amend Master Plan**

Stakeholder Input

Prepare Initial Draft of Amended Master Plan (2018 Master Plan) for Stakeholder Review

**Late 2017**

**\*ENDING TODAY\* Tribal and Stakeholder Review of Initial Draft of 2018 Master Plan**

Prepare Revised Draft of 2018 Master Plan

**Phase III: Review and Possible Adoption by California Fish and Game Commission**

Submit Draft 2018 Master Plan

3-meeting Review Process

Possible Adoption of 2018 Master Plan





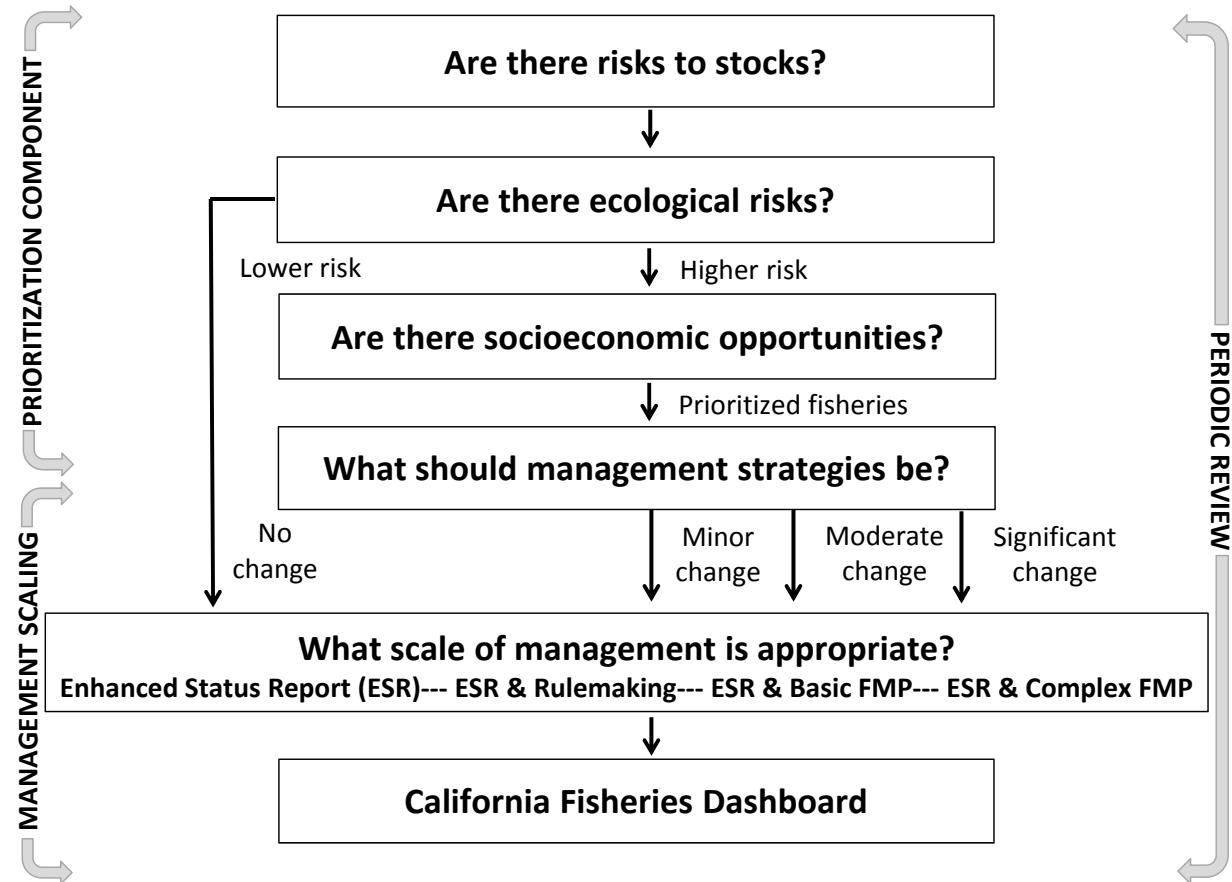
## 2018 Master Plan

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- Current 2001 Master Plan primarily focused on guidance for the development of Fishery Management Plans (FMPs)
- 2018 Master Plan
  - Beyond FMPs, more comprehensive of broader MLMA objectives
  - New framework to guide scaled fisheries management efforts
  - Roadmap and toolbox for implementation
  - Not prescriptive, promotes transparency and strategic management

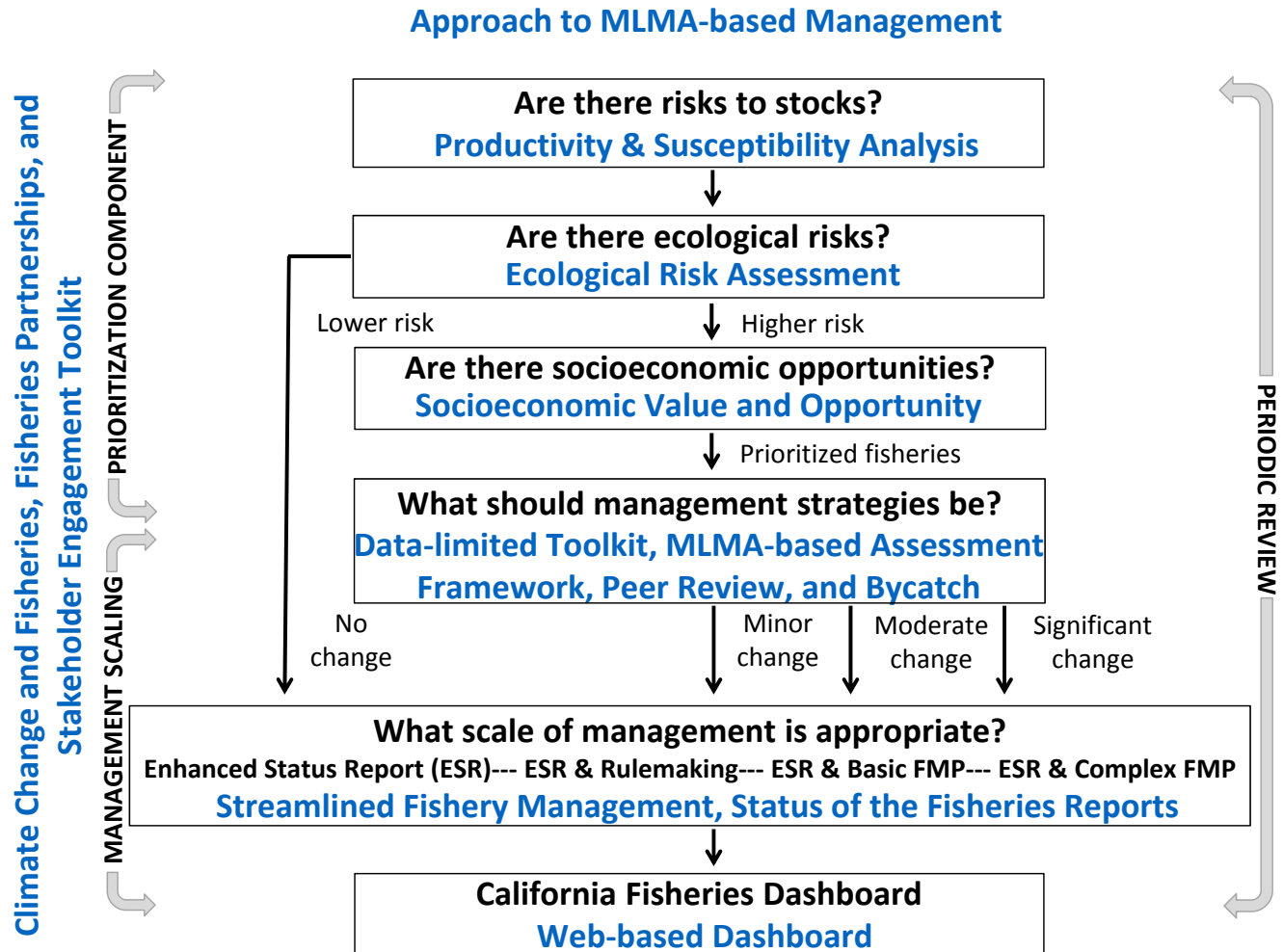
# Draft Framework Overview *(simplified)*

- Draft framework for **prioritizing and scaling the intensity of management** to the risks and potential benefits for each fishery
- Implementation will require sufficient resources and collaboration among partners and stakeholders



# Draft Framework Overview *(simplified)*

- **Information Gathering Projects** were important in providing new information, and draft tools and approaches
- Some projects are cross-cutting
- For more information on Information Gathering Projects, visit our webpage





## **Tribal and Stakeholder Review of Initial Draft**

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- Invitation shared with Tribes, stakeholders, and the interested public
  - Tribal letter, Key Communicator emails, CDFW Marine Management News blog and listservs, CDFW webpage updates
- Submit written comments by **5pm TODAY**
- Verbal comments during today's meeting will also be considered





## Next Steps

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- Amend draft Master Plan
  - Document and share written and verbal public comments
  - Consider input and recommendations in preparation of revised draft
- Review and possible adoption by Fish and Game Commission (FGC)
  - Early 2018: Submit revised draft to FGC
    - Initiate 3-meeting process for review and discussion
  - Mid 2018: Possible adoption of 2018 Master Plan



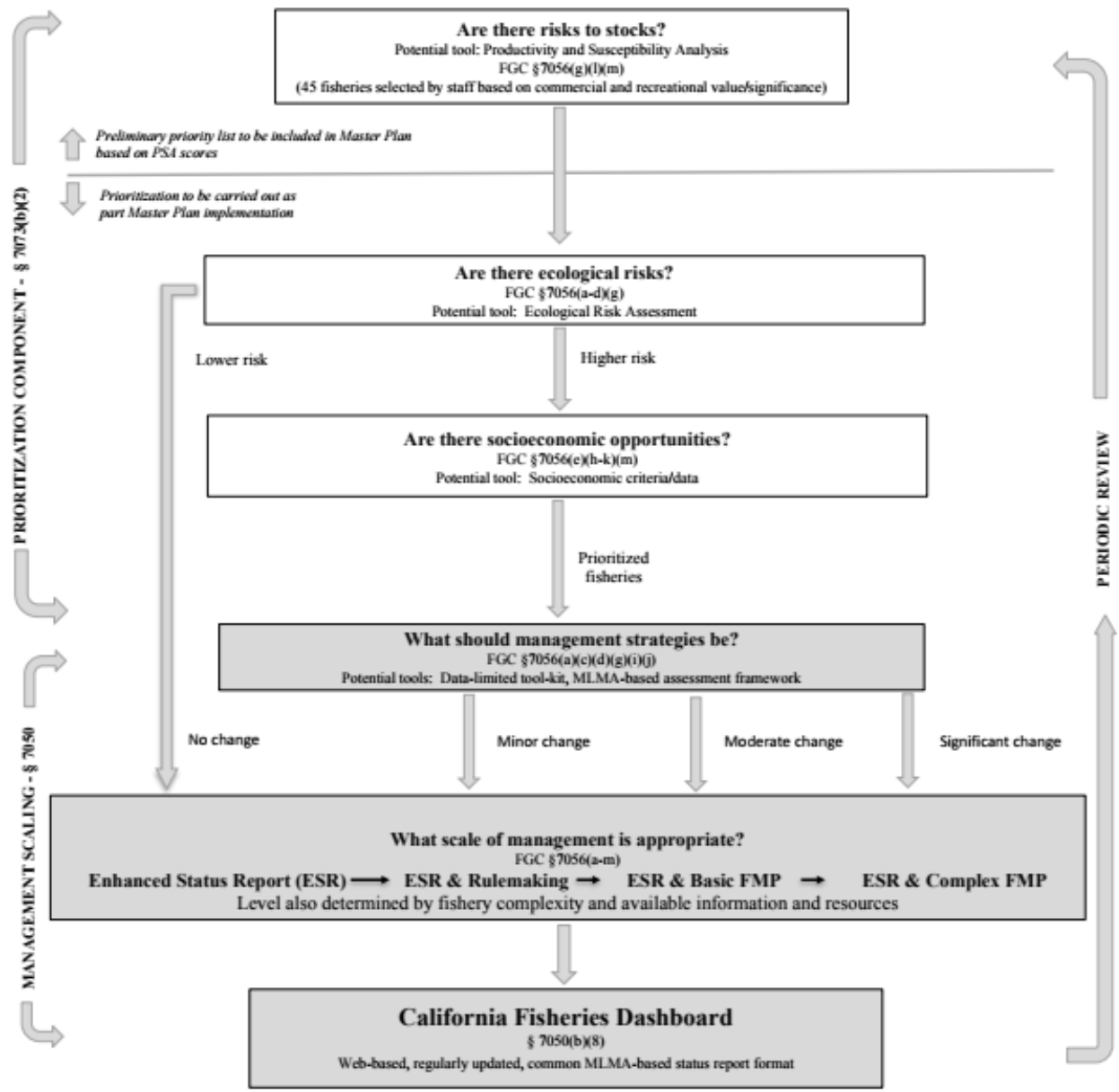
**Thank you!**

**For more information, please visit:**

**<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/MLMA>**

or contact **[MLMA@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:MLMA@wildlife.ca.gov)**





## Information Gathering Projects

### Project and Contractor

- Approach to MLMA-based Management- Fathom Consulting
- Productivity and Susceptibility Analysis- California Ocean Science Trust
- Ecological Risk Assessment- California Ocean Science Trust
- MLMA-based Assessment Framework- Center for Ocean Solutions
- Socioeconomic Value and Opportunity- California Sea Grant
- California Fisheries Data Limited Tool-kit- Natural Resources Defense Council and University of British Columbia
- Streamlined Fishery Management- Fathom Consulting
- Status of the Fisheries Reports and Web-based Dashboard- Fathom Consulting
- Climate Change and Fisheries- California Ocean Science Trust
- Bycatch
- Data Review- MRAG Americas and Kate Wing Consulting
- Fisheries Partnerships- The Nature Conservancy
- Peer Review- California Ocean Science Trust