

STAFF SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 7-8, 2018

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

Review tasks referred to the Marine Resources Committee (MRC), review potential agenda topics for the Mar 6 MRC meeting, and consider new topics for MRC review.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

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| • Most recent MRC meeting | Nov 9, 2017; MRC, Marina |
| • Today approve draft MRC agenda topics | Feb 7-8, 2018; Sacramento |
| • Next MRC meeting | Mar 6, 2018; MRC, Santa Rosa |

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

The FGC directs the work of the MRC. The updated work plan in Exhibit 1 includes topics and draft timelines for items referred to MRC. Draft agenda topics proposed for the Mar 2018 MRC meeting are shown in the "Mar" column of the work plan for FGC review and consideration today:

Management plan topics

- Herring fishery management plan

Regulations topics

- Annual sport fishing regulations
- Commercial kelp and algae harvest
- Aquaculture – developing best management practices

Emerging management issues

- Aquaculture – current and future lease considerations

Special projects topics

- Coastal fishing communities

New MRC Topics

No new topics are proposed by staff.

Significant Public Comments (N/A)**Recommendation**

FGC staff: Approve draft agenda topics for the Mar MRC meeting as identified above

Exhibits

1. [MRC work plan, dated Jan 2018](#)

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Motion/Direction

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission approves the draft agenda topics for the March 2018 Marine Resources Committee meeting.

Marine Resources Committee (MRC) 2018 DRAFT Work Plan

Scheduled topics and timeline for items referred to MRC from California Fish and Game Commission
Updated January 2018

Topic	Category	2018		
		MAR	JUL	NOV
		Santa Rosa	San Clemente	Sacramento
Management Plans				
Abalone FMP / ARMP Update (upon request by FGC)	FMP Development			
Herring FMP Updates	FMP Development	X	X	
Regulations				
Sport Fishing Regulations	Annual	X		
Kelp & Algae Harvest	DFW Project	X	X	-
Aquaculture - Best Management Practices	DFW Project	X	X / R	
Emerging Management Issues				
Aquaculture - Existing and Future Lease Considerations	Initial Review	X	X	
Box crab experimental fishing permit program and applications criteria	DFW Project			
Special Projects				
California's Fishing Communities	MRC project	X	X / R	
Informational / Special Topics				
Marine Debris and Plastic Pollution	Informational			
Offshore Wind Energy (BOEM Project)	Informational			

KEY: X Discussion scheduled X/R Recommendation developed and moved to FGC