



California's Coastal Fishing Communities Project Update



Marine Resources Committee Meeting

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State Law: Marine Life Management Act Goals

- Conserves Entire Systems
- Non-Consumptive Values
- Sustainability
- Habitat Conservation
- Fishery Restoration
- Bycatch Limitation



- **Fishing Communities:** *Fisheries management should recognize the long-term interests of people dependent on fishing, and adverse impacts of management measures on fishing communities are to be minimized.*



Project Goals

- Identify coastal fishing community sustainability and resilience priorities and potential opportunities to support them
- Clarify common concerns throughout the state
- Inform future Commission discussion or action

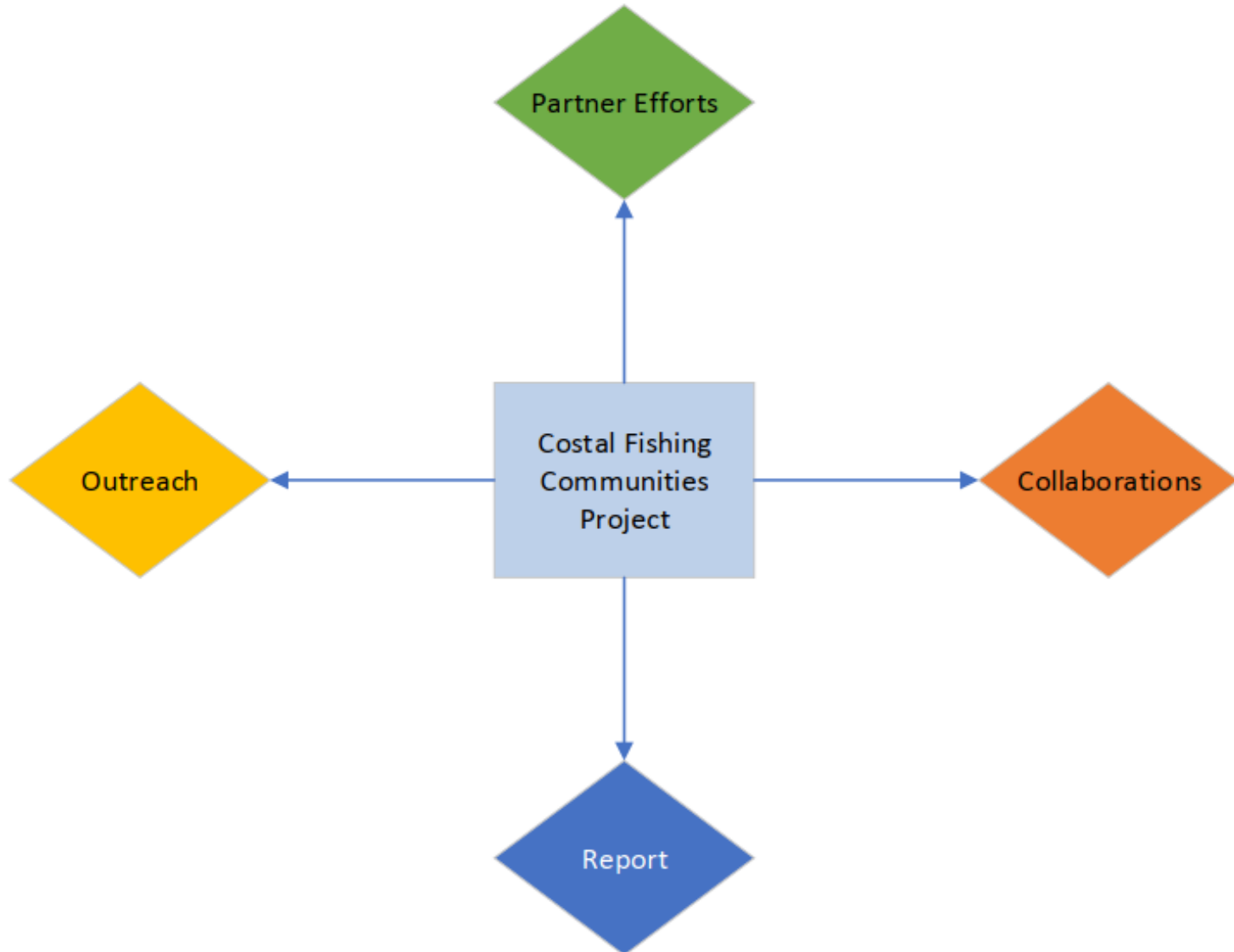


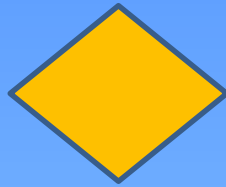
Recent MRC Direction

- November 2018 MRC meeting recommendation:
 - Revise July 2018 staff report
 - Develop more comprehensive report
 - Schedule discussion for potential MRC recommendation



Progress in Four Focal Areas





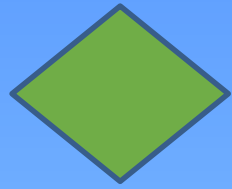
Outreach and Education

Objectives:

- Increase transparency and public access to project information
- Update staff report and release final version

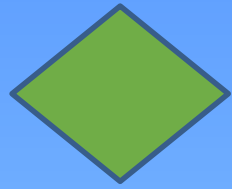
Approach: Webpage updates and development

- Meetings page have been updated with materials
- Individual coastal meeting summaries
- Revised staff report near complete
- Future project updates



Partner Efforts

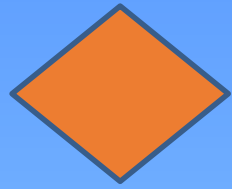
- Stakeholder conversations
- Determining parallel and related efforts
- Identify potential collaborations



Partner Efforts

Examples:

- CA Sea Grant Extension surveys and reports
- Pacific Fishery Management Council climate and communities initiative
- National Marine Fisheries Service planning for port profile updates

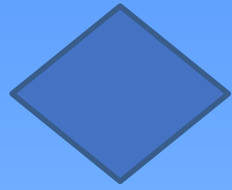


Collaborations

- Fishing Communities and Climate Workgroup
 - Ocean Science Trust, DFW, FGC
 - Workshop under development

- Ocean Protection Council

- Ongoing explorations
 - CA Sea Grant Extension Specialists
 - Non-governmental organizations
 - Fishing organizations



Report

- Outline of a more comprehensive report
- Clarify information needs for analyzing options
- Evaluate scope versus staff capacity and potential report development partnerships



Next Steps

- Continue with actions to accomplish MRC direction
- Continue to work with various partner entities
 - Develop analyses and recommendations requested by MRC
 - Prepare more detailed report



Summary of Staff Actions

- 8 community meetings held in 2016 and 2018 from Crescent City to San Diego
- Public input synthesized into staff report
- July 2018 MRC meeting:
 - Staff report opened for public feedback
- November 2018 MRC meeting:
 - Summarized comments

