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# Red Abalone FMP Management Strategy Integration Project Update

Marine Resources Committee Meeting  
July 2019

# Update Overview

- Admin Team
- Facilitation
- Project Team Update
- Next Steps in Process
- Management Strategy Integration Timeline

# Administrative (Admin) Team

- **Purpose:** To ensure that the Red Abalone Management Strategy Integration process occurs in a collaborative, efficient, and timely manner and informs a revised management chapter for the recreational red abalone fishery management plan (FMP)
- **Membership:** Primary/ Alternate
  - Sonke Mastrup [Secretary]/Ian Taniguchi (CDFW)
  - Elizabeth Pope/Maggie McCann (FGC)
  - Paige Berube/Jenn Eckerle (OPC)
  - Alexis Jackson [Chair]/Kate Kauer (TNC)
  - Joshua Russo (Waterman's Alliance)/ Jack Likins (Recreational Diver)

# Integration Process Facilitation

- Facilitation Support for Project Team (Strategic Earth Consulting)
  - Funded by the Ocean Protection Council
  - Provide third-party, neutral facilitation and meeting support for Project Team members
  - Work in close coordination with the Administrative Team

# Project Team Update

- First meeting held May 22 in Santa Rosa, CA.
  - Approximately 40 participants representing multiple constituencies
  - Provided overview of integration process, Project Team role and purpose (team charter), and introduced Project Team work plan
  - Introduced modelers, provided background on management strategy evaluation, and guidance on next steps
  - Had brainstorm and discussion around a *de minimis* fishery
- Next Project Team meeting is July 18 (Webinar)

# Next Steps

- Project Team
  - At next meeting (and beyond), discuss available data streams and continuing discussion and development of *de minimis* fishery options
- Modelers
  - Incorporate peer review recommendations to operating model
  - Develop a suite of proposed management strategies
- Administrative Team
  - Organize and prepare materials for Project Team meetings
  - Manage the integration and FMP development process
  - Update the MRC and FGC on progress

# Management Strategy Integration Timeline

- Project Team meetings July, Aug., Sept., Oct., Nov. 2019
- Ongoing modeling July – Dec. 2019
- Complete integration process Dec. 2019
- FMP redrafting Spring 2020
- FMP adoption Fall/Winter 2020

# More Information

- OPC Recreational Red Abalone Management Strategy Integration webpage:  
<http://www.opc.ca.gov/2019/05/red-abalone-management-strategies-integration/>
- CDFW Red Abalone Fishery Management Plan webpage:  
<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/Red-Abalone-FMP>
- For questions or to be added to Project Team communications email:  
[hello@strategicearth.com](mailto:hello@strategicearth.com)



**Back-Up Slides on Integration Process**

# Recapping the 2018 FGC Recommendation

1. Support addressing peer review recommendations to integrate aspects of both draft management strategies, based on a simulation modeling approach co-developed by DFW and the TNC-led stakeholder team, including engagement with abalone divers and other stakeholders
2. Revise FMP goals to allow for a *de minimis* fishery option
3. Develop triggers for the *de minimis* fishery option in consultation with stakeholders
4. Request that DFW develop a proposed process and timeline which accounts for active public and MRC engagement

# Approach to Ensuring Cross-Engagement



Administrative  
Team



Project Team

# Project Team

- Purpose: To review and provide feedback on all scientific analyses conducted by lead modeler, and provide input on the *de minimis* fishery and integrated management strategy design
- Modeling capacity to be provided by Dr. Bill Harford in consultation with affiliates (i.e., peer reviewers and science staff from CDFW and TNC)
- Meetings will be under neutral third-party facilitation (Strategic Earth) to promote coordination and efficiency

