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Fishing Communities Discussion Meeting Agenda July 20, 2016, 1:00 pm

**Petaluma City Schools Board Room
200 Douglas Street, Petaluma**

Meeting Goals

- Opportunities for coastal communities to share perspectives on observed changes in ocean ecosystems, marine resources and related harvest opportunities
- Discuss ideas for building stronger coastal communities in the face of change
- Identify process for next steps, if any

I. Welcome, Background, and Goals

- 1) Welcome and introductions
- 2) Background of Commission fishing communities discussion
- 3) Identify goals for In-Depth Discussion from Commission and participants viewpoints

II. In-Depth Discussion and Dialogue

PART A: Understanding California's fishing communities - a community-based dialogue

Discussion Questions:

- 1) What defines a fishing community (port, region, fishery, state)?
- 2) What makes a high quality working waterfront for California? Does that vary substantially across regions and ports or are there uniform needs that you can identify statewide?
- 3) What are the changes in your fishing community that have affected productivity (e.g., aging infrastructure, biological changes from ocean conditions, access)?

- 4) What traditionally available resources relied on by your fishing community have changed, and how?
- 5) What characteristics of fishing communities are most important to protect or are the most vulnerable to change?
- 6) What are the current and foreseeable barriers to success for fishing communities in the current management structure (e.g., costs, permits, biological changes)?

PART B: Continuing the Discussion - Looking forward

Discussion Questions:

- 1) What does success look like for the future of California fishing communities given the changes that have occurred?
- 2) What localized efforts have happened to promote fishing communities? Can they be shared across fishing communities and working waterfronts?
- 3) Suggestions on moving forward? How can your fishing community directly move forward to promote opportunities for development (e.g., sustainably caught seafood co-operatives, working waterfront models, shared permits, diversify fisheries, etc.)?

III. Next Steps and Wrap-up

- 1) Meeting recap
- 2) Explore possible next steps
- 3) Meeting Close and Adjournment

Thank you for participating!