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!