

Subject: Fishing Communities Public Meeting scheduled for July 20 in Petaluma

WHAT: Fishing Communities Public Meeting and Discussion

WHEN: July 20, 2016; 1:00 pm- 5:00 pm

WHERE: Petaluma City Schools, Board Room, 200 Douglas Dr., Petaluma, CA 94952

Dear Fish and Wildlife Stakeholders and Interested Parties,

The Marine Resources Committee (MRC), under direction of the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission), has scheduled a public meeting and discussion on fishing communities for July 20, 2016 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Previous discussions between the Commission, the MRC, and members of various fishing communities have demonstrated the potential value in expanding the conversation surrounding California's coastal communities. A summary of the fishing communities discussion will be provided to the MRC at its meeting on July 21, 2016 in Petaluma.

This discussion will provide an initial opportunity for a dialogue between various coastal communities and stakeholders to share perspectives on observed changes in ocean ecosystems, marine resources and related harvest opportunities. Discussion is intended to help clarify common needs/concerns/priorities across the State, to understand how these might overlap or differ regionally, and help to inform future Commission discussion or action, or options for other possible action at the local, State, or federal levels.

Outcomes will largely depend on the input received from various participants; participation in the discussion is highly encouraged. The meeting agenda, including topics for discussion, is available at:

<http://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=174096&inline>.

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