

STAFF SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 12-13, 2022

21A. MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE (MRC)**Today's Item**Information ☐Action ☒

Discuss referred topics and consider revisions to topics and timing. Consider approving draft agenda topics for the next committee meeting scheduled for Nov 17, 2022.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

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| • Previous MRC meeting | Jul 14, 2022; MRC, Santa Rosa |
| • Today consider approving agenda topics | Oct 12-13, 2022; Kings Beach |
| • Next MRC meeting | Nov 17, 2022; MRC, San Diego area |

Background

MRC works under FGC direction to set and accomplish its work plan.

Committee Work Plan

Topics that have been referred by FGC to MRC are displayed in a work plan for scheduling and tracking. The updated MRC work plan is in Exhibit 1. No new topics are being proposed by DFW or FGC staff.

Next Committee Meeting

The next MRC meeting is scheduled for Nov 17, 2022 in the San Diego area, with a webinar/teleconference participation option. Staff has conferred with DFW regarding readiness of topics for discussion and potential recommendation or for a progress update only. Four discussion topics and two staff and other agency updates are proposed in addition to standing agenda items; the list of topics reflects the changes proposed in the work plan in Exhibit 1.

Discussion Topics

1. Red abalone fishery management plan development and potential recommendation
2. Evaluation of bycatch in California halibut fishery to support management review
3. Public interest determination criteria for new aquaculture lease applications
4. Coastal fishing communities policy development

Updates from Staff and Other Agencies (written format)

1. Aquaculture program planning (tate aquaculture action plan)
2. Marine protected area decadal management review

Significant Public Comments (N/A)**Recommendation**

FGC staff: Approve the updated work plan and approve the proposed agenda topics for the Nov 2022 MRC meeting.

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Exhibits

1. [MRC work plan, updated Sep 30, 2022](#)

Motion

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission approves the changes to the work plan and approves the agenda topics for the November 17, 2022 Marine Resources Committee meeting, as discussed today.

California Fish and Game Commission Marine Resources Committee (MRC) Work Plan

Updated Sep 30, 2022

Note: Proposed changes to topics/timing are shown in blue underscore or strike-out font.

TOPICS	CATEGORY	Jul 2022	Nov 2022	Mar 2023
Planning Documents & Fishery Management Plans (FMPs)				
MLMA Master Plan for Fisheries – Implementation Updates	Plan Implementation			
Red Abalone FMP / Abalone Recovery Management Plan Update	FMP	X/R	X/R	
California Halibut Fishery Management Review	Management Review			
California Halibut Bycatch Evaluation for Fishery Management Review	Management Review	X*	X	<u>X</u>
Market Squid Fishery Management and FMP Review	Management/ FMP Review	X*		
Kelp Recovery and Management Plan development	Management Plan			
Marine Protected Area Network 2022 Decadal Management Review	Management Review		X*	<u>X/R</u>
Regulations				
California Halibut Trawl Grounds Review	Commercial Take	X*		
Kelp and Algae Commercial Harvest – Sea Palm (<i>Postelsia</i>)	Commercial Take			
California Spiny Lobster FMP Implementing Regulations Review	Implementing Regulations	X/R		
California Sheephead Recreational Fishery Regulations	Recreational Take			
Implementation of 365-Day Sport Fishing License	Recreational Take	X		
Marine Aquaculture				
Aquaculture Program Planning (State Aquaculture Action Plan)	Planning Document		X*	
Aquaculture State Water Bottom Leases: Existing & Future Lease Considerations	Current Leases / Planning			
<i>Public Interest Determination Criteria</i> for New State Water Bottom Aquaculture Lease Applications	FGC Policy – New Leases	X	X/R	
Aquaculture Lease Best Management Practices Plans (Hold, TBD)	Regulatory			
Emerging Management Issues				
Kelp Restoration and Recovery Tracking	Kelp		X	<u>X</u>
Invasive Non-native Kelp and Algae Species	Kelp / Invasive Species			
Special Projects				
California's Coastal Fishing Communities Project	MRC Special Project			
Coastal Fishing Communities Policy	FGC Policy	X*	X/R	<u>X/R</u>
Box Crab Experimental Fishing Permit (EFP) Research Project	EFP			

Key: X = Discussion scheduled X/R = Recommendation may be developed and may move to Commission
* = Written agency update