

## Committee Staff Summary for July 17-18, 2024 MRC

**11. Future Agenda Items**

<b>Today's Item</b>	<b>Information</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Action</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(A) Review work plan agenda topics, priorities, and timeline		
(B) Potential new agenda topics for Commission consideration		

**Summary of Previous/Future Actions**

- Commission approved Marine Resources Committee (MRC) agenda and work plan June 19-20, 2024
- **Today's discussion** **July 17-18, 2024; MRC**
- Next MRC meeting November 7, 2024; MRC

**Background**

MRC topics are referred by the Commission and scheduled as appropriate; referred topics and their schedule are shown in the MRC work plan (Exhibit 1). MRC has placed emphasis on issues of imminent regulatory or management importance; thus, scheduling current topics and considering new topics for MRC review requires planning relative to existing workload and timing considerations.

**(A) MRC Work Plan and Timeline**

Topics anticipated to be proposed for the November 2024 MRC meeting are shown in the November column of the work plan in Exhibit 1. Note that staff will assess the readiness of topics and may propose changes to the November 2024 MRC agenda during the Commission's October 2024 meeting. Staff welcomes guidance from MRC regarding scheduling specific topics identified in the work plan.

*Proposed Updates*

- The titles of two existing regulatory topics are revised, to better reflect the topics' intent, to read "*Recreational crab trap gear options and trap validation for commercial passenger fishing vessels,*" and "*Recreational barred sand bass fishery.*"

*Next Meeting*

Draft agenda topics for November 2024 include four topics for discussion and potential committee recommendation, and four topics for discussion only.

**(B) Discuss and Recommend New MRC Topics**

Today's meeting provides an opportunity to identify potential new topics to recommend for referral to MRC. While staff hasn't identified new topics at this time, in June 2024 the Commission discussed a potential topic related to a request to allow commercial red abalone harvest or an experimental fishery opportunity at San Miguel Island. The Commission considered how red abalone harvest could be reconciled with the existing abalone recovery and management plan and the ongoing development of a statewide red

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abalone recovery plan. The Commission also acknowledged the desire expressed by former abalone divers to preserve the traditional fishery and knowledge. With this context, staff presents the following topic for MRC consideration and potential recommendation for referral: Risk tolerance for allowing consumptive or experimental take of abalone.

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

Review the list of topics identified for the November 2024 MRC meeting and determine if topics should be revised or if any additional topics on the work plan should be scheduled; provide direction on any other additions or removals.

**Exhibits**

1. [MRC work plan, updated June 25, 2024](#)

**Committee Direction/Recommendation**

The Marine Resources Committee recommends that the Commission approve the changes to the committee work plan as proposed by staff in Exhibit 1, with the following additional changes: \_\_\_\_\_.

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

Updated June 25, 2024

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

Topics	Category	Mar 2024	Jul 2024	Nov 2024
<b>Planning Documents and Fishery Management Plans (FMPs)</b>				
MLMA Master Plan for fisheries – implementation updates	Plan Implementation			
Red abalone recovery plan (statewide)	Management Plan		*	
California halibut fishery management review; trawl grounds review	Management Review	X	<u>*</u> <del>—</del>	
California halibut bycatch evaluation for fishery management review – set gill net (lessons learned)	Management Review	X	X	
California halibut bycatch evaluation for fishery management review – trawl gear	Management Review			
Market squid fishery management and FMP review	Management/ FMP Review	X	X	X/R
Kelp recovery and management plan (KRMP) development	Management Plan			
Marine protected area (MPA) network 2022 decadal management review implementation: MPA petitions	Management Review	X	X/R	
<b>Regulations</b>				
Kelp and algae commercial harvest – sea palm ( <i>Postelsia</i> )	Commercial Take		*	X/R
Commercial sea urchin fishing, including consideration of Petition 2023-04 for fishery north of San Luis Obispo/Monterey county line	Commercial Take	X	X/R	
Recreational crab trap gear options and trap validation for commercial passenger fishing vessels; <u>RAMP regulations</u>	Recreational Take	*	X	X/R
Commercial fisheries logbook forms and fishing block charts	Commercial Take	X		
Electronic recreational fishing report cards rulemaking	Recreational Take		X/R	
Recreational <del>take of</del> barred sand bass <u>fishery</u>	Recreational Take		X	X/R
<b>Marine Aquaculture</b>				
Statewide aquaculture action plan	Planning Document			
Aquaculture state water bottom leases: Status of existing leaseholder requests	Current Leases	*		
Aquaculture state water bottom leases: Applications for new leases	Lease Applications		*	X
Aquaculture lease best management practices plans (Hold, TBD)	Regulatory			
<b>Informational Topics / Emerging Management Issues</b>				
Kelp restoration and recovery tracking	Kelp			
<b>Special Projects</b>				
Coastal Fishing Communities Project	MRC Project		*	X
Box crab experimental fishing permit (EFP) research project	EFP			X

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

\* = Written or verbal agency update