

## Committee Staff Summary for November 6-7, 2024 MRC

**11. Future Agenda Items**

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

**Summary of Previous/Future Actions**

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| • Commission approved Marine Resources Committee (MRC) agenda and work plan | July 17-18, 2024; MRC          |
| • <b>Today's review and discussion</b>                                      | <b>November 6-7, 2024; MRC</b> |
| • Next MRC meeting                                                          | March 13, 2025; 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 March 2025 MRC meeting are shown in the March column of the work plan in Exhibit 1.

*Proposed Updates*

- Staff recommends that the topic “Red Abalone Recovery Plan: Risk Tolerance for Harvest”, continued from this meeting, be tentatively scheduled for March 2025.
- The “Commercial Fisheries Logbook Forms and Fishing Block Charts” topic is complete and has been removed from the work plan.

*Next Meeting*

There are currently six topics identified for potential discussion in March 2025: five current work plan topics, plus one additional topic proposed for referral under part (B). At the February 2025 Commission meeting, staff may recommend changes to proposed agenda topics after assessing readiness closer to that date. Staff welcomes guidance from MRC regarding scheduling specific topics identified in the work plan. In addition, based on the effectiveness of this meeting's format, MRC may want to consider requesting a similar, two-day format for the March meeting.

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

Today's meeting provides an opportunity to identify any potential new agenda topics to recommend to the Commission for referral to MRC.

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Department and Commission staff anticipate there will be a need to continue discussions about the EFP Program after the subject is introduced at today's meeting, and suggest MRC consider requesting the Commission add it to the work plan for March 2025.

### Significant Public Comments (N/A)

### Recommendation

**Commission staff:** Review the list of topics identified for the March 2025 MRC meeting, determine if topics should be revised, or if any additional topics on the work plan should be scheduled for March 2025. Provide direction on any other additions or removals, including recommending the Commission add an "EFP Program Review" topic to the work plan for March 2025 discussion, and potentially scheduling a two-day meeting.

### Exhibits

1. [MRC work plan](#), updated October 28, 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 additional recommendation(s) to: \_\_\_\_\_.

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

*Updated October 31, 2024*

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

Topics	Category	Jul 2024	Nov 2024	Mar 2025
Planning Documents, Fishery Management Plans (FMPs)				
MLMA Master Plan for Fisheries – Implementation Updates	Plan Implementation			
Red Abalone Recovery Plan (statewide)	Recovery Plan	*		
- Risk Tolerance for Reopening Fishery Harvest	Recovery		<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>
California Halibut Fishery Management Review (CHal Review) – CHal Trawl Grounds Review	Management Review	*		
CHal Review – Bycatch Evaluation for Set Gill Net (Lessons Learned)	Management Review	X		
CHal Review – Bycatch Evaluation for Trawl Gear	Management Review			
Market Squid Fishery Management and FMP Review	Management/ FMP Review	X	X/R	
Kelp Recovery and Management Plan (KRMP) Development	Recovery/ Management Plan		*	
Marine Protected Area (MPA) Network 2022 Decadal Management Review Implementation: <i>MPA Petitions</i>	Management Review	X/R	X/R	<u>X</u>
Regulations				
Kelp and Algae Commercial Harvest – Sea Palm ( <i>Postelsia</i> )	Commercial Take	*	X/R	
Commercial Sea Urchin Fishing (Including Review of Petition 2023-04 for Northern Fishery)	Commercial Take	X/R		
Recreational Crab Trap Gear Options and Trap Validation for Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessels	Recreational Take	X	X/R	
<del>Commercial Fisheries Logbook Forms &amp; Fishing Block Charts</del>	<del>Commercial Take</del>			
Electronic Recreational Fishing Report Cards Rulemaking	Recreational Take	X/R		
Recreational Barred Sand Bass Fishery	Recreational Take	X	X/R	
Marine Aquaculture and State Water Bottom Leases				
Statewide Aquaculture Action Plan	Planning Document			
Status of Existing Leaseholder Requests	Current Leases			<u>X</u>
Applications for New Leases	Lease Applications	*	X	<u>X</u>
Lease Best Management Practices Plans (Hold, TBD)	Leases–Regulatory			

Topics	Category	Jul 2024	Nov 2024	Mar 2025
Special Projects, Informational Topics, and Emerging Management Issues				
Coastal Fishing Communities Project	MRC Project	*	*	X
Kelp Restoration and Recovery Tracking	Kelp			
Experimental Fishing Permit (EFP) Program				
Box Crab Exploratory Fishing	EFP		X	
Pop-Up Gear in State-Managed Fisheries	EFP		X	
<a href="#">EFP Program Review</a>	<a href="#">EFP</a>			X

Key: X = Discussion X/R = Recommendation and may move to Commission \* = Written or oral agency update