

Committee Staff Summary for March 13, 2025 MRC

6. Future Agenda Items

Today's Item **Information** **Action**

- (A) Review work plan agenda topics and timeline
 (B) Identify any potential new agenda topics for Commission consideration.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

- Commission approved Marine Resources Committee (MRC) agenda and work plan February 12-13, 2024
- **Today's review and discussion** **March 13, 2025; MRC**
- Next MRC meeting July 17, 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 July 2025 MRC meeting are shown in the July column of the work plan in Exhibit 1.

Proposed Updates

For this meeting, there are no proposed changes to the work plan topics or timing (Exhibit 1).

Next Meeting

There are currently five work plan topics identified for potential discussion in July 2025. At the June 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.

(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.

No new topics have been identified by staff for potential referral to MRC at this time.

Significant Public Comments (N/A)

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Recommendation

Commission staff: Review the list of topics identified for the July 2025 MRC meeting, determine if topics should be revised, or if any additional topics on the work plan should be scheduled for July 2025. Provide direction on any other additions or removals.

Exhibits

1. [MRC work plan, updated February 18, 2025.](#)

Committee Direction/Recommendation

The Marine Resources Committee recommends that the Commission approve changes to the Committee work plan in Exhibit 1 to: _____.

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

Updated February 18, 2025

Topics	Category	Nov 2024	Mar 2025	Jul 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		X	
California Halibut Fishery Management Review (CA Halibut Review) – CA Halibut Trawl Grounds Review	Management Review			
CA Halibut Review – Bycatch Evaluation for Trawl Gear	Management Review			X
Market Squid Fishery Management and FMP Review	Management/ FMP Review	X/R		
Kelp Recovery and Management Plan (KRMP) Development	Recovery/ Management Plan	*		X
Marine Protected Area (MPA) Network 2022 Decadal Management Review Implementation: <i>MPA Petitions</i>	Management Review	X/R	*	X
Regulations				
Kelp and Algae Commercial Harvest – Sea Palm (<i>Postelsia</i>)	Commercial Take	X/R		
Recreational Crab Trap Gear Options and Trap Validation for Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessels	Recreational Take	X/R		
Recreational Barred Sand Bass Fishery	Recreational Take	X/R		
Recreational Red Abalone Fishery Closure Sunset Date	Recreational Take		X/R	
Commercial coonstripe shrimp fishery management	Commercial Take		X	X/R
Marine Aquaculture and State Water Bottom Leases				
Statewide Aquaculture Action Plan	Planning Document			
Status of Existing Leaseholder Requests	Current Leases		X	
Applications for New Leases	Lease Applications			
- San Andreas Shellfish Company (in Tomales Bay)		X		
- Santa Barbara Sea Ranch (off Santa Barbara County coast)			X	
Lease Best Management Practices Plans (Hold, TBD)	Leases–Regulatory			
Special Projects, Informational Topics, and Emerging Management Issues				
Coastal Fishing Communities Project	MRC Project	*	*	
Kelp Restoration and Recovery Tracking	Kelp			X
Experimental Fishing Permit (EFP) Program				
Box Crab Exploratory Fishing	EFP	X		
Pop-Up Gear in State-Managed Fisheries	EFP	X		

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