

Staff Summary for April 16-17, 2025

29. Non-Regulatory Requests from Previous Meetings (Marine)**Today's Item**Information ☐Action ☒

Consider and potentially act on requests for non-regulatory action received from members of the public at previous meetings.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

- Commission received requests February 12-13, 2025
- **Today, potentially act on requests April 16-17, 2025**

Background

Requests for non-regulatory action are received from members of the public under general public comment. All non-regulatory requests follow a two-meeting cycle to ensure proper review and thorough consideration of each item. All requests received in writing or public testimony during general public comment at the previous Commission meeting are scheduled for consideration at the next regular meeting. Non-regulatory requests that have been referred to staff, legal counsel, a committee, or the Department for review and recommendation are scheduled for action once a recommendation has been received.

Two marine non-regulatory requests received in February are scheduled for action today. Both requests are related to aquaculture. Exhibit 1 provides the staff recommendations and rationale, developed with input from the Department.

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

Commission staff: Adopt the staff recommendations for the non-regulatory requests as reflected in Exhibit 1.

Exhibits

1. [Summary of non-regulatory requests and staff recommendations for requests scheduled for action, updated April 1, 2025](#)

Motion

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission adopts the staff recommendation for action on the non-regulatory requests as reflected in Exhibit 1.

OR

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission adopts the staff recommendation for action on the non-regulatory requests as reflected in Exhibit 1, except as follows: _____.

California Fish and Game Commission
Non-Regulatory Requests for Action — Updated April 1, 2025

CFG - California Fish and Game Commission CDFW - California Department of Fish and Wildlife
WRC - Wildlife Resources Committee MRC - Marine Resources Committee

Date Received	Name of Requestor	Subject of Request	Short Description	Category	FGC Receipt Scheduled	FGC Initial Action Scheduled	Initial Staff Recommendation
12/10/2024	Richard Charter, The Ocean Foundation	San Andreas Shellfish Company Lease Application	Requests a National Environmental Policy Act process in addition to the California Environmental Quality Act process, due to proximity and potential impacts to federal public resources within Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and Point Reyes National Seashore; requests federal and UNESCO interagency review and local government review; and suggests the project area design be wider due to strong currents in the area.	Marine	2/12-13/25	4/16-17/25	The lease application is advancing through Commission and CEQA processes. Commission and CDFW staff are working directly with partner agencies of jurisdiction and the applicant on the review process. Staff is forwarding the comment to federal agencies of jurisdiction that permit aquaculture operations subsequent to Commission lease consideration. Staff has advised the commenter to reach out directly to federal agencies of jurisdiction and to UNESCO to request additional federal environmental review and interagency review. Staff has shared the letter with the applicant and consultant, highlighting the suggestion to consider a wider project area in light of strong local currents. No additional action is recommended at this time.
1/26/2025	Bernard Friedman, Santa Barbara Mariculture Company	Aquaculture Lease Amendment	Request to add the cultivation of all native algae species to the pending lease amendment request for State Water Bottom Lease No. M-653-02 (updates the company's 2021 pending request).	Marine	2/12-13/25	4/16-17/25	Staff and CDFW staff are reviewing the updated lease amendment request and will work directly with the applicant. No additional action recommended at this time.