

## Committee Staff Summary for July 16-17, 2025 MRC

**8. 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 June 11-12, 2025
- **Today's review and discussion** **July 16-17, 2025; MRC**
- Next MRC meeting November 5-6, 2025; MRC

**Background**

MRC topics must be referred by the Commission, which schedules them as appropriate, with the schedule detailed in the MRC work plan (Exhibit 1). The MRC prioritizes issues of imminent regulatory or management importance. Therefore, scheduling current topics and considering new ones require careful planning relative to existing workload and timing.

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

Topics anticipated for the November 2025 MRC meeting are marked in the November column of the work plan in Exhibit 1. Currently, three work plan topics are identified for discussion and two for updates for November. Staff may recommend changes to proposed agenda topics at the August 2025 Commission meeting, after assessing their readiness closer to that date. Staff welcomes guidance from MRC regarding scheduling of specific topics identified in the work plan.

*Proposed Updates*

Staff proposes renaming the planning document topic "*Red Abalone Recovery Plan (Statewide)*" to "*Red Abalone Restoration Plan (Statewide)*." The change is proposed since "recovery plan" is a term of art associated with species listed under the California Endangered Species Act and the federal Endangered Species Act; red abalone is not listed under either act. Therefore, "restoration" plan is the more appropriate term.

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

Today's meeting offers an opportunity to identify any potential new agenda topics to recommend to the Commission for referral to MRC. Staff has not identified any new topics 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 November 2025 MRC meeting, determine if topics or timing should be revised, or if any additional topics on the work plan should be scheduled for November 2025. Provide direction on any other additions or removals.

**Exhibits**

1. [MRC work plan, updated June 27, 2025](#)

**Committee Direction/Recommendation**

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

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

*Updated June 27, 2025*

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

Topics	Category	Mar 2025	Jul 2025	Nov 2025
<b>Planning Documents, Fishery Management Plans (FMP)</b>				
MLMA Master Plan for Fisheries – Implementation Updates	Plan Implementation			
Red Abalone <u>Recovery Restoration</u> Plan (statewide)	<u>Recovery Restoration</u> Plan		X	X
- Risk Tolerance for Reopening Fishery Harvest	<u>Recovery Restoration</u>	X/R		
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	*
Kelp Restoration and Management Plan (KRMP) Development	Restoration/ Management Plan		X	*
Marine Protected Area (MPA) Network 2022 Decadal Management Review Implementation: <i>MPA Petitions</i>	Management Review	*	X/R	X/R
<b>Regulations</b>				
Recreational Red Abalone Fishery Closure Sunset Date	Recreational Take	X/R		
Commercial Coonstripe Shrimp Fishery Management	Commercial Take		X/R	
Commercial Bull Kelp Harvest Sunset Date	Commercial Take	X	X/R	
<b>Marine Aquaculture and State Water Bottom Leases</b>				
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)				
- Santa Barbara Sea Ranch (off Santa Barbara County coast)		X		
Lease Best Management Practices Plans (Hold, TBD)	Leases–Regulatory		*	
<b>Special Projects, Informational Topics, and Emerging Management Issues</b>				
Coastal Fishing Communities Project	MRC Project	*	*	X
Kelp Restoration and Recovery Tracking	Kelp		X	
<b>Experimental Fishing Permit (EFP) Program</b>				
Box Crab Exploratory Fishing	EFP			
Pop-Up Gear in State-Managed Fisheries	EFP			

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