

Committee Staff Summary for November 6, 2025 MRC

7. 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 October 8-9, 2025
- **Today's review and discussion** **November 6, 2025; MRC**
- Next MRC meeting March 12, 2026; 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). 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*

Draft topics anticipated for the March 2026 MRC meeting are marked in the March column of the work plan (Exhibit 1). Currently, seven work plan topics are identified for discussion in March, including three that may result in committee recommendations. Staff may propose changes to the agenda topics at the February 2026 Commission meeting, depending on their readiness at that time. Staff welcomes guidance from MRC on scheduling specific topics identified in the work plan; no other changes or additions are currently proposed.

(B) Discuss and Recommend New MRC Topics

Today's meeting offers an opportunity to identify any potential new agenda topics to recommend the Commission refer to MRC. Staff has not identified any new topics for potential referral at this time.

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

Commission staff: Review the list of topics identified for the March 2026 MRC meeting, determine if topics or timing should be revised, or if any additional topics on the work plan should be scheduled for March 2026. Provide direction on any other additions or removals.

Exhibits

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

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Committee Direction/Recommendation

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

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DRAFT Marine Resources Committee (MRC) Work Plan

Updated October 27, 2025

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

Topics	Category	Jul 2025	Nov 2025	Mar 2026
Planning Documents, Fishery Management Plans (FMP)				
MLMA Master Plan for Fisheries – Implementation Updates	Plan Implementation			
Red Abalone Restoration Plan (statewide)	Restoration Plan	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	X	<u>X</u>
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		
White Seabass FMP Review	Management Plan Review			X
Regulations				
Commercial Coonstripe Shrimp Fishery Management	Commercial Take	X/R		
Commercial Bull Kelp Harvest Sunset Date	Commercial Take	X/R		
Recreational Use of Hand-Held Harpoons and Flying Gaffs to Assist Anglers with Landing Tuna	Recreational Take		X	<u>X/R</u>
Method of Determining Recreational Legal Size	Recreational Take		X	<u>X/R</u>
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 (Tomales Bay)				
Lease Best Management Practices Plans (Hold, TBD)	Leases–Regulatory	*		<u>X</u>
Special Projects, Informational Topics, and Emerging Management Issues				
Coastal Fishing Communities Project	MRC Project	*	X/R	<u>X/R</u>
Kelp Restoration and Recovery Tracking	Kelp	X		
Barred Sand Bass Working Group	Informal Advisory Body		X	<u>X</u>
Experimental Fishing Permit (EFP) Program				
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