

Committee Staff Summary for July 16, 2026 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 17-18, 2026
- **Today's review and discussion** **July 16, 2026; MRC**
- Next MRC meeting November 12, 2026; MRC

Background

MRC topics must be referred by the Commission, which schedules them as appropriate, with the schedule highlighted 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*

The MRC work plan in Exhibit 1 has been updated to clarify one topic and to add one topic referred by the Commission in June. Draft topics anticipated for the November 2026 MRC meeting are marked in the November column of the work plan. Currently, six topics, including two that may result in a committee recommendation, are identified for discussion, and one topic is scheduled for an update. Staff may propose changes to the November agenda topics at the October 2026 Commission meeting, depending on topic 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 is 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 November 2026 MRC meeting, determine if topics or timing should be revised, or if any additional topics on the work plan should be scheduled for November 2026. Provide direction on any other additions or removals.

Exhibits

1. [MRC work plan, updated July 9, 2026](#)

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Committee Direction/Recommendation

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

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

Updated July 9, 2026

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

Topics	Category	Mar 2026	Jul 2026	Nov 2026
Planning Documents, Fishery Management Plans (FMP)				
MLMA Master Plan for Fisheries – Implementation Updates	Plan Implementation			
Red Abalone Restoration Plan (statewide) Development	Restoration Plan			
CA Halibut Review – Bycatch Evaluation for Trawl Gear	Management Review	X		X
Kelp Restoration and Management Plan (KRMP) Development	Restoration/ Management Plan		X	
White Seabass Fishery Management Review	Management Review	X	X/R	
Regulations				
Commercial Coonstripe Shrimp Fishery Management, Phase 2	Commercial Take		X	X/R
Recreational Use of Hand-Held Harpoons and Flying Gaffs to Assist Anglers with Landing Tuna	Recreational Take	X/R		
Method of Determining Recreational Legal Size	Recreational Take	*		
Recreational Take of Pismo Clam (Petition 2025-14; granted for further consideration)	Recreational Take			X
Tidal Invertebrates Regulations	Recreational Take			*
Commercial Lobster Tailing (Petition 2026-02; referred to MRC)	Commercial Take		X	
Marine Aquaculture and State Water Bottom Leases				
Statewide Aquaculture Action Plan	Planning Document	X		
Status of Existing Leases and Leaseholder Requests	Current Leases	X		
Applications for New Leases - San Andreas Shellfish Company (Tomaes Bay)	Lease Applications			
Lease Best Management Practices Plans (Hold, TBD)	Leases – Regulatory	X/R		
Special Projects, Informational Topics, and Emerging Management Issues				
Coastal Fishing Communities Project	MRC Project			X/R
Kelp Restoration and Recovery Tracking	Kelp			
Barred Sand Bass Working Group	Informal Advisory Body			
Nearshore Groundfish Management Process	State/Federal Fisheries			X
Experimental Fishing Permit (EFP) Program				
Box Crab Exploratory Fishing EFP – Project Outcomes	EFP			X
Pop-Up Gear in State-Managed Fisheries EFP	EFP			

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