Committee Staff Summary for November 12, 2026 MRC

10. 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 13-16, 2026
- **Today's review and discussion** — **November 12, 2026; MRC**
- Next MRC meeting — March 18, 2027; 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***

Draft topics anticipated for the March 2027 MRC meeting are marked in the March column of the work plan. Currently, seven topics are identified for discussion, two of which may result in a committee recommendation. Depending on topic readiness, staff may propose changes to the March agenda topics during the February Commission meeting when the Commission is scheduled to approve the March agenda topics. 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. Neither staff nor the Department have identified any new topics for referral.

Significant Public Comments (N/A)

Recommendation

Commission staff: Review the list of topics for the March 2027 MRC meeting, determine if topics or timing should be revised, and provide direction on any additions or removals.

Exhibits

1. MRC work plan, updated October 14, 2026

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 October 14, 2026

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

Topics	Category	Jul 2026	Nov 2026	Mar 2027
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	
Kelp Restoration and Management Plan (KRMP) Development	Restoration/ Management Plan	X	X	X
White Seabass Fishery Management Review	Management Review	X/R		
Regulations				
Commercial Coonstripe Shrimp Fishery Management, Phase 2	Commercial Take	X	X	X/R
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		X
Emergency Recreational Gear Restrictions for White Shark	Recreational Take		X/R	
Aquaculture Leasing Requirements	Aquaculture Leasing		X	X/R
Marine Aquaculture and State Water Bottom Leases				
Status of Existing Leases and Leaseholder Requests	Current Leases	X		
Applications for New Leases - San Andreas Shellfish Company (Tomales 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