

STAFF SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 6, 2019

24. MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE (MRC)**Today's Item**Information Action

Discuss and consider approving draft agenda topics for the next MRC meeting. Consider approving new topics for MRC to address at a future meeting.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

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| • Most recent MRC meeting | Nov 14, 2018; MRC, Sacramento |
| • Today consider approving draft MRC agenda topics | Feb 6, 2019; Sacramento |
| • Next MRC meeting | Mar 20, 2019; MRC, Sacramento |

Background**(A) MRC Work Plan and Draft Timeline**

FGC directs the work of MRC. The updated work plan in Exhibit 1 includes topics and draft timelines for items referred by FGC to MRC. Draft agenda topics proposed for the Mar 2019 MRC meeting include six management plan, regulations, and special project topics for FGC review and consideration today:

- MLMA Master Plan for fisheries – implementation update (standing item)
- Red Abalone Fishery Management Plan (FMP) development update (standing item)
- Coastal fishing communities project update (possible recommendation depending upon staffing and outside assistance)
- Aquaculture lease best management practices (BMPs) update (possible recommendation depending on DFW project progress)
- Aquaculture Programmatic Environmental Impact Report update
- Annual sport fishing regulations vetting: No DFW proposals have been identified at this time (see recommendation below).

(B) New MRC Topics

At the Oct 2018 FGC meeting, a stakeholder requested to refer to MRC a discussion about lobster trap retrieval regulations and other regulations established to implement the Spiny Lobster FMP. A summary of this request and staff recommendation are provided under Agenda Item 22, non-regulatory requests (this meeting), and is also included in the recommendations below.

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

FGC staff: (A) Remove annual sport fishing regulations vetting from agenda, as no changes have been proposed by DFW for 2019 and DFW staff is focused on the significant rulemaking

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for statewide inland sport fishing revisions and simplification. Approve draft agenda topics for the Mar MRC meeting as proposed.

(B) Refer a review of Spiny Lobster FMP implementing regulations to MRC work plan for a future meeting, to be scheduled pending completion of DFW Law Enforcement Division investigation into specific concern related to abandoned trap retrieval.

Exhibits

1. [MRC work plan, dated Jan 29, 2019](#)

Motion/Direction

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission approves the draft agenda topics for the March 2019 Marine Resources Committee meeting as revised, and referral of the new topic as proposed.

Marine Resources Committee (MRC) 2018-2019 Work Plan
Scheduled Topics and Timeline for
Items Referred to MRC from California Fish and Game Commission
 Updated January 29, 2019

Topic	Category	2018	2019		
		NOV	MAR	JUL	NOV
		Sacramento	Sacramento	San Clemente	Sacramento
Planning Documents					
MLMA Master Plan for Fisheries - Implementation Updates	Master Plan Implementation	X	X	X	X
Abalone FMP / ARMP Update	FMP	X	X	X	X
Aquaculture Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR)	Programmatic Plan	X	X/R		
Regulations					
Sport Fishing	Annual Rulemaking		X		
Aquaculture Lease Best Management Practices (BMP) Plan Requirements	DFW-FGC Project/ Rulemaking	X/R	X/R		
Kelp & Algae Commercial Harvest	DFW Project/ Rulemaking			X	
Emerging/Developing Management Issues					
Aquaculture State Water Bottom Leases: Existing and future lease considerations	Lease Management Review				
Special Projects					
California's Coastal Fishing Communities	MRC project	X	X/R		
Informational / External Topics of Interest					
Marine Debris and Plastic Pollution (updates upon request)	Informational				
BOEM Offshore Wind Energy Project (updates upon request)	Informational				
Lobster Advisory Committee lessons learned report - presentation by Heal the Bay	Informational	X			

KEY: X Discussion scheduled X/R Recommendation developed and moved to FGC