

CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION
PENDING MARINE-RELATED REQUESTS FOR REGULATORY ACTION REFERRED TO DFW OR FGC STAFF IN 2014
 Updated 3-25-2015

FGC - California Fish and Game Commission; DFW - California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Accept: FGC is *willing to consider* the petition through a process **Reject:** FGC is *not willing to consider* the petition
Refer: FGC *needs more information* before deciding whether to accept or reject the petition

 **Green cells:** Referrals to DFW for more information
 **Lavender cells:** Accepted and moved to a rulemaking

 **Blue cells:** Referrals to FGC staff or committee for more information
 **Yellow cells:** Current action items

Note: Most items referred to the Marine Resources Committee in 2014 are included in its work plan and not reflected here.

Meeting Month	Name of Petitioner	Subject of Request	Code or Title 14 Section Number	Short Description	FGC Decision	DFW/FGC Staff Response	Final Action, Other Outcomes
2/24/2014	Mikko Moscheti	Spot Prawn		Request to change/clarify spot prawn trapping requirements	Referred to DFW by FGC 6/4/2014	DFW Response (for 4/8/15 FGC meeting): The current mesh size for recreational spot prawn trapping south of Point Conception is intended to avoid bycatch of lobster.	Staff Recommendation: Reject, based on DFW evaluation that the current mesh size is necessary to avoid lobster take.
2/20/2014	Scott Cyr	Experimental Fishing Gear		Proposal for commercial experimental fishing gear for <i>Octopus vulgaris</i>	Referred to DFW by FGC 6/4/2014	DFW Response (for 4/8/15 FGC meeting): Any experimental gear permit would include administrative workload for DFW Marine Region staff (e.g., reporting and monitoring). DFW Marine Region does not have staff capacity until current staff work commitments are fulfilled and staff vacancies are addressed. Note the fisheries master plan update currently underway will indirectly address experimental gear permits, through a section on developing fisheries.	Staff Recommendation: Reject, based on limited staff capacity to undertake and support this experiment at this time.
4/4/2014	Chris Miller	Lobster Harvest		Request for lobster harvest control through management strategy	Referred to DFW by FGC 6/4/2014	DFW Response (for 4/8/15 FGC meeting): This request was considered in the current lobster fishery management plan process.	Staff Recommendation: Reject; under review through current fishery management plan process.
Apr 2014 FGC meeting	Chris Miller	Lower Castaways, Newport Beach marine protected area		Lower Castaways development plans require a variance to existing MPA policy concerning a boundary line to incorporate a minimal water element below the mean tide line	Referred to DFW by FGC 4/16/2014	DFW Response (for 4/8/15 FGC meeting): DFW worked directly with the petitioner regarding this request.	Staff Recommendation: Reject; addressed by DFW directly with the petitioner. No further action is needed.

