

## STAFF SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 7-8, 2015

**8. MRC****Today's Item**Information Action 

Review tasks referred to the Marine Resources Committee (MRC), review potential agenda topics for Nov 4, 2015 MRC meeting, and consider potential new topics for MRC review.

**Summary of Previous/Future Actions**

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| • Most recent MRC meeting                        | Mar 4, 2015; Marina               |
| • <b>Today approve draft November MRC topics</b> | <b>Oct 7-8, 2015; Los Angeles</b> |
| • Next MRC meeting                               | Nov 4, 2015; Ventura              |

**Background**

FGC directs committee work. Current topics already referred to MRC are shown in Exhibit 1. One additional topic previously referred to MRC is now ready to schedule for MRC review, based on DFW readiness:

- Update on Phase 2 amending kelp/algae harvest regulations: license fees and royalty rates

MRC generally meets three times per year; the Jul 8, 2015 MRC meeting scheduled for Trinidad was canceled, and outstanding topics have been rolled over for consideration on the Nov 4, 2015 MRC agenda; a full day meeting will likely be required to cover all items.

Draft agenda topics for the Nov 4, 2015 MRC meeting are shown in the Nov column of the MRC work plan (Exhibit 1) for FGC review and consideration today.

**Significant Public Comments**

Request from Diane Pleschner-Steele, California Wetfish Producers Association (CWPA), to be added to a future MRC agenda regarding findings from collaborative squid research between CWPA, DFW, and National Marine Fisheries Service (Exhibit 2).

**Recommendation**

Draft discussion topics for the Nov 2015 MRC meeting include:

- *Red Abalone Fishery Management Plan* development update
- Sustainable fishing communities discussion
- Overview of *Marine Life Management Act Master Plan for Fisheries* review
- Update on *Marine Life Protection Act Master Plan for Marine Protected Areas* review
- Phase 2 of amending kelp/algae harvest regulations
- Special project updates:
  - Fisheries bycatch workgroup update
  - Pier and jetty fishing review update

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If there is interest, the request from Ms. Pleschner-Steele to present cooperative squid research results might be better served by presenting to the FGC at a future meeting.

**Exhibits**

1. MRC 3-year work plan and draft agenda topics for Nov 4, 2015 MRC meeting

**Motion/Direction**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ that the Commission approves the draft agenda topics for the Nov 2015 MRC meeting.

**Marine Resources Committee (MRC) 2015-16 Work Plan:** Scheduled topics and timeline for items referred to MRC

Topic	Type of Topic	2015			2016		
		MAR (Marina)	JUL <i>Canceled</i>	NOV (Ventura)	MAR (Los Alamitos)	JUL (Napa)	NOV (Irvine)
<b>Current Topics Previously Referred to MRC:</b>							
Lobster FMP	DFW project	X / R					
Special Closures in Central Coast (stakeholder proposal review)	Referral for review	X / R					
Experimental Squid Permits (review of regulations)	Referral for review	X / R					
Abalone FMP / ARMP update	DFW project	X	X	X	X	X / R	
Fisheries Bycatch Workgroup	MRC workgroup		X	X	X		
Pier and Jetty Fishing Review	Special FGC project		X	X	X		
Herring FMP Development Updates	DFW project	X					
California's Fishing Communities	Potential special FGC project	X	X	X			
Update to MLMA Master Plan- Fisheries	DFW project		X	X			
Update to MLPA Master Plan- MPAs	DFW project		X	X			
Annual Sportfish Regulations	Annual cycle	X			X		
* Kelp and Algae Harvest Management and Regulations - Phase 2 (Fees)	DFW project			X			

KEY

**X**

Discussion scheduled

**R** Recommendation developed and moved to FGC

\* Pending FGC approval