

STAFF SUMMARY FOR APRIL 13-14, 2016

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

Receive summary from the Mar 21, 2016 MRC meeting and adopt MRC recommendations. Receive update on MRC work plan and draft timeline and discuss and approve new topics for MRC review.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

- Most recent MRC meeting Mar 21, 2016; MRC, Los Alamitos
- **Today approve March MRC recommendations Apr 13-14, 2016; Santa Rosa**
- Next MRC meeting Jul 21, 2016; MRC Petaluma

Background

Meeting Summary: The MRC continues to work under FGC direction to accomplish its current work plan (see current MRC work plan in Exhibit 1). The MRC met on Mar 21; today staff will provide a verbal summary of MRC meeting outcomes; a written meeting summary will be provided at the Jun 2016 FGC meeting.

At the Mar 21 meeting, MRC covered the following topics:

- Abalone Fishery Management Plan (FMP) update
- MLMA Master Plan revision process update
- Ocean sport fishing annual regulation scoping
- Pacific herring commercial fishery and FMP update
- Marine debris informational presentations
- Fisheries Bycatch Workgroup update
- Possible future agenda topics

MRC Recommendations: Based on the meeting discussions, MRC has the following recommendations for FGC consideration:

- 1) Support DFW intent to correct the clamming boundary at Strawberry Creek in Humboldt County as part of the 2016 sportfish regulations package.
- 2) Marine Debris: Recommend that FGC direct staff to work with California Ocean Protection Council (OPC) regarding:
 - a. Possible formation of an interagency workgroup to coordinate on efforts to address marine debris; and
 - b. Convening a workshop on multi-jurisdictional and stakeholder efforts to reduce marine debris.

New Agenda Topics: MRC did not identify any potential new agenda topics to recommend to FGC for referral.

Significant Public Comments (N/A)

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Recommendation

Approve MRC recommendations 1 and 2.

Exhibits

1. [MRC 2016 Work Plan, updated Mar 10, 2016](#)

Motion/Direction

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission approves the recommendations from the March 2016 MRC meeting.

Marine Resources Committee (MRC) 2016 Work Plan: Scheduled topics and timeline for items referred to MRC
(Updated Mar 10, 2016 for Mar 2016 MRC meeting)

Topic	Type of Topic	2016		
		MAR Los Alamitos	JUL Petaluma	NOV Ventura
Annual Sportfish Regulations	Annual cycle	X		
Abalone Fishery Management Plan	DFW project	X	X	X/ R
Herring FMP Development Updates	DFW project	X		X
Kelp and Algae Harvest Management and Regulations Review	DFW project			X
MLMA Master Plan for Fisheries Revision	DFW project	X		X
California's Fishing Communities	Potential special FGC project		X	
Fisheries Bycatch Workgroup	MRC workgroup	X	X	X
Pier and Jetty Fishing Review	Special FGC project		X	
Marine Debris and Plastic Pollution	Informational Presentation	X		
Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia	Informational Presentation		X	
Commercial sea cucumber fishery	Informational Presentation			