

## STAFF SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 24-25, 2016

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

This is a standing item to receive MRC reports and recommendations, including a summary from the Jul 21, 2016 meeting.

**Summary of Previous/Future Actions**

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| • Most recent MRC meeting                        | Jul 21, 2016; MRC Petaluma     |
| • <b>Today approve March MRC recommendations</b> | <b>Aug 24-25, 2016; Folsom</b> |
| • Next MRC meeting                               | Nov 17, 2016; TBD              |

**Background**

The MRC continues to work under FGC direction to accomplish its current work plan (Exhibit 1). The MRC generally meets three times per year to discuss topics referred by FGC, and provides a summary and recommendation to FGC after each MRC meeting. The MRC met on Jul 21; a meeting summary will be provided at the meeting. Based on work referred to MRC for its Jul 21, 2016 meeting (Exhibit 2), MRC has the following recommendations for FGC consideration:

- 1) California's Fishing Communities: Continue seeking public input through regionally-focused FGC-hosted scoping discussions as follow-up to the statewide public meeting hosted by FGC and attended by President Sklar on Jul 20 in Petaluma.
- 2) Fisheries Bycatch Workgroup (BWG): Continue to support the efforts of the BWG through a work plan that emphasizes a review of the bycatch section of the Master Plan for Fisheries, and developing recommendations for potential updates to the bycatch section, including bycatch language and definitions, and/or action items within FGC authority.
- 3) Pier and Jetty Fishing: Request an update on pier fishing issues in Southern California be provided to the MRC in Nov.
- 4) Marine Debris and Plastic Pollution: Issue a public statement of support in favor of voting "yes" on Proposition 67 to uphold the statewide ban on plastic bags as a means to reduce ocean debris and protect marine life (Note: This topic will be discussed under Agenda Item 15(B)I.).

New Agenda Topics: Current topics already referred to MRC are shown in Exhibit 1. The MRC did not identify any potential new agenda topics to recommend to FGC for referral.

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

Approve MRC recommendations 1, 2, and 3, and consider recommendation number 4 under Agenda Item 15(B)I., "Other Informational Items – Legislative update and possible action".

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**Exhibits**

1. [MRC 2016 Work Plan, updated Aug 24, 2016](#)
2. [MRC meeting agenda from July 21, 2016 meeting](#)

**Motion/Direction**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ that the Commission approves recommendations 1, 2 and 3 from the July 2016 MRC meeting.

**Marine Resources Committee (MRC) 2016-17 Work Plan:** Scheduled topics and timeline for items referred to MRC  
(Updated for Aug 2016 FGC meeting)

Topic	Type of Topic	2016			2017		
		MAR Los Alamitos	JUL Petaluma	NOV Sacramento	MAR	JUL	NOV
Abalone FMP / ARMP update	DFW project	X	X	X	X/R		
Fisheries Bycatch Workgroup	MRC workgroup	X	X	X			
Pier and Jetty Fishing Review	Special FGC project		X	X			
Herring FMP Development Updates	DFW project	X	X				
California's Fishing Communities	Special FGC project		X	X			
Update to MLMA Master Plan- Fisheries	DFW project	X	X	X	X	X	
Annual Sportfish Regulations	Annual cycle	X			X		
Kelp and Algae Harvest Management and Regulations review	DFW project			X			
Marine Debris and Plastic Pollution	Informational Presentation	X	R				
Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia	Informational Presentation		X				
Finding Dory – Sustainable sources	Informational Presentation		X				
Nearshore Fishery Structure Review				X			

**KEY**      **X**    Discussion scheduled  
              **R**    Recommendation developed and moved to FGC

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### **MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

Committee Chairs: Commissioner Sklar and Commissioner Silva

**Meeting Agenda**  
**July 21, 2016 10:30 a.m.**

**Petaluma Regional Library**  
**100 Fairgrounds Dr., Petaluma**

This meeting may be audio-recorded

**NOTE: See important meeting procedures and information at the end of the agenda.**

All agenda items are informational and/or discussion only. The Committee develops recommendations to the Commission but does not have authority to make policy or regulatory decisions on behalf of the Commission.

Call to order; roll call

1. Approve agenda
2. Public forum for items not on the agenda  
The Committee may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during this item, except to consider whether to recommend that the matter be added to the agenda of a future meeting. [Sections 11125, 11125.7(a), Government Code]
3. Agency Updates
4. Red Abalone Fishery Management Plan – progress update
5. Pacific Herring Fishery Management Plan – progress update
6. Marine Life Management Act Master Plan for Fisheries amendment process update
7. Update on progress and completion of new ecological impact assessment tool for scientific collecting permit applications in marine protected areas
8. California's Fishing Communities: Summary of July 20 public meeting and discuss next steps

9. Update on Fisheries Bycatch Workgroup
10. Informational Presentation and Discussion: Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia
11. Finding Dory: Opportunities to encourage environmental stewardship
12. Update on topics previously before the Committee
  - (A) Marine debris and plastic pollution
  - (B) Pier and jetty fishing review
13. Future agenda topics
  - (A) Review work plan agenda topics and timeline
  - (B) Potential new agenda topics for FGC consideration

Adjournment

**2016 FISH AND GAME COMMISSION  
MEETING SCHEDULE**

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<b>MEETING DATE</b>	<b>COMMISSION MEETING</b>	<b>COMMITTEE MEETING</b>
August 24-25	Lake Natoma Inn Hotel & Conference Center 702 Gold Lake Drive Folsom, CA 95630	
September 21		<b>Wildlife Resources</b> Woodland Public Library Leake Center Community Room 250 First Street Woodland, CA 95695
October 18		<b>Tribal</b> Red Lion Hotel 1929 4th Street Eureka CA 95501
October 19-20	Red Lion Hotel 1929 4th Street Eureka CA 95501	
November 17		<b>Marine Resources</b> Sacramento, CA
December 7-8	Portofino Inn & Suites 3805 Murphy Canyon Road San Diego, CA 92123	

**OTHER MEETINGS OF INTEREST**

**Wildlife Conservation Board**

- August 30, Sacramento
- November 16, Sacramento

**Pacific Fishery Management Council**

- August 30, Sacramento
- November 16, Sacramento

**Pacific Flyway Council**

- September 2016, Date and location TBD

**Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies**

- July 21-27, 2016, Cody, WY

## **IMPORTANT COMMITTEE MEETING PROCEDURES INFORMATION**

Welcome to a meeting of the California Fish and Game Commission's Marine Resources Committee. The Committee is chaired by up to two Commissioners; these assignments are made by the Commission.

The goal of the Committee is to allow greater time to investigate issues before the Commission than would otherwise be possible. Committee meetings are less formal in nature and provide for additional access to the Commission. The Committee follows the noticing requirements of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act. It is important to note that the Committee chairs cannot take action independent of the full Commission; instead, the chairs make recommendations to the full Commission at regularly scheduled meetings.

The Commission's goal is the preservation of our heritage and conservation of our natural resources through informed decision making; Committee meetings are vital in developing recommendations to help the Commission achieve that goal. In that spirit, we provide the following information to be as effective and efficient toward that end. Welcome, and please let us know if you have any questions.

### **PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

Persons with disabilities needing reasonable accommodation to participate in public meetings or other Commission activities are invited to contact the Reasonable Accommodation Coordinator at (916) 651-1214. Requests for facility and/or meeting accessibility should be received at least 10 working days prior to the meeting to ensure the request can be accommodated.

### **SUBMITTING WRITTEN MATERIALS**

The public is encouraged to attend Committee meetings and engage in the discussion about items on the agenda; the public is also welcome to comment on agenda items in writing. You may submit your written comments by one of the following methods (only one is necessary): **Email** to [fgc@fgc.ca.gov](mailto:fgc@fgc.ca.gov); **deliver** to California Fish and Game Commission, 1416 Ninth Street, Room 1320, Sacramento, CA 95814; or **hand-deliver to a Committee meeting**.

**Comment Deadlines:** Written comments received at the Commission office by **5:00 p.m. on July 7** will be made available to the Committee prior to the meeting. Written comments received between **5:00 p.m. on July 7 and 12 noon on July 15** will be made available to the Committee at the meeting. **After July 15 at noon**, five copies of written comments must be delivered at the meeting, otherwise they will not be made available to the Committee until after the meeting.

The Committee **will not** consider comments regarding proposed changes to regulations that have been noticed. If you wish to provide comment on a noticed item, please provide your comments during Commission business meetings, via email, or deliver to the commission office.

**NOTE:** Materials provided to the Committee may be made available to the general public.

## **REGULATION CHANGE PETITIONS**

As a general rule, requests for regulatory change need to be redirected to the full Commission and submitted on the required petition form, FGC 1, titled "Petition to the California Fish and Game Commission for Regulation Change" (Section 662, Title 14, CCR). However, at the Committee's discretion, the Committee may request that staff follow up on items of potential interest to the Committee and possible recommendation to the Commission.

## **SPEAKING AT THE MEETING**

Committee meetings operate informally and provide opportunity for everyone to comment on agenda items. If you wish to speak on an agenda item, please follow these guidelines:

1. Raise your hand and wait to be recognized by the Committee co-chair(s).
2. Once recognized, please begin by giving your name and affiliation (if any) and the number of people you represent.
3. Time is limited; please keep your comments concise so that everyone has an opportunity to speak.
4. If there are several speakers with the same concerns, please try to appoint a spokesperson and avoid repetitive comments.
5. If you would like to present handouts or written materials to the Committee, please provide five copies to the designated staff member just prior to speaking.
6. If speaking during public forum, the subject matter you present should not be related to any item on the current agenda (public comment on agenda items will be taken at the time the Committee members discuss that item). As a general rule, public forum is an opportunity to bring matters to the attention of the Committee, but you may also do so via email or standard mail. At the discretion of the Committee, staff may be requested to follow up on the subject you raise.

## **VISUAL PRESENTATIONS/MATERIALS**

All electronic presentations must be submitted by the written materials deadline (**July 15 at 12 noon**) and approved by the Commission executive director before the meeting.

1. Electronic presentations must be provided by email or delivered to the Commission on a USB flash drive by the deadline.
2. All electronic formats must be Windows PC compatible.
3. It is recommended that a print copy of any electronic presentation be submitted in case of technical difficulties.
4. A data projector, laptop and presentation mouse will be available.

**LASER POINTERS** may only be used by a speaker during a presentation.