

COMMITTEE STAFF SUMMARY FOR MAY 18, 2016

3. 2017 SPORTFISH REGULATIONS**Today's Item**Information Direction

Discuss and approve recommendations for 2017 sport fishing regulations

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

- Most recent WRC meeting - canceled Jan 20, 2016; WRC, Sacramento
- **Today's discussion and recommendations** May 18, 2016; WRC, West Sacramento
- FGC authorization to publish notice of intent Aug 24-25, 2016; Folsom

Background

This is an annual opportunity to discuss possible changes to ocean sport fishing regulations for the subsequent season. This agenda item was proposed for the Jan 2016 WRC meeting. However the Jan 2016 WRC meeting was canceled so today, DFW staff will provide a summary of proposed changes to the sport fishing regulations for the 2017 season.

Regulatory petitions received by FGC and referred to the WRC or DFW for further consideration related to this agenda item are shown in Exhibit 1.

This meeting is the opportunity for WRC to make recommendations to FGC regarding potential changes to consider in the rulemaking, beginning at the notice meeting in August.

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

Consider inclusion of petition 2015-15 in 2018 sportfish rulemaking after review and response from DFW. Recommend support for proposed regulation changes presented by DFW.

Exhibits

1. [Table of FGC Requests for Regulatory Action related to sportfish, dated Apr, 22, 2016.](#)

Committee Direction/Recommendation

WRC recommends that FGC authorize staff to work with DFW to prepare a rulemaking package for 2017 sport fishing regulations consistent with what has been presented and discussed today.

