

STAFF SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 4-5, 2015

4. MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE**Today's Item**Information Action

Receive update on Marine Resources Committee (MRC) planning and discuss agenda topics approved for the MRC.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

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| • FGC discussed and approved agenda topics | Jun 9, 2015; Mammoth Lakes |
| • Most recent MRC meeting – cancelled | Jul 8, 2015; Trinidad |
| • Next MRC meeting | Nov 4, 2015; Ventura |

Background

FGC directs committee work. This agenda item is to review topics submitted to MRC for evaluation, identify any new topics, and provide guidance regarding the next MRC meeting. The July 8, 2015 meeting was canceled in light of the appointment of two new commissioners, vacating both MRC co-chairs. FGC may assign two new co-chairs at this meeting (under Agenda Item 2).

Topics that were previously referred by FGC and scheduled for the July MRC agenda included:

- Red Abalone Fishery Management Plan development update;
- California's fishing communities discussion;
- Update on fisheries bycatch workgroup; and
- Update on pier and jetty fishing review in southern California.

New topics referred by FGC to MRC in June 2015 were also scheduled for July:

- Overview of the Marine Life Management Act (MLMA) Master Plan for fisheries review and revision process;
- Update on the Master Plan for Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) review and revision process; and
- Presentation of Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) report on technology options to support MPA enforcement.

In light of the July MRC meeting cancellation, the NRDC report will be presented as part of today's agenda under Item 8, *Update on implementing and managing California's MPAs*.

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

Because of logistical concerns and a full calendar of scheduled meetings, staff recommends not rescheduling the MRC meeting, and moving outstanding agenda items originally identified for the July 2015 MRC meeting to the November 2015 MRC meeting (Exhibit 1).

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Exhibits

1. MRC Draft Work Plan updated for Aug 2015 FGC meeting

Motion/Direction (N/A)

Draft Marine Resources Committee (MRC) 3-Year Work Plan

(Revised for August 2015 FGC meeting)

Topic	2015			2016			2017		
	MAR (Marina)	JUL (Canceled)	NOV (Ventura)	MAR	JUL	NOV	MAR	JUL	NOV
Previously Referred to MRC:									
Lobster FMP	R								
Abalone FMP [and ARMP update]	X	✗	X	X	X / R				
Fisheries Bycatch Workgroup		✗	X						
Pier and Jetty Fishing Review		✗	X						
Herring FMP Development Updates	X								
Special Closures in Central Coast (stakeholder proposal review)	X / R								
Experimental Squid Permits – review of regulations	X								
California's Fishing Communities	X	✗	X						
Annual Sport Fish Regulations	X			X			X		
Update to MLMA Master Plan for Fisheries		✗	X						
Update to MLPA Master Plan for Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)		✗	X						
NRDC report on Enforcement Technology Options for CA MPAs		✗							
New Topics for Possible Referral, pending Commission direction:									
N/A									

X = Discussion scheduled

R = MRC recommendation to be developed

Rescheduled to Aug 2015 FGC