

**State of California
Department of Fish and Wildlife**

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Fish and Wildlife Commission

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Subject: December 9, 2015 Fish and Game Commission Meeting: Marine Region Update on the Marine Region Strategic Work Plan

The Department of Fish and Wildlife Marine Region is pleased to transmit the attached conceptual framework for the Marine Region Strategic Work Plan. This work plan is designed to take a strategic approach to improve marine resource management in California with a focus on state fisheries managed under the Marine Life Management Act (MLMA).

The work plan takes a phased approach, with the first phase focused on electronic data collection, evaluation of data streams, and amendment of the MLMA Master Plan.

The Marine Region looks forward to working with the Commission, the Marine Resources Committee, and stakeholders as we begin to work on achieving the objectives of the work plan.

Attachment:

Department of Fish and Wildlife Marine Region Work Plan - Summary

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Department of Fish and Wildlife Marine Region Strategic Work Plan - Summary
Advancing Marine Resource Management in California
Updated - October 2015

Goal

Align statewide interests in marine resource management and fully utilize current technology, best available science, and best management practices to advance marine resource management in California.

Objectives

- Develop and implement electronic data collection and reporting structure relevant to management
- Amend Marine Life Management Act (MLMA) Master Plan to guide implementation of MLMA and increase scope of active management
- Determine appropriate structural organization and capacity to facilitate proactive management
- Identify and fill existing management gaps
- Evaluate and implement sustainable funding structure

Needs

- Joint work plan to achieve objectives
- Discipline exercised by all parties to focus short-term efforts on the Strategic Work Plan and critical resource management needs
- Leverage external support opportunities

Timeline

- Initial focus on electronic data collection and MLMA Master Plan amendment through mid - 2018

Metrics for success

- Implementation of electronic reporting of updated data streams
- Recognized achievement of management objectives mandated in the MLMA
- Sufficient and appropriate structural organization and capacity for effective management