



Three-phase Approach to Amend Commercial Marine Algae Harvest Regulations



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Presentation Topics

- Background for management action
- Three-phase approach to improve management
- Recommendation for three-phase approach



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Background

- Increased interest in marine algae harvest
- Identified antiquated regulations
- Approved three-phase approach
 - Clarify regulations
 - Ensure funding
 - Improvement management



Phase One

- Kelp management
- Amendments implemented in 2014
- Updated 87 administrative kelp bed boundaries
- Clarified requirements for kelp harvest plans
- Editorial corrections



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Phase Two

- Research cost to manage resource
 - License fees
 - Royalty rates
 - Lease fees
 - In-progress (2015)
- Conduct scoping
- Update the MRC in 2016



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Phase Three

- Identify management and harvest issues
- Conduct scoping meetings
- California Environmental Quality Act
- 2017 and beyond



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Recommended Change

- Re-order Phases Two and Three
- Benefits:
 - Defined management framework
 - Eliminates recalibration of fees
 - Streamlines number of regulation packages



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Summary

- Background for management action
- Three-phase approach to improve management
- Discussed re-ordering Phases 2 and 3



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Thank You  **Questions?**

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