

COMMITTEE STAFF SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 15, 2016

7B. FISHING COMMUNITIES**Today's Item****Information** **Direction**

Receive staff update on California's fishing communities and overview of next steps for planning.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

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| • Initial discussion on fishing communities | Mar 4, 2015; MRC, Marina |
| • Continued discussion on fishing communities | Nov 4, 2015; MRC, Ventura |
| • Public meeting and discussion | Jul 20, 2016; Petaluma |
| • Today's update on planning efforts | Nov 15, 2016; MRC Los Alamitos |

Background

Discussions in Mar and Nov 2015 between the MRC and members of various fishing communities demonstrated the potential value in expanding a conversation surrounding challenges facing California's fishing communities and providing additional time for the conversation through a public meeting dedicated to the topic. At the direction of the MRC, a public meeting was held Jul 20, 2016 in Petaluma. General feedback from the Petaluma meeting indicated a desire by many to continue the fishing communities discussion, including the topic of nearshore fisheries and permit transferability (see agenda item 4). At the Jul 21 MRC meeting, the MRC developed a recommendation that staff explore options for scheduling subsequent fishing community discussions with more locally-focused meetings along the coast; this recommendation was approved by FGC at its Aug meeting.

Potential meeting locations might include:

- Crescent City/Eureka/Fort Bragg
- Bodega Bay/Half Moon Bay
- San Francisco/Oakland
- Santa Cruz/Moss Landing/Monterey
- Morro Bay/San Luis Obispo/Santa Barbara
- Los Angeles/ San Pedro
- Orange County/San Diego

Proposed timeframe: Exact dates to be determined, but they will be closely aligned with currently scheduled FGC and MRC meetings. Examples include Feb in the San Francisco/Oakland area or the Bodega Bay/Half Moon Bay areas, Mar in San Diego, and Apr in the Morro Bay to Santa Barbara areas.

Significant Public Comments (N/A)**Recommendation (N/A)****Exhibits (N/A)****Committee Direction/Recommendation (N/A)**