

STAFF SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 12-13, 2018

13. PACIFIC HERRING FISHERY MANGEMENT PLAN (FMP)**Today's Item**Information Action

Receive and discuss draft Pacific herring FMP and California Environmental Quality Act documentation. *Note: DFW is requesting to continue this item to a subsequent meeting – see recommendation below.*

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

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| • DFW updates on FMP progress | 2016-2017; MRC meetings |
| • Most recent update on FMP progress | Jul 17, 2018; MRC, San Clemente |
| • Today receive draft FMP (previous schedule) | Dec 12-13, 2018; Oceanside |

Background

Since 2016, DFW has been developing an FMP for Pacific herring with a collaborative working group of herring fleet leaders, staff from conservation non-governmental organizations, and DFW staff. Following a DFW update to MRC in Jul 2018, FGC approved an MRC recommendation to support the DFW-proposed schedule for receipt of the draft Pacific herring FMP and proposed implementing regulations, following independent scientific peer review. FGC approved adding the FMP to the agenda for this meeting.

Subsequent to the agenda approval for this meeting, DFW received the peer review results and determined that additional time was necessary to adequately address the results. DFW is determining a feasible schedule for FMP approval and implementing regulations, and will provide an update and recommendations at today's meeting.

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

FGC staff: Approve revised schedule as proposed today.

DFW: Delay receipt of herring FMP (DFW will provide a specific timeline recommendation during today's meeting).

Exhibits (N/A)**Motion/Direction (N/A)**