

OPC Fisheries Program Update & Marine Life Management Act (MLMA) Master Plan Amendment Process

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OPC's Fisheries Program Update

Foster sustainable marine fisheries through:

1. Supporting science-based approaches that inform fisheries management.
2. Advancing improved governance of California fisheries.



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Goals: MLMA Master Plan Amendment Process

- Enhance **resource stewardship and sustainability** of fisheries
- Elevate **ecosystem health in decision-making**
- Help promote more **efficient, effective, and streamlined** fisheries management
- Establish a **clear pathway** for improving the management of individual fisheries
- Set **clear expectations** for managers and the public
- Foster **transparency and flexibility** in fisheries management with tribes and native communities, stakeholders, and interested members of the public



2015

2016

2017

2018

Engagement with California Tribal Governments

Stakeholder Engagement

Phase I: Build Knowledge

Gather Information

Tribal Engagement Initiated

Stakeholder Engagement Initiated

Draft Amended Framework for MLMA-Based Management

Phase II: Amend Master Plan

Stakeholder Discussions

Prepare Draft Master Plan Amendment

Late 2017

NEW Initial Draft Master Plan available for stakeholder review

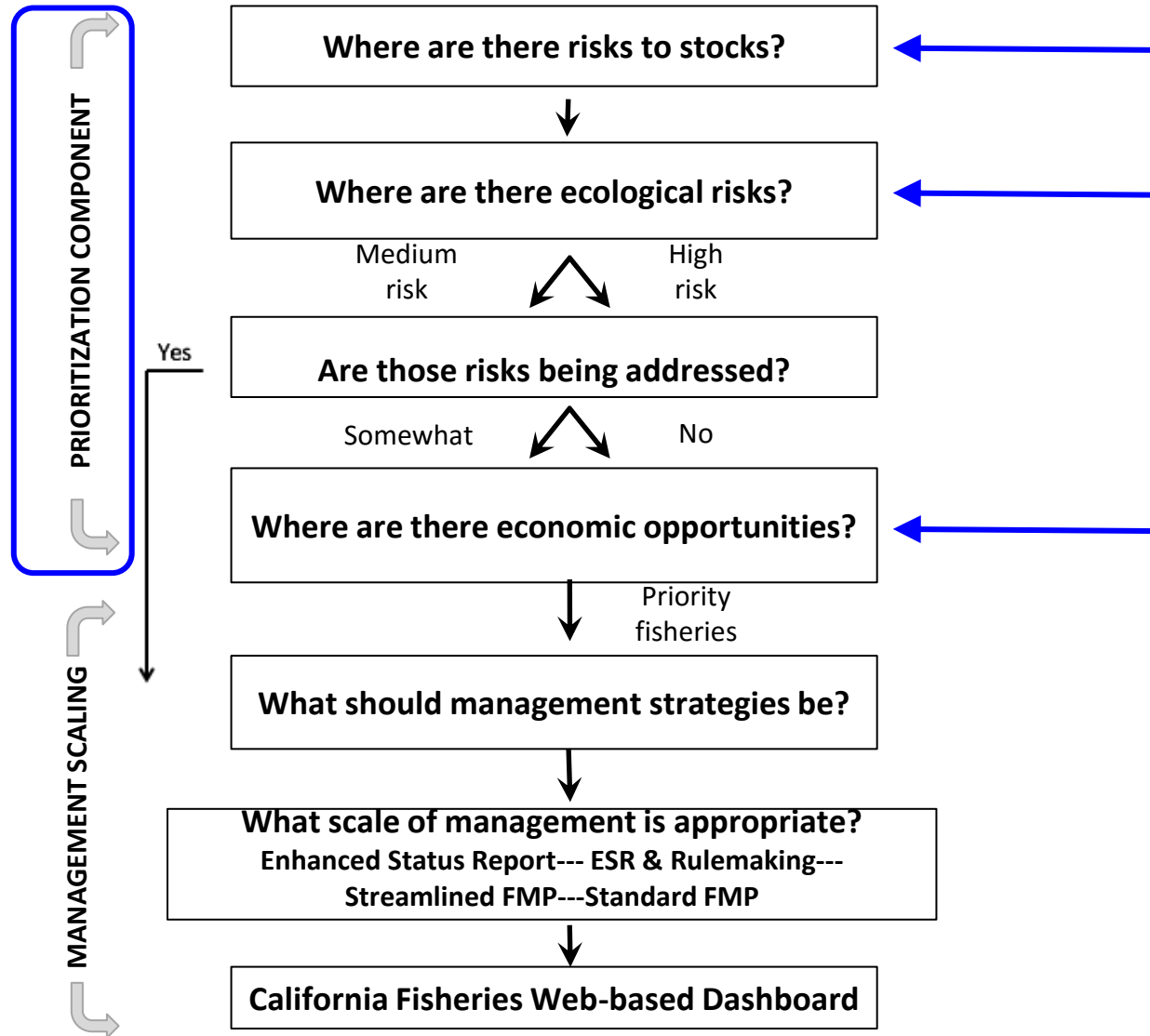
Submit Draft Master Plan to Fish and Game Commission

Phase III: Review and Possible Adoption

Timeline Updated: July 2017



Draft Framework for MLMA-based Management Overview *(simplified)*



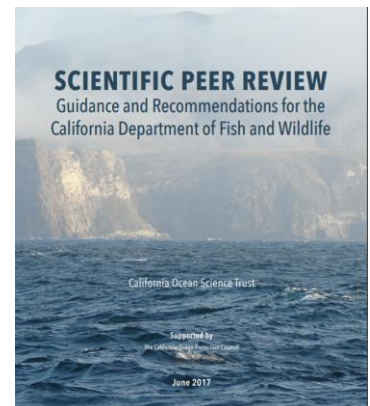
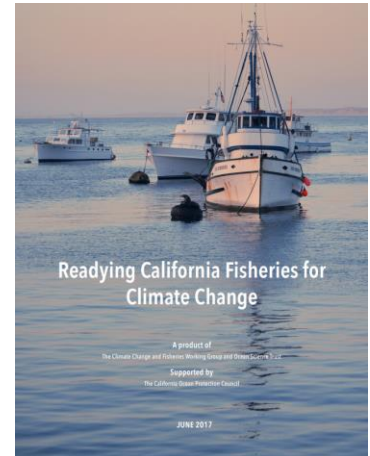
OPC Supported Projects

MLMA Master Plan Amendment Information Gathering Projects:

- **Readying California's Fisheries for a Changing Climate**
- **Productivity & Susceptibility Assessment and Ecological Risk Assessment**
- **Peer Review Guidance for CDFW**
- **Developing Socioeconomic Guidance for California Fisheries**



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California Dungeness Crab Fishing Gear Working Group

- 21 member multi-stakeholder working group
- Includes representation from commercial and recreational fishermen, environmental organizations, members of the whale entanglement response network, and state and federal agencies
- Supported by outside expertise including whale researchers, scientists, legislative staff, gear manufacturers, and others



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