



Red Abalone Fishery Management Plan Development Process



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FMP Development Background

- Abalone Recovery and Management Plan (ARMP)
- ARMP transition to MLMA Fishery Management Plan (FMP)
- FMP development process to date



ARMP

- ARMP mandate: State law (Fish and Game Code (sec. 5520-22))
- Purpose: Provide a comprehensive plan for the recovery and management of abalone species
- Adopted by Fish & Game Commission in 2005
- Recreational red abalone fishery managed under interim management (current management)



Red Abalone FMP (MLMA)

- MLMA mandate: State law (Fish and Game Code (sec. 7050-90))
- ARMP/MLMA similarities
- Red abalone FMP development



FMP Goals

- Fishery Sustainability
 - Primary focus is on the northern California recreational fishery
- Fishery Access
 - Initial goal to maintain or enhance access to the fishery
 - Will need to revise this with restricted access consideration
- Adaptive Management
 - Formally adopt MLMA adaptive management principles



Red Abalone FMP Development

- **2014-15**
 - Process development with FGC and stakeholders
 - Initial Framing of FMP goals and opportunities: public meetings/online survey
 - The Nature Conservancy discussions on improving fishery management
- **2016-17**
 - TNC/DFW workshop on collaborative alternative Harvest Control Rule
 - Submission of proposed management strategies to the Commission
- **2018**
 - Scientific peer review of both management strategies and report
- **2019**
 - Management strategy integration process and de-minimis/restricted access fishery development



Questions?

- CDFW red abalone FMP website:
<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/Red-Abalone-FMP>
- OPC red abalone management strategies integration webpage:
www.opc.ca.gov/2019/05/red-abalone-management-strategies-integration/