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<v 1>Good morning and welcome to the February meeting of the California Fish and Game</v>

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Commission. Um, it's our day two and, uh, welcome everybody. Um,

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wanna make sure that AGP is good to go. Good. And, uh,

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um, want to, uh, uh, let you know that, uh,

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we're gonna have instructions shortly on how you'll be able to make public

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comment on the meeting today. Um, but we'll, we'll be doing a,

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a combination of live and virtual, which, uh, was great ac uh, greater access,

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which we're really thrilled about. So I'm gonna ask, uh,

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our deputy director to go through some initial instructions on, uh, using the,

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uh, zoom and in the room.

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<v 2>Thank you, presidents Scalar. Um, so some brief technical notes.</v>

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Both of those pieces of information are in the instructions to join the meeting.

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And finally, Zoom's chat feature is disabled. Thank you.

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<v 1>Thank you, Rachel. Um, so now I would like to establish a quorum. Uh, Sherry,</v>

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could you call the roll call, please?

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<v 0>President Clark.</v>

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<v 1>Here.</v>

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<v 0>Vice President Zapp. Here. Commissioner Hostler Carmin.</v>

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Here. Commissioner Murray here. Commissioner.

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<v 1>Williams. Hang on. <laugh> o off my off mic. But here,</v>

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so we have not only forum, but we're, uh, all, everybody's in attendance. Um,

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thank you all. Thank you, Sherry. Um, and so you've, uh, you've, uh,

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been introduced, uh, to the five commissioners. Um, welcome. And, uh,

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I'd like to ask our executive director, Melissa, to, uh, read, um, uh,

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introduce everybody else who's here from the department and, uh, and, uh,

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and from the, uh, the sub commission staff. Thanks, Melissa.

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<v 2>Good morning, president Slar, vice President, Aveta Commissioners, um,</v>

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department staff. Thank you very much. Would like to introduce, uh,

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commission staff who are here with us today. And we have, uh,

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as you already heard, uh, deputy Director,

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deputy Executive Director Rachel Ante. We also have here on the Dias with us,

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Mike Yawn, your legal counsel, uh, Susan Ashcraft,

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your Marine advisor. And I am Melissa Miller Hanson, the Executive director,

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um, assisting us here in the auditorium today.

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We also have Cynthia McKith and Jen Bacon who are

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here at the staff table.

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So any members of the public who need assistance or wanna turn in their speaker

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cards can do so here at the staff table in the front,

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we also have here with us, um, Ari Corman,

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our Wildlife advisor,

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and Kimberly Rogers RC Grant Fellow hope for this year.

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I also wanna note that, um,

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this is Kimberly Rogers last commission meeting. Um,

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she, her, her time has been extended, so we do have her with us until mid-March.

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We're grateful for that. But, um,

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this will be her last official commission meeting with us,

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so I wouldn't be shocked if she were to slide into a commission meeting

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in the future in a different role. <laugh>.

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So a huge thank you to Kimmy and all the work that she's done this, this year.

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It's been, it's been fabulous. All right. Um,

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and then helping us behind the scenes, because we do have a,

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an online component and we have David Fel, our program manager,

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and, uh, Sherry Fond Buena, Maureen Trotter, and David Ha,

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um, our analyst

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from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife,

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our primary partner agency in the all things we do,

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we have with us on the Dias today, uh,

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chief Deputy Director and Chief of Law Enforcement,

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David Bess at the far end there. Next to him is our official liaison,

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deputy Director for Wildlife and Fisheries Division, Chad dibel.

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And then to his left is Dr. Craig Schumann,

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who is the regional manager for the Marine region.

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And I understand that Director Bonham will also be joining us shortly.

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All right.

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So just a little bit about commission meetings and what they're about. Um,

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welcome. This is the hundred and 54th year. That's correct,

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154 years of operation for the commission in partnership with the California

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Department of Fish and Wildlife.

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Both organizations did originate from the Board of Fish Commissioners, uh,

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back in 1870.

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The commission's goals include preserving our wildlife heritage and conserving

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our natural resources through informed decision making.

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These meetings are vital in achieving those goals. And in that spirit,

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we provide this information to be as effective and efficient as possible.

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We are operating under the Bagley Keen Open Meeting Act,

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and these proceedings are being recorded in broadcast in the unlikely event of

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an emergency.

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Please note the nearest location of an emergency exit in your location.

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Items may be heard in any order pursuant to the determination of the presiding

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Commissioner today. That would be President Slar.

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The amount of time for each agenda item may be adjusted based on time available

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and the number of speakers.

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We will ask how many speakers we have before taking public comments.

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So please be prepared and listen closely for your name or phone number to be

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called when you speak. Uh, if you don't mind,

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please state your name and any affiliation.

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Also be respectful and note that disruptions will not be tolerated.

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Time is precious.

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So please be concise if you don't already and would like to receive meeting

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agendas and regulatory notices about those subjects of interest to you.

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You may join the commissions, uh, mailing list at our website,

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www.fgc.ca.gov,

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and sign up for the mailing list if you want the commission to consider a

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regulation change.

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Note that all petitions for regulation change must be submitted in writing on

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the authorized form,

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which is available on the Commission's website or directly from staff for

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members of the public.

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If you have access to the internet and are not planning to make public comment,

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you may listen to the meeting via our regular webcast by visiting again,

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the commissioned website@fgc.ca.gov.

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The link is on the right hand side of the page,

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and we ask that only those who plan to make public comment or who do not have

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internet access to listen to the meeting to participate by phone. Uh,

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reminder also to please silence your mobile devices and computers to avoid any

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interruptions.

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We will provide you with detailed instructions regarding public comment in a few

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minutes, but here's a brief overview. I did mention the webcast, and if you're,

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uh, participating remotely and not plan to make public comment,

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that's the best way to join.

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There's obviously the in-person component here in Sacramento.

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For those who wish to speak to an agenda item.

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The public comment cards are available from staff,

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and please be sure that you've submitted your speaker card at the start or

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before the start of the agenda item. And, uh,

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give it to one of these two lovely ladies here at the front. Then obviously,

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there's also the option to participate by Zoom webinar or phone.

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If you chose this option and you want to speak to an agenda item,

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you will be asked to raise your hand at the beginning of the item.

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Please listen carefully for the announcement that it is time to raise hands as

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the opportunity to raise your hand will be brief for each item.

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The commission will take public comment in person first,

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and then via Zoom webinar and phone. Thank you very much, president.

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<v 1>Great. Thank you Melissa.</v>

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And thank you to you and the staff for all the were hard work you do all the

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time. I also wanna recognize all the wardens who are in the room.

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Thank you for being here and for all you do for the state and for us. Um,

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before we, uh, begin public comment, um, I'd like to ask, um, uh,

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that any elected, uh,

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officials or tribal officials who are either here in the room or on Zoom, um,

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identify themselves on Zoom, you can do that by raising your,

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using the Raising hand feature, or you're from the phone. You can do it by, uh,

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pressing nine. If you press it twice, you'll be removed from the queue.

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So just press it once. Um, and, uh, when, uh,

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we're gonna have you introduce yourself after you, uh, if there's anybody here,

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um, we'd like you to, if you would, in, uh, state your name, uh,

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the ti your title, the tribe or district official you represent,

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district you represent, um,

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and tell us which agenda items you might be here to speak on. Um,

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and if there's anybody in the room, uh, please come down to the podium. Sherry,

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do we have anybody online? We do not. Okay.

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<v 2>Terrific. And President,</v>

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if I could clarify for anyone who is on Zoom and listening via phone, via Zoom,

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they, uh, in order to unmute yours or to raise your hand, it's, it's star nine,

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I'm sorry. And just use it once, cuz if you use it twice,

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you'll take yourself out of the queue.

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<v 1>Star is really tiny on my, I didn't see it. <laugh>. Thank you, Melissa. Um,</v>

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so with that, we are gonna open, uh, uh, public comment.

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I wanna remind everybody that, um,

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the public comments item is not on today's agenda.

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If you wanna speak on today's agen agenda item today,

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wait till that item and make sure you get a speaker card if you're in the room

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and raise your hand when the time comes, uh, if you're on Zoom. Um,

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so with that, uh, I'd like to turn it over to Melissa to, uh,

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talk about public comment.

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<v 2>So again, if you're here making public comment in person,</v>

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please submit your speaker card to the staff table here down at the front.

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Staff will call several speakers at a time.

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Please line up behind the podium when your name is called,

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and note that the exact order is not important.

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If you are participating via Zoom or phone,

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you will have approximately three minutes to raise your hand at the beginning of

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each agenda item. If you would like to speak on agenda item 20,

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general public comment, uh, please raise your hand no later than eight 50.

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If you are on the Zoom webinar,

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please use the raise hand button to raise your hand and keep it raised.

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If you are participating on your computer,

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the raise hand button is located at the bottom of the window and also at the

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bottom of the participant list.

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You may have to hover your pointer over the zoom window.

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if you're on the phone only, please,

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please press star nine on your phone once to raise your hand and alert that you

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would like to speak. And if you press star nine a second time,

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you will take yourself out of the queue when called,

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you may need to unmute yourself to speak. Once you raise your hand on Zoom,

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please do not lower it.

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Staff will collect the names of all participants who have raised their hands,

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and once that information is collected, they will lower all hands at one time.

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We will then call names from that list.

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Please listen carefully for your name to be called. Again,

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if you're on Zoom and would like to provide public comment on agenda item 20,

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general public comment, please raise your hand by eight 50.

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<v 1>Great. Great. Thank you, Melissa. Cynthia, how many hands do we have up?</v>

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<v 2>Um, this is Sherry.</v>

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<v 0>We have, uh, three raised hands, uh,</v>

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two of which who have been pre-approved for three minutes.

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<v 1>Okay, let's let the, those two speakers go first. Um, I think Walter Lamb first.</v>

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<v 0>Please. Okay. Walter Lamb,</v>

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go ahead please.

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<v 3>Uh, thank you. I did have a video if that's, um, available. Uh,</v>

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my name's Walter Lamb. I'm with the Bino Wetlands Land Trust.

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This video is from 10 years ago. And if we could, um,

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go ahead and play that. I'll just comment quickly.

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<v 4>So there's a piece of property, um, pretty much in the middle of Los Angeles,</v>

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uh, just south of Los Angeles Airport called Bayona Wetlands to

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the larger restoration, seeking to take Bayona Creek,

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which you see there in a concrete channel,

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and help it meander back into its natural flow.

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Think of disadvantaged youth in Los Angeles who have never had such an

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experience before,

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and you'll understand the potential of the concept if that's a larger map of

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the proposed restoration.

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And you see the create create the idea that it gets a meander again.

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Uh, the times said the cherished preserve may finally be getting the substantial

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restoration it needs and deserves.

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I think the times appropriately reminded us we must do this transparently and

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listened to all divergent opinions.

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Bayona should be a rich habitat for wildlife as well as a place for people to

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visit.

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<v 3>I just wanna point out that, you know, again, this was 10 years ago,</v>

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and today that concept of a meandering creek and, and as well,

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all the public access that was built on top of this idea of

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realigning the creek is just completely stalled out. And unfortunately,

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we have a number of boards and commissions and other folks who just don't wanna

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talk about it and have that discussion. And I know that the,

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the director has frequently told you that, you know, he how in authentic he is.

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And that just hasn't been our experience with this particular issue with the

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Bina wetlands.

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And I think it is just long overdue for the director to give you an update about

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that. You know, meandering Creek realignment where it's at,

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we've been told that it's gonna take another \$9 million to,

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um, finish the design and permitting for that.

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So we've also been told that there's currently no timeline and they're still

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trying to figure out what the flood control is, that that's the sticking point.

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They don't even know what the flood, proper flood conveyance is.

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And so another big issue is sea level rise. All of the purported,

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um,

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mitigations for sea level rise in this project are also based on the

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whole, you know, realignment of the creek. Right. Which again,

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is just not happening.

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So we would just really urge you to get an update on this.

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It's a very important, uh, public project, and we appreciate your time.

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Thank you very much.

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<v 1>Thank you, Walter. Uh, next speaker is Pat Wright.</v>

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<v 0>Pat Wright, go ahead.</v>

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<v 5>Please. Hi, Kate. Thank you. Can you hear me?</v>

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<v 0>Yes, go ahead, please.</v>

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<v 5>I find this is a bit confusing. Um, anyway, I got a,</v>

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wait, I'm not handling that. Am I? Anyway,

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can you bring up the presentation again? And, and I wanna thank you.

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I wanna thank you for the opportunity, uh, to address.

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And did I lose it or am I still here?

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<v 0>Agp, can you bring up Pat Wright's presentation please?</v>

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00:15:27.020 --> 00:15:30.870
<v 5>Okay, thank you. Anyway, I wanted to talk about, um, parrots in California.</v>

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It's a, it's a, it's a very simple issue. Can you click the next slide, please?

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Um, in, um, in California, they're considered wild animal,

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which has been defined loosely as any animal,

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which is not normally domesticated as determined by the Fish and Gang

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Commission. Um, can you click the next slide, please?

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And, um,

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but science says that they're domestic and I really challenge anyone to say

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otherwise. The proof is that they are, they are a domestic animal. Next slide,

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please.

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Okay. And, and, and if you google this issue at all, you'll find a lot of, um,

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of scientific studies. Let's say ferrets are domestic and,

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and the domestication is, is is a process. And domestic ferrets,

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even the name Meet it. Next slide, please. Um, you know,

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even the F D A determines the label as domestic saying they were

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domesticated 2,500 years ago. Next slide, please.

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And here's the hard part.

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This California civil code says that there may be ownership of all,

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uh, yada, yada, yada, including domestic animals.

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And what we don't understand is why this law has been

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ignored and being under property rights, uh,

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doing the blanket outlaw in ferrets,

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in declaring them wild animals violates our rights. We have the next slide,

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please. Uh, you know, and,

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and President Slar told me years ago that we had to do sequel because the

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environmentalists would sue, uh, sue them. And the real reason,

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uh, carrots are illegal is because of the, uh,

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political pressure from the Sierra Club. Now, this is a, um, a third hand quote.

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So take it with a grain of salt.

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But the underlying figure is that they are against ownership. And Peter,

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which heavily influences the Humane Society, uh,

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declares pet ownership and all slavery and wishes to avoid the, uh,

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wishes to discourage the concept of pet ownership. Next slide, please.

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Um, but we've done the reports, uh, misconceptions.

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Ferrets have never established it in the wild in the US and never been

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able to do this. Um, next slide, please.

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So, we are asking the Fish and Game Commission. You know,

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you're here to protect our rights, not to thwart them.

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So I know we've brought this issue up to you many times before,

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but I think doing the right thing is, to be honest, I mean, uh,

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bumblebees are not fish and domestic barracks are not wild.

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And we wish to ask you to do the right thing.

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You're reclassify them as the domestic animals. They are.

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Church should went out. Thank you.

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<v 1>Thank you, pat. Um, Sherry, could you call any other speakers who are in.</v>

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<v 0>Line? Yes. Our final speaker is Keith Ruark. Keith Root sart.</v>

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Go ahead please.

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<v 6>Good morning, commissioners and staff.</v>

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My name is Keith Rooter and I'm the founder of the Giant,

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giant Kelp Restoration Project in Monterey.

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I've provided testimony since 2017 and response to our

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suggestions is,

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it's not bad enough yet.

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Well, well now it is. We have 90% kelp loss in Monterey Bay,

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and the biggest kelp forest is a garden of arm.

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Making these purple and red urchins are not the problem.

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They're a symptom of the problem.

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We have double weed and acid weed and acid water.

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The marine heat decimated the sea stars, sea cucumbers, and gumbo Chis,

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but exponentially increased not just urchins, but brittle stars.

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Sand dollars and jellyfish.

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Invasive species are on nearly every surface in their harbor and have spread all

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the way to point Lobos.

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And we have no idea how to remove them without spreading them even more.

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We stopped looking at the infrared light difference from bulk kelp and giant

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kelp in the canopy in 2016.

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So we were wilfully blind to the transformation as urchins consumed

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the perennial species.

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Giant kelp on the beautiful Big Sur coast and a lesser annual bull

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kelp meadow formed in their wake

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186 certified kelp restoration Divers, who saw the devastation firsthand,

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agreed it was bad enough,

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and acted to do their part at Tankers Reef to protect and restore kelp forest

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and the hundreds of species that live there. On December 20th,

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I submitted to F G C and department director Charles Bonham,

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the blueprint for kelp restoration in Monterey to build on our success

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and scale into granite reefs at four locations around the Monterey Peninsula

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with our partners at Reef Check Worldwide.

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I believe it is within the Director's authority to permit this activity.

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And your collaboration is essential for this project to move forward.

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The kelp forest challenged by 23 countries and temporary climates have

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recognized that the world's 10 million hectares of kelp forest are degraded and

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are setting restoration targets for 2030 and 2040.

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The US and Canada can set and reach our targets too. Washington,

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Oregon and British Columbia are starting efforts,

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but in California with the gold standard of marine protected areas,

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I have failed again and again to convince you that it is bad

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enough.

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<v 1>And Keith, can I ask you to wrap up please?</v>

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<v 6>Y yes. And it's not getting better without intervention.</v>

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We ask for your permission to try. Thank you.

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<v 1>Thank you, Keith. I think that concludes all the, uh,</v>

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public speakers on public forum op, open public forum.

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So we move on to consent items and I'd ask Melissa to introduce this item,

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please.

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<v 2>Thank you, PLAR. And, and before I do that,</v>

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I would just like to mention for,

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for members of the public who have, uh,

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presentations that they want to make to the commission,

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commission staff always makes themselves available to assist in,

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uh, just not, not that we're have any, uh,

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concern about the content per se, but just helping, uh,

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presenters be most effective. You know,

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cuz not everyone's familiar with PowerPoint presentations and, and how to, uh,

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make those, uh,

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most effective for this kind of a setting where we have a small screen, uh,

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for viewing the materials. So I just would like to encourage folks that,

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you know, if you have a PowerPoint that you wanna present to the commission and,

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uh, you wanna give staff an opportunity to take a quick look at it,

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we can provide you with some helpful tips on how to improve it and make it the

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best possible. So for this agenda item,

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this is the call for public comment on consent items 21 through 22.

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If you would like to provide public comment,

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please raise your hand in Zoom or press star nine on your phone.

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The queue will be open for two minutes. So, uh, you have until 9 0 1,

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uh, to raise your hand for commenting items 21 through 22.

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Please note that items are placed on the consent calendar because they're

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expected to be routine and non-controversial.

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Consent calendar items are generally voted upon without discussion,

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but the commissioners can choose to remove and discuss an item,

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including when requested by a member of the public or staff. Again,

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if you would like to comment on consent items 21 to 22,

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please raise your hand now and if you have, uh,

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in the room and have a speaker card, you should have turned that in already.

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<v 1>And while we wait for some speakers to get in the line, if there are any, uh,</v>

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any commissioners wanna remove either item 21 or 22 from the consent calendar,

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I don't see commissioner raising grant. Okay. Um, Sherry, any, uh, speakers?

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<v 0>Uh, we have one speaker.</v>

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<v 1>Okay, let's go ahead please.</v>

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<v 0>Douglas Bush, go ahead please.</v>

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<v 7>Hi, uh, this is Douglas Bush, uh, managing member of Culture Dalone Farm.</v>

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I have no comment.

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I just wanted to make myself available in case there were questions on the

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topic. Thanks very much.

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<v 1>Great. Thank you very much. Um, with that,</v>

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we can have any discussion if necessary or we can go to a motion.

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<v 2>Yeah, th these are both extensions of things we've already done in the past.</v>

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So I'm, I'm comfortable making a motion. Uh,

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so I move that the commission adopts the staff recommendations for items 21

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through 22 on the consent calendar.

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<v 8>I will second that.</v>

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<v 0>Motion.</v>

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<v 1>We have a motion made by Commissioner Murray, seconded by Commissioner o Caron,</v>

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uh, Sherik. Can we have a roll call, please?

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<v 0>Commissioner Murray.</v>

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<v 2>Hi.</v>

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<v 0>Commissioner Hostler Caron</v>

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Aye. Commissioner Williams. Aye.

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Vice President Aleta Aye. President Slar.

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<v 1>Aye. Thank you. The MA motion passes unanimously for 21 and 22,</v>

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and now we're onto our discussion and action items. The first one is 23.

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That's something I think we've all been very excited about, uh,

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the arrival on our agenda. Um, and Rachel,

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why don't you give some initial instructions on, on participating.

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<v 2>Thank you. This is the call for public comment on item 23,</v>

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Marine protected area DECATAL Management Review.

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If you would like to provide public comment on item 23,

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please raise your hand in Zoom now or press nine on your phone.

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The queue will be open for three minutes.

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Please raise your hand no later than 9:04 AM if you would like to comment on

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item 23.

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<v 1>Great. Thank you, Rachel. Susan, would you like to introduce this?</v>

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<v 8>Yes, thank you. Um, by, under today's item,</v>

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the commission is receiving the first decal management review report for the

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statewide network of Marine protected areas. And, um, by way of background,

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the master plan for marine protected areas,

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which you as a commission adopted in 2016,

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was the pathway to formally establish the M P A management program in,

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in California.

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And it established a 10 year review cycle for reviewing

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management program activities and evaluating the effectiveness,

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effectiveness of the M P A network at meeting the goals of the Marine Life

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Protection Act.

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The first tenure cycle following adoption of MPAs in all of the

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coastal regions was identified for the end of 2022. Um,

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there's been many years of work by the department,

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ocean Protection Council, commission and Partners, but, um,

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over the past two years in particular,

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the department has presented updates on collaborative preparation

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for the review to the Marine Resources Committee and to the tribal committee,

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and received guidance on commission and public EGA engagement approaches for

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the review. Those discussions are ongoing.

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Last month on January 9th,

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the department released the Decal Management Review report to the public and

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transmitted it to the commission.

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It is also available on the department Ocean Protection Council and Commission

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websites, and is in your binder commissioners as exhibits one and two.

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The review was prepared mul using multiple sources of information.

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It was developed through a partnership based approach with science guidance from

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monitoring partners and two scientific working groups,

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integrational across ecological monitoring,

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human focused data sets and enforcement trends,

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engagement with California Native American tribes,

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and a diverse suite of input from partners and multiple, um,

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multiple department programs.

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So I just wanna showcase that the review culminates in a series of

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28 department recommendations for adaptive management actions for

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both the,

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that en encompass both the state's M P A management program and

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adaptive management at, um,

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potential adaptive management of the M P A network itself during the next 10

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year adaptive management cycle.

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These elevated recommendations were informed by, um,

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input a wealth of input and recommendations that were contributed to the

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department for the management review. And that came from a, a wide VER array,

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um, array of sources from a variety of different, uh, working groups,

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stakeholder groups, public meetings, ask the researcher, et cetera, um,

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core partners, um, et cetera.

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And I wanna note that the comprehensive suite of the sta of

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recommendations from the stakeholders, um,

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and entities gathered throughout this process is contributed to the department

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or compiled in Appendix A.

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Just to be clear about the purpose of that in your review,

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I would also note that the first four appendices are, uh,

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in the review are information provided by others that supported the

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department's synthesis evaluation and its review and recommendations to

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you today. Um, at today's meeting,

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the department will be presenting an overview,

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a high level overview of that review.

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No action is scheduled for today.

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And I would like to note that this is the starting point only it sets the

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stage for discussions at upcoming meetings of the com Marine Resources

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Committee and the commission and, uh, commission consideration of the review.

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The adaptive management recommendations and any possible changes to

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the M P A management program or network is anticipated to span over

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several committee and commission meetings to inform,

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uh, potential future direction or action by the commission.

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Um, we, the, the,

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today the department will give a presentation jointly between Becky Oda,

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environmental Program Manager for the program, and Steve Wetz,

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the Senior Environmental Scientist Supervisor for the M P A program.

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And the presentation will be followed by comments from Jen Ackerley,

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who is the newly formerly appointed Deputy Secretary for Oceans and

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Coastal Policy at the ocean,

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at the California Natural Resources Agency and Executive Director of Ocean

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Protection Council, which serves as the, uh,

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policy lead under the law. Um, before we go to the department presentation,

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I think executive director Melissa Miller Henson,

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would like to say some words, or do you wanna hold off? Yeah,

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I'll hold off until after the presentation. Okay, thank you. All right.

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So the department can come forward and give your presentation.

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<v 1>And, uh, real briefly, uh, my suggestion having spoken with, uh,</v>

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Susan about this beforehand is that we're gonna have three speakers.

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So why don't we, uh,

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hold all questions until after the three and then we can ask all three of 'em to

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be there. Be a little more, uh, cuz one may have an answer to the other,

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may not. Thank you. Morning, Betty. Becky.

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<v 9>You Oh, thank you. Thank, thank you Susan. And, and, uh, good morning. Um,</v>

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president Clark,

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congratulations on your appointment and commissioners and distinguished C D F W

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staff. Haven't seen you in a while. Good to see you in person. I am Becky ota.

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I am the Habitat Conservation Program Manager for the department's marine

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region. And as Susan has,

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has already mentioned many things that you'll hear again from Steven. I,

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um, this is really just to walk you through this review,

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and I take a big sigh because it's been a long road to get here.

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Um, very challenging, very exciting, very, um,

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groundbreaking on many, on many fronts. Um, and we,

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we made it <laugh> and we couldn't have made it, um,

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without the amazing staff that I have,

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most of them sitting behind me here, um, their expertise,

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their knowledge,

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their ability to collaborate and partnerships has been amazing.

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Um, so next slide.

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Please couldn't do it though without

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incredible number of partners.

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And the danger of throwing a slide like this up is that you're potentially gonna

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miss someone. Um, there are many, many, many,

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many partners and stakeholders who contributed to the report,

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who helped with management of the MPAs along the way,

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who brought up difficult questions,

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who are still bringing up difficult questions. And, um,

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we didn't get everything right maybe, but we did, um,

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a pretty good job, I think, moving forward.

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And we have a lot to learn still from our partners and from future partners as

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we continue to move forward. So, wanted to give accolades a little bit to Steve.

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I p pulled ranks so I could do the first two slides. So thanks, Steve.

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So at this point,

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I am going to turn it over to him and he will take a little bit of a deeper

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dive, not too deep, um, into the report. And, um,

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we'll be happy to answer questions when the time comes. Thank you.

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<v 1>Thank you Becky. And welcome, Steve.</v>

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<v 10>Good morning presence, clar and commissioners. It has been a long journey.</v>

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Uh,

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today I'm going to provide a brief walkthrough of the report that you have in

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your briefing binder,

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and it covers California's first decade on management review of its globally

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recognized network. Uh, next slide.

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Before I jump into that walkthrough,

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it's important to provide some context for why we are doing this first review.

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Next slide. I didn't realize I wasn't gonna have a clicker <laugh>. So, um,

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following implementation of the network, as Susan had mentioned,

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the department updated the master plan from a siding and planning document to be

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a more forward-looking management plan. That plan had some, uh,

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next slide please. Uh, one more, uh, had some attributes to it.

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One was that it, it established the M P a monitoring or management program,

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which is composed of four pillars shown up on this slide. Next slide.

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It also established a comprehensive monitoring program,

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which is fully engaged right now and next slide.

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And it established a 10 year adaptive management review cycle.

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This review cycle is based on the life history in many of the California

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nearshore species. And it is, uh, feasibly, feasibly,

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administratively possible. Next slide.

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The adaptive management cycle is at the heart of the M P A management program,

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and it is the process or the vehicle for continuous learning and evaluation

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to fine tune the program to be able to meet the needs of the Marine Life

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Protection Act.

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This simple figure you see up here is the three core stages of the

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adaptive management cycle.

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In the upper left is where you identify your program objectives or update

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previous ones, and then you move to the right to number two, where you, uh,

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begin gathering your data across the program pillars or, uh,

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conducting your monitoring. And through this whole entire cycle,

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you need to be reaching out with tribes, engaging them, and the public keeping,

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keeping them informed of what's happening along the way.

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As you approach the tenure stage, um,

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you begin an analysis and synthesis of the information that you gathered that

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goes into a report,

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which you have in your binders today with adaptive management recommendations

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for the commission to consider. Next slide. And of course, today,

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I'm pleased to say we are at stage three.

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It's a major milestone in marine conservation for the state of California.

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Next slide. So the report is,

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uh, an informational report, which includes technical guidance.

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We identified accomplishments, challenges, gaps in the program,

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our efforts to engage tribes in the larger ocean communities. Um,

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we have broad performance network results, uh,

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at meeting the goals of the Marine Life Protection Act,

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and it includes some adaptive management recommendations. Next slide.

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Uh, some of the technical information that went into the report was, uh,

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a report written by some tribal consultants that provided their perspective on

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the Green Light Protection Act initiative planning process.

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And they provided recommendations for future engagement with tribes.

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We had 21 independent reports from many partners that identified

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their challenges, accomplishments, and recommendations for the program.

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As we move forward into the next 10 years,

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we have information from our community engagements meetings from 2021 and

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seven long-term monitoring parts where information over the past 10

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years and longer have been synthesized to inform performance of the network,

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including impacts to fisheries.

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And this work was guided by three independent science teams, uh,

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one, uh,

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responsible for translating the Marine Light Protection Act goals into tractable

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scientific questions. Another group looked at, uh,

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the ability for the MPAs to just demonstrate some type of resilience to climate

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change.

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And another group looked at the performance objectives that were created and

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tried to, uh, determine how the network is functioning as, uh,

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is supposed to do to meet the goals of the Night Protection Act.

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It also includes fisheries information, scientific,

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collecting permanent information in law enforcement data. And all of this,

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as you can imagine, resulted in many recommendations across all those reports.

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Next slide, please. So,

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one of the key outcomes from the decade of evaluation work group,

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that we use to design the report that you have in your binders was to,

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uh, conceptualize the, um,

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the network as a social ecological system.

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This figure is taken from the report,

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and it's kind of simplified from what you have in the report,

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but I want to take a few minutes to walk you through it to give you the idea.

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So they had three overarching domains shown here in the big boxes, governance,

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human and ecological within the governance section.

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That is where the M P A management program is nested.

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The human domain includes all those human activities across the network,

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and the ecological domain includes, uh, performance of the network,

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these domains. Uh, next slide.

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There's a little animation here. And one more. Next slide. So, uh,

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these domains are influenced by external factors.

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One of the biggest would be climate change. And, uh,

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these external factors work on the domains that can

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affect M P A performance, uh, which ultimately results in next slide,

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uh, potential changes in ecological function, ecosystem services,

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and human benefits. So, uh, next slide.

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So I know if you've had a chance, I know you're very busy,

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but if you've seen the report, you know,

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there's a lot of recommendations and guidance in this report,

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and I know we're gonna meet in March to D drill down a little deeper into these,

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uh, recommendations, adaptive management activities.

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But I want to take a few minutes to walk you through some examples.

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So within governance, the statewide leadership team expanded, uh,

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to include tribal regional tribal representation. That was a big lift. Uh,

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we're excited about it.

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We also added a few federal agencies to that leadership team. There have been,

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have some great, uh,

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changes amendments to law and regulations that have helped strengthen

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enforcement in management of the network within the human domain. Uh,

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we learned that MPAs are tightly linked to population densities,

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which is not surprising, but was interesting also in one of the findings was,

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um, MPAs associated with state parks and national Marine sanctuaries,

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uh, have a very high visitation rate.

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And it's not dependent on population densities,

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it's the infrastructure at those sites that the facilities provide. Uh,

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and then the ecological domain. We definitely saw le more fish,

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more biomass inside the MPAs when compared to the reference sites

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outside. Um, and however the ecological resorts are,

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uh, are wi widely different depending on the region.

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There's many reasons for that, and we'll get into it in March. But, uh,

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there was limited monitoring on the North Coast. Uh,

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we know we know a lot about the South Coast.

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There's been a lot of work done there, but, um, the report does include those,

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uh, findings. The next slide, please.

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This slide just shows, uh, how the recommendations are been.

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They're in the ME M P A governance M p a management program and the network

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performance. And they're cataloged in those bins on the right,

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as Susan mentioned earlier, uh,

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the department to be exhausted and fully transparent,

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pulled in all of the recommendations we've received from enforce, um,

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from tribes, from the ocean communities, from our core stakeholders,

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and from the larger ocean community.

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In addition to those recommendations and the, uh, gaps in our knowledge,

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we found when we developed the report,

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we streamlined this list into a preferred list of reference adaptive

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management recommendations for your consideration to advance the program into

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the next 10 years. U unfortunately, uh,

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some of our stakeholders have not read the report and they went directly into

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Appendix A and they saw this laundry list and they were like, oh my God,

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what's the department doing? You know, they, depending on which camp you're in,

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uh, you could fall outta your chair maybe seeing the recommendations in there.

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So we're working with our stakeholders to get the message out that

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Appendix A is a comprehensive list. The commission obviously, of course,

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could look at it and pull from it,

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but we feel what we provided in the main body of the report will advance the

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program moving forward. Uh, next slide.

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And so this brief timeline is what we expect or anticipate over the first part

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of the year. And in early January, we made the,

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the report available to California Native American tribes,

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and then soon after made it available for the public to access. Now of course,

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today we're here presenting the report, and then on March 15th, uh,

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there'll be a public forum where we'll have a chance for the public or anyone

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who's tribal nations that want to come and participate in that meeting.

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We'll share information. There'll be a two-way communications there,

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opportunities for our partners to have booths and, uh, posters at that meeting.

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And then the following day we'll be having a, um,

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a deeper dive into the adaptive management recommendations and findings.

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And then we anticipate moving from April in actually probably to the middle of

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the year,

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more discussions as the commission's able to digest all the information that we

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provided them and hopefully get some guidance on the next steps moving forward.

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And which adaptive management recommendations we should focus on. Next slide.

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In closing, I just would like to say, uh,

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we updated our MPA management webpage that includes a wide range of information.

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Um, right now, one of the best things I like about it,

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besides the new look is we have a clickable map that has the entire network laid

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out, and you can click on your favorite m p A and it'll bring up, uh,

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regulations, a map of where that's at, natural history, cultural history,

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uh, there's blogs linked to it. There's a photo gallery there where you,

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where photos were taken. Right at that site, there's videos. So I recommend, uh,

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anyone who's interested to check it out. There's also,

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you can download the report. Next slide.

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So, in closing, I just wanted to say that, uh, pile on with what Becky said,

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that, uh, I'm very impressed with all the work my staff did. It was, uh,

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a big lift. We work with a lot of people. You know, we, we do the best we can.

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There's winners and losers, but I think overall it's been an exceptional job.

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And I'd like to call out our outreach team because they helped us get the

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layout.

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So we got all the information together and we worked with them in the layout,

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and we're very pleased with it. We've got a lot of compliments on it,

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and I would be remiss if I didn't mention our great partners at the Commission

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and Ocean Protection Council for all the work they did to guide us in the

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technical aspects of the report to move it forward. So with that,

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I'm available for any questions.

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<v 1>Great. Thank you Steve. And I'd like to invite, uh, deputy Secretary Jen, er,</v>

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I love the sound of that. Congratulations on your opinion.

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<v 11>Thank you so much. Um, uh, president Sklar and members of the commission,</v>

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what a day. I'm so happy to be here with you. Um,

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it re it truly is an incredible milestone. And, um, before I,

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uh, give some comments, I just really wanna extend a huge thank you,

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um, to the department for this incredible team sitting behind me, um, for,

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uh, Craig and Chuck's leadership and for our partnership with, uh,

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the commission and commission staff and the key partners who really were

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critical to contribute to the review that you're seeing today, um,

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which showcases, you know,

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key findings and that our M P A network is providing benefits

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to Ocean Health. Um, it provides, uh,

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a roadmap for next steps on how we're going to adaptively manage our network.

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Um, and then it really is, um,

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an incredible summary of the partnerships that are underpinning

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the successful management of our MPAs.

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So we've just got this network of, um,

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community partners and tribal partners and academic researchers, um, across,

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uh, the state fishermen helping us, um, make sure that these places are,

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um, durable into the, into the future.

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So I wanted to just say thank you and, um,

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mark this moment for a second. And then, um,

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talk a little bit about next steps. So there are, as, um,

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Steve and Becky mentioned, a set of recommendations, um,

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in the de decatal management review. And, you know,

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we'll be working closely with all of our partners to,

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to help the department determine, you know,

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how we prioritize what those next steps look like.

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Where do we have missing data gaps, um,

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and what do we need to do to most effectively, um,

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adaptively manage these MPAs in order to meet the goals of, um,

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the Marine Life Protection Act into the future. Um,

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I do want to provide a little bit of context about how this effort interconnects

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with the state's effort, um,

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on protecting 30% of California's lands and coastal waters by

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and I was with you in Tahoe a couple months ago,

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the Ocean Protection Council is leading the state's effort, uh,

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on 30 by 30 in coastal waters. And we have four strategies that we're advancing.

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One of those strategies is adaptively managing our M P A network through

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this process. And we know that, um, coming out of the review,

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we are going to need a scientific framework for how we're evaluating, um,

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proposals and petitions to change our M P A network.

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What is that scientific framework? Where is the community's support? Um,

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what is our justification and criteria for making those decisions?

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We also are gonna need to update our monitoring plan, right?

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We understand that we have incredible amounts of monitoring data that are

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showing results. We also understand that these results will take time, um,

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in our temporary ecosystem to really show,

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and we understand that there are gaps in the monitoring that we have, um,

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and that we need to address those. And,

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and that adaptive management really needs to fill gaps both in, um,

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how we're addressing climate resilience and how we're addressing equity.

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So MPAs are not our only approach for achieving 30 by 30

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in coastal waters. And I just wanna tick through the other three strategies, um,

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to remind everyone and, and talk about where we are and where we're going.

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So in addition to adaptability managing our M P A network,

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we're also looking to strengthen biodiversity protections within California's

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National Marine sanctuaries. Um, I'm really excited, um,

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to share that we've been partnering closely with, uh,

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leadership of the Greater Fairlawns National Marine Sanctuary.

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They're actually embarking on a process to update their management plan for

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their sanctuary. And that is a perfect opportunity for us to, um,

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look at the threats that are facing that sanctuary. Um, I understand the,

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uh, opportunities and needs for increased, um,

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biodiversity protections and how we align what they're already doing with our

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work on 30 by 30. So we're really excited about that.

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We are about to embark on, uh,

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an effort to partner with California Native American tribes to establish

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indigenous marine stewardship areas,

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places where we can continue to support and enhance tribal stewardship of our

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coastal and ocean resources. Um, and we also have this strategy around,

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um, other effective conservation measures or oems.

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And these are places in the ocean that may be set aside, um,

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for protection for, um,

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that have restrictions that were not set aside specifically for

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ecosystem benefit,

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but might be prote providing some type of biodiversity protections that

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could contribute to 30 by 30.

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So examples of that would be existing fisheries management protections, um,

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military closures. Those are things that we need to look at.

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We need to inventory,

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we need a scientific evaluation of the benefits they are providing and

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understand how they might be contributing to our definition of conserved.

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And just as a reminder,

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that defini definition is places need to be durable.

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The protection needs cons, conservation needs to be durable,

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and it needs to provide ecosystem benefit.

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And so we have had a series of webinars to kind of share our approach

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and next steps. We had a round table discussion, uh, virtual, um, in December.

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And we really are gearing up to do extensive outreach and communication

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with everybody who is interested in, in participating in contributing.

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So I think there's some misinformation out there about what we are

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doing and how these pieces connect. And I just wanna kind of stand here and,

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and reassure everyone that the approach to 30 by 30 is,

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is nested on those four strategies.

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And we are committed to working with everybody, um,

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to make sure that our approach is, um, uh,

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embedded in the,

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the perspectives of everyone who cares about protecting our ocean. Thanks.

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<v 1>Great. Thank you very much. Uh, before we, uh, go to questions,</v>

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I'd like to welcome, uh, director Bonham and, uh, I'll.

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<v 12>Ask, ask and make a few remarks as well. Bless you.</v>

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Uh, apologies again for being a little late this morning. I have three,

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three thoughts on this. First, I'm just super proud of the work product.

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When you look top to bottom, is it perfect? No.

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Are there legitimate, um,

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points of improvement that have shown up in the feedback? Yes, but,

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uh, it is the first time this has ever happened.

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And when you look across the whole document to me personally, the case is made,

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it's working.

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And you can pick all kinds of different data points in the review to indicate

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that most folks know at an earlier moment

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the relationship between the state and tribal nations on these issues

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was worse and is now better.

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You could pick a data point that in, in reality,

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we've actually adaptively managed in the last several years,

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particularly through your jurisdiction and, uh,

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proceedings you've done to do amendments and name changes and other things.

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And, uh, to me as a layperson,

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there sure looks to be a lot of evidence that when you preserve places,

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fish get bigger and there are more of them. And what's not to like about that?

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Second,

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in almost any important first time dynamic,

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we will have really important voices that read their future

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hopes and fears into something.

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So for those that think this means overnight,

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dramatic expansion of protections in the ocean, just take a breath.

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That's not the case.

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There's a lot of conversations still ahead on what could

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or shouldn't happen in our ocean spaces. And then lastly,

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I've been able to take a quick look at some of the letters we've received from

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our friends and colleagues in the conservation community.

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And I think there's plenty of time to adopt a lot of that advice and make sure

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the March event is, uh,

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facilitates engagement of diverse communities,

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allows for public comment and

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ensures the state create panels and participants that themselves

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embody diversity, equity, inclusion in the discussion. Um,

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that's an area where the department is

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improving, but has more improvement to make.

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And we are open to feedback on that because

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it's a topic we're reflecting on and continually seeking to approve upon.

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<v 1>Great. Thank you Director. And last, but at least Melissa,</v>

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would you like to make a few comments?

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<v 2>Thank you very much. Uh, president Slar. Yeah,</v>

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I just wanted to build on some of the things that have already been said by

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Director Bonham, by, uh,

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executive director Ackerley and Susan.

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This this really is, uh, first California's network of MPAs.

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This is a, this is a milestone.

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This is a men momentous achievement to have completed this,

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this 10 year process. And, and like others wanna thank, uh, the department,

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department staff, uh, O P C, um,

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and all of the partners who have really actively collaborated and,

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um, coordinated in bringing us to this stage. Uh,

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C D F W staff worked super hard, uh, throughout this process,

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the last couple years to make this happen. Um,

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and to meet the standards that have been established within the master plan that

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you adopted for a tenure year review process.

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And at the end here,

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providing us with an independent set of recommendations that we're not developed

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alone, but they're based on a,

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on a broad set of ideas and suggestions and recommendations from

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tribal, scientific, governmental stakeholders,

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all sorts of input. So, um, just grateful to the department for having, uh,

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done all that that work and, and the heavy lifting to, to get us to the,

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into that, that review. But it's not the end.

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This is the beginning of a dialogue.

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This is the beginning of talking about adaptively managing the program,

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the network,

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and how do we better meet the goals of the Marine Life Protection Act,

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which is what this is all about, those six goals.

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So we're really here in, in, um, in,

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in the beginning of that dialogue and an information sharing and idea sharing

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and discussion over the coming months about, um, you know, how we,

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how we engage in that adaptive management. So, wanted to note,

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and some have mentioned this, but really wanna highlight,

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especially for our partners and members of the public,

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that there are some important opportunities to engage in this dialogue.

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Um, March 15 was mentioned. We have an m p a day, uh, public forum,

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uh, all day event in Monterey.

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It's a great opportunity to be part of the discussion. The next day.

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We have part two of the commission's Marine Resources Committee meeting also in

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Monterey, uh,

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which will be an additional opportunity focused strictly on the forum,

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the review, the information that's been shared,

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the dialogue that's been started,

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and what all of that might mean for the state's marine protected area network.

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Um, as well as the pathway for how we move forward with, uh,

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the discussion as well as the adaptive management. So really encourage folks,

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uh, to participate, uh, in those, uh, two activities if they can,

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and know that there will be discussions following that as well.

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And look forward to those. Thank you.

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<v 1>Great. Thank you Melissa. Uh, we only have two speakers, but I,</v>

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I'd like to invite our commissioners to speak now or after this, uh, com, uh,

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public speakers, whichever they prefer. So Commissioner Murray, go ahead,

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<v 2>Yes, thank you. Uh, I can't,</v>

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I can't help but jump in on the Levi Fest. Um,

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so first I just wanna commend, uh,

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Chuck and Craig and Becky and Steve and everyone at the department as well as,

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uh, Jen and O P C and, and your team, Susan, Melissa, the commission staff,

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as well as tribes and all the partners, um, for creating this document.

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It's extraordinary.

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It's a really extraordinary accomplishment and it's been such a long road

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and I sort of can't believe that, that we did it, that you did it. Um,

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we are proof in California that we can have strong protections.

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We can have the, the best fishery management in, in the world,

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and we can also have thriving economies.

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We can have the fourth biggest economy in the world.

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We can have a \$43 billion ocean economy.

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And we can do that while also protecting biodiversity and having

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strong protective regulations. I I,

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I spent some time in the hotel room digging into the document.

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I'll admit I put it off a little while. I was, I was afraid to dig in.

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I was, I didn't know what I was gonna find. I was,

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I was a little worried about it and I was so excited. And I, I do wanna just,

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cuz we didn't really get it in the presentation today,

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and maybe not everybody has read the 200 page documents.

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So if you'll indulge me just for a moment,

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just a couple of the highlights that I pulled out were that, um,

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you know, species diversity and rocky intertidal habitats was higher inside

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MPAs over time than in reference sites.

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Intertidal communities inside MPAs more stable over time than reference sites,

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even during and after the marine heat wave on the central coast

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community stability during and after the heat wave was linked to higher larval

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connectivity between sites network.

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It's working as a network. That was the intention and it's, it's happening.

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Um,

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larger MPAs experienced greater increases in the abundance and biomass of fish

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than smaller MPAs. That makes sense. We thought that might happen.

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We're glad to see that, that it did. Um,

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on the central coast where the program has been operating the longest,

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there was enough data to confirm that fish biomass increased faster in MPAs

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than in reference sites over the 14 year time series.

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And the last one I'll share is just that more than 70% of fish species

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observed were larger in both size and number inside

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MPAs. If I had a mic to drop, I would drop it. <laugh>.

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Um, I,

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I also got a chance to look at some of the letters that came in and I agree that

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the human dimensions piece really should be strengthened and represent a broader

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spectrum of folks. It should not,

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if we can help it just reflect opinions of a small subset of folks,

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that's not really science, it's not all that equitable. I don't know if,

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you know, we have what we have over the last decade decade,

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but as we move forward, I think we can do even better on that.

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I agree that the March Management Review forum ought to and must include

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speakers that reflect California's diversity,

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including a diversity of ocean users. Um, and I,

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I don't know if it, it was clear to everyone who submit a letter,

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but that March 16th m r c meeting, that Melissa,

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that is the place, it is a place. Anyway,

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I don't know what the form is gonna look like,

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but that March 16th m r c meeting,

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the day after the D M R event is a place where we want to hear

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what, what folks think. You know,

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we're having a separate M R C meeting before the Decatal Management Review

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event, uh, to cover basically everything else.

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And so we really intend to just focus on the D M R at that second M R C meeting

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the day after the forum review. So overall, I just wanna say, wow,

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this is a significant achievement. I was nervous to read it,

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but I'm so proud of what's been done.

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I'm so grateful for all the hard work,

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so honored I get to play a small role in it and just really excited to

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dig in in that spirit. I also just wanna make myself available.

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I've got some time that recently freed up, um, due to,

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uh, a, a gig that that's being done by, by, by President Clark now.

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So I'm happy to work with Craig, Becky, Susan,

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Jen others to support this process and I just really wanna support you all

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and work together in whatever way I can. Thank you so much.

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<v 1>Dare anybody to follow that <laugh>, uh, um, you know, uh, Samantha.</v>

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Excellent. Commissioner, uh, uh, Marie. And,

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and you're modest saying a little bit cuz you were very involved early on.

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This has been something that you've been involved with from the beginning. And,

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um, I, I can, I can just, the excitement I can see is infectious, um,

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because of the, your feelings you're expressing about how far it's come and,

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and how this is a critical new next point. Um, so thank you for all that. I,

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I'm not gonna, uh, I couldn't say it better, so I'm not gonna even try. Um,

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any other commissioners, uh, wanna speak at Commissioners Alet,

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I see your hand up. Yes, please. Vice President Alet. I'm sorry.

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<v 13>That's quite all right. I'm still a commissioner too. Thank you.</v>

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And I just wanna echo everything that my fellow Commissioner Marie said. Um,

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but I wanna pilot on a little bit more and, and talk about opportunity. Uh,

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you know, again, I just need to thank the scientists, the authors,

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the contributors, I mean all of the people including my fellow commissioners,

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um, who contributed to this terrific and third document.

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It's also clear-eyed, it's also really honest. Um,

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it's recognizing the gaps and needs like that need to redress the overlooked

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tribal co-management opportunities, um, as well as the successes. And, and,

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uh, commissioner Murray, I noticed some of the same ones you did. Like those,

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those trend lines, they're amazing,

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right through that marine heat wave in 2014 to 16. Um,

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I really appreciate as a scientist that the data in here are nuanced and we need

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to use that nuance.

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We need to use the differences in outcomes among ecosystems and regions.

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the differences between things like trends that reflect how MPAs are different

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from non MPAs and have been from the outset, um,

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and comparisons that are in the present day that don't reflect those preexisting

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differences. And, and I'm bringing this up because here's the opportunity.

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I see so many Californians, love the ocean, rely on the ocean,

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do that in so many ways. Um,

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I'm really excited about this report because it gives us the opportunity to

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focus on ways that we can expand compatible uses in MPAs as well as

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sustain what's working, um,

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uses that are compatible with the goals of protecting marine life and diversity

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and resilience and heritage based on the sound science.

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And here the excellent science in here.

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That's what this report gives us the opportunity to do. Um, and,

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and it lets us do that because it tells us not just whether,

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but how much a range of these biological metrics differ between M P A and non PA

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areas by region, by ecosystem type.

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So I just want to express how excited I am and to encourage all of us to dig

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into where and to what degree things like shore-based

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recreational and subsistence fishing need to be excluded and where they

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don't. Um,

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I see in this report incredible opportunities to follow the lead of all

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of these international M P A efforts that combine protection with local and

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customary uses. Um,

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and this incredible opportunity to use the report to guide a re-embrace of more

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uses like that in areas where they are compatible with M P A goals.

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We know it's possible because it's the prevailing model around the world.

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And as Steve Fort said, M p a networks are social ecological systems.

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The coastal ocean itself is a social ecological system.

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And sustaining protection in the long future depends on sustaining the many

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ways people rely on and understand the ocean,

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including sustainable fishing and collecting that cuts across the reports,

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adaptive management areas, um, justice, equity, diversity and inclusion,

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tribal coordination, outreach and research, fisheries integration,

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climate resilience for nature and people.

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So I just wanna encourage us to seize this opportunity to take, uh,

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a critical, a nuanced,

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a serious look at how we can do that and sustain our

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state's global leadership in protecting the social ecological systems that

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coastal oceans are, especially as we pursue 30 by 30 goals.

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And I want to end by where I started by just thanking everyone who

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generated this incredible ambitious report. Um, it's, it's,

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uh, I'm not done reading the appendices <laugh>, but I will,

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I will get through them all because there's so much here and,

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and I'm so grateful to have the clarity of the D M R to,

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to guide our thinking in the coming months and years.

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<v 1>Great. Thank you. Vice President, commissioner Hauser Congressman in
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<v 8>Well, I don't know where to start. Becky, Steve team,</v>

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everyone. Um,

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I've been involved with this since the first days, uh,

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of the department coming to the north coast in 2010.

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And the tribal voice was, was strong.

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The tribal voice was loud and the tribe said,

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we must participate.

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And you have a whole page dedicated to that.

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So I'm not gonna go much further there,

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but I hear the tribal voice throughout the document.

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It's loud and it's strong. So you guys just have done a great,

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great job, um, regarding, um,

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the human connection.

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I see tribes up and down the coast engaged in

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management and traditional knowledge and sharing that knowledge.

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I, I'm watching programs evolve tribal programs,

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several tribes that got together and identified keystone species.

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Um, you know, numerous,

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numerous examples of how over the last 10 years we have had

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connectivity, not just with the MPAs,

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but with people and with tribes. The tribes were not part of this in the past.

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And I think, you know, moving forward,

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those tribal recommendations are so important,

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but they're embraced now.

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And so part of the accomplishment is that learning and in

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including that traditional knowledge. Previously,

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the science advisory team wanted nothing to do with traditional knowledge.

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They had no idea how to incorporate it. And now it's, you know,

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uh, prevalent, bringing that forward. So just amazing job.

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I'm not done reading, but thank you. Thank you.

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<v 1>Anthony, please, commissioner and Williams. I.</v>

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<v 14>Think everybody knows that, um,</v>

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I'm not here because of my vast knowledge of, of these issues. I,

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I feel like I, although I do, um,

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represent,

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I feel I hopefully represent the layperson out there who has no

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idea what you all have done, <laugh>, who you're,

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who you are on behalf of them.

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Thank you. From the bottom of my heart and theirs,

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because I'm a valley kid. I grew up in Bakersfield,

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moved to Sacramento,

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but I had the good fortune of having a grandparent

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who bought property in Morrow Bay and took me over there as a kid.

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And going out there at that time was

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great to be out there and experience the coast.

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But going back now with my kids, cuz we still own that property,

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it's night and day. You can see it. You can, I mean,

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the clarity, the number of species that you can see, the starfish,

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the, the,

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the fish that you can literally look in the water and see that has not had,

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was not the case for me as much as I loved it then.

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So to be able to have that experience and know that it's because of what you

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guys have all done. So,

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and now I live a mile and a half from the beach and we love it.

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And going, whether it's going up to Colonel Del Mar and seeing the signs,

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this is a marine protected area and educating the public

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about the importance of it. So I obviously a little emotional,

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but thank you so much because you guys have,

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have done something extraordinary for the people of California.

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<v 8>Thank you for being emotional, Anthony.</v>

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<v 1>Yeah, thank you. Uh, that's really tough going last on this one, <laugh>. Um,</v>

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um, so I'm just gonna say thank you. Um,

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it's an incredible accomplishment for everybody who's working this, you know,

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commissioner Heusser, Caron, just, you know, the,

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the emotion is, is, is felt by all of us that you're,

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that from what you expressed today, it's an incredible,

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on so many levels what's been accomplished and the work that's gone to it is,

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is Herculean. And so just, you know, on half of the commission, um,

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half of the people of California thank you to all of you for this incredible

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work.

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And all the people who aren't here have worked over the last 13 years on

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this effort because so many people have been involved.

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We've all been at forums and, and <laugh> and, and different, uh,

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working groups and, and know how many people have had their input. And what, uh,

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what has Commissioner Hauser conference said is really so powerful that you can

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see and feel in the document that, um,

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in particular the tribes, but not just the tribes,

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citizens from all over California. So with that, I wanna turn to public comment.

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We have three speakers, um, uh, because this is such a, a monumentally,

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I wanna give each person three minutes if we can, and we try a tight day. But,

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so let's give three minutes to each, each speaker and, uh, Sherry,

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will you please call the three speakers?

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<v 0>Yes. Our first speaker will be Asha,</v>

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followed by Michael Quill and Emily Parker. Asha, go ahead please.

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<v 15>Can you hear me?</v>

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<v 0>Yes, go ahead.</v>

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<v 15>All right. Um, good morning, president Skylar and commissioners.</v>

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My name is Asia Hudson Marine Analyst at the Environmental Defense Center.

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The Environmental Defense Center is a public interest law firm that works to

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protect and enhance the local environment through education, advocacy,

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and legal action. We primarily work in San Luis Obispo,

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Santa Barbara and Ventura counties.

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I would like to commend a Department of Fish and Wildlife for composing a great

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report that included a diverse group of habitats,

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subject to a variety of different analysis.

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As a report describes M p a research and monitor monitoring has shown that

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MPAs contribute to improved resilience against extreme climate,

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climatic and oceanic events,

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increased abundance of big old fat fertile female fish and enhanced

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liable connectivity.

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These are only a few examples of the positive impacts of MPAs along the

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California coast.

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Despite the multitude of positive results identified by DFW and only

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10 years of M P a implementation,

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more time is needed to allow identified and potentially additional positive

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trends to reach their full potential.

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I would also like to commend the department for the supplemental steps taken to

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further support the implementation decisions made 10 years ago,

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such as the commitment to incorporate tribes into the process,

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such as with the Tribal Marine Stewards network,

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the expansion of c DFWS law enforcement division with the Marine Enforcement

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District,

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and the push to conduct a language assessment to widen the MPA outreach audience

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all show the dedication of the state.

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We hope to see the department further expand on the actions stated above and

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others to better support the MPA network. I would again,

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like to applaud the department for the years of effort that went into this very

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thorough de Decatal management review report.

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The Environmental Defense Center looks forward to continued stakeholder

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engagement to support MPAs into the future as we look to this management

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strategy to protect and restore coastal and marine ecosystems in years to come.

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Thank you.

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<v 0>Our next speaker will be Michael Quill. Michael Quill,</v>

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go ahead please.

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<v 16>Yes. Good morning, presidents, commissioners and commission staff,</v>

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Michael Quill here from Los Angeles Water Keeper.

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Just take this moment to acknowledge CDF W's extraordinary effort to gather the

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information contained in the D M R that not only reflects the activities engaged

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in studying the health of our oceans and our MPAs.

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This review also reflects the shifts in our species understanding of who we

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are as a collection of human beings with systemically conditioned ways of

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thinking, believing and living that challenge.

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Such an undertaking as a take as the Decatur Management Review now lost often

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are the successes in relationship building and valuable lessons learned from our

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failures in those attempts,

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which I can speak to more deeply at some other time. Uh,

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those failures at attempts to build relationships and those valuable lessons

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learned from our failures in those attempts, um,

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are building that process of supporting m MPAs by a broader,

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um, broader, broader understanding of our community. And that,

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that supporting the M L P A has forced us into that engagement of diverse

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communities and engaging in critical discussions that are hopefully focused

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not to divide and destroyed and control others,

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but to build deeper relationships on which open critical discussions around our

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attempts to care for the earth,

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for our oceans and each other can take place now and in the future.

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Thank you for your time.

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I kind of drifted out there in the middle when I got a little bit of emotional

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about failures of building relationships,

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but I think it's key to put ourselves out there,

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open up to diverse voices and listen in to what's going on.

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I gotta tip my hat to Steve and Becky for the incredible work they did and to

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the commission staff,

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and I'm so glad to be here today and thank you for your time.

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<v 0>Our final speaker on this item is Emily Parker.</v>

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<v 17>Good morning. Can you hear me okay? Yes, go ahead, please. Perfect.</v>

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Good morning, president Murray and Honorable Commissioners.

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This is Emily Parker,

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coastal and Marine Scientist with Heal the Bay as a local environmental

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nonprofit based on the Unsated lands of the Tongva, TOMA and Kesh people,

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also known as Los Angeles Heal The Bay has been a key stakeholder in

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California's M P A network since its inception from actively participating in

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the South coast M L P A process to launching one of the very first M P A watch

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community science programs to co-leading the LA M P A collaborative for over a

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decade. We and our members are deeply active in M P A education, outreach,

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monitoring, and compliance initiatives. We'd like to commend the department,

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the commission,

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and the O P C for the tremendous effort in completing the very first Decatal

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management review of California's M P A network.

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The report presented to you today signifies a monumental achievement in

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community-driven conservation,

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and we'd like to recognize the dedication it took to complete this report and

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echo the excitement and emotion from the commission for this milestone in just a

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decade.

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California's globally recognized m p network has already shown exciting positive

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outcomes for biodiversity based on long-term monitoring.

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We were very excited to see the extensive recommendations outlined in the report

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for future M p A governance,

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and we strongly support all of those recommendations. That all being said,

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we would like to highlight a few overarching concerns. Most importantly,

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we're concerned with an inherent bias prevalent in the report,

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particularly in the documentation of human dimensions and m p impacts on coastal

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communities. As President Murray mentioned a moment ago,

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the report report presents an unbalanced emphasis on commercial ocean user

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perceptions of MPAs, excluding the full suite of diverse stakeholders,

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and therefore not accurately portraying true impacts.

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This leaves some room for improvement in future management reviews to better

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understand the human dimension of MPAs and the true socioeconomic impact or

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benefit beyond opinion and perception. In addition,

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we have a few concerns with the outreach and communication regarding the review

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and the report itself.

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And while the attempts that community engagement around the review are not

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insignificant,

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we do find the report dissemination and opportunities for feedback available for

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diverse commu California communities as another opportunity for improvement.

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These concerns,

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along with recommendations are further outlined in a written comment from Heal

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the Bay and other NGOs that you have been presented with today.

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California's network of MPAs will continue to offer invaluable benefits to our

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ecosystems and our communities,

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and Heal the Bay is greatly looking forward to providing more feedback and at

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the coming m p a engagement opportunities in March.

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Thank you so much for your time and for this tremendous effort.

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<v 1>Great. Thank you all very much. Um, wanna turn back to my fellow commissioners?</v>

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This is just a discussion item. It's not no decision,

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but if anybody would like to say anything more, I'd like to open that up.

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And I have one last comment. Um,

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I wanna speak more broadly about the, the, the tribe tribal involvement. Um,

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this is, uh, commissioner Hoster Carver has said is such a,

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a great document in that respect, but all this started because of the work that,

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uh, our com fellow Commissioner ha Carmen has done on this.

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The first time T e K showed up was here at the commission in, in, in,

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I think probably the master fishery plan. Yeah, I think, um, and, and,

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and it's showing up now in all kinds of places,

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not just under the kind of work that either we or the department do. Um,

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number one, um, number two, um,

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a full basis with tribes on everything we do. And in this plan particularly, um,

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is really because of that work and the co-management plan that, uh,

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director Bonham and Commissioner Hauser commerce and worked so hard on,

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it was not an easy lift. Um, you know,

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that has set a model for departments and agencies throughout California of how

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our state should work with as a partner of tribal nations,

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um, and something that we should all be enormously proud of.

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It's a long time coming, but at least it's here. Now

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with one more plug. Of course you can <laugh>.

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<v 8>We're gonna be working on subsistence harvest very heavily in the</v>

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upcoming months and years, and we don't know how long it will take.

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Hopefully it won't be as long as co-management took, but you know, we,

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we have some mo momentum now,

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and I think the programs that the tribes are developing really speaks

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to, um,

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being able to harvest responsibly and in incorporating

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that T E K actually improves the habitat,

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the adaptive management, the co-management, all of it works together. So,

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um, not done yet, a few more years to go here, but, um,

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I really appreciate the partnerships and the collaboration. Thank you.

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<v 1>That's a perfect note to add on. So, uh, thank you all.</v>

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We really encourage you to,

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anybody who's interested in this to participate in the March meetings is gonna

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be, uh, a, a really good opportunity to fine tune and, uh, and,

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and to understand where we're going next. Um, and so, uh,

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really encourage you to do that. And with that, why don't we,

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why don't we take just a five minute, uh, by break and we'll back at, uh,

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<v 18>Yeah. Yes.</v>

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<v 1>Okay. We're coming back to the California Fish and Game Commission meeting, uh,</v>

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February. And, um, we're gonna take a, a little, uh, exception here.

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There's some young folks here who, uh, didn't, uh,

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understand the signup process, which is understandable.

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It's not always Easy's understand. Um,

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and we wanna let them speak on the M P A issue.

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So we're gonna let all them speak in there. Were a couple more people, um,

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who got on very late on the, on the razor hand on Zoom,

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but we're gonna let them speak as well.

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So we're gonna give each speaker two minutes. Um, when you come up,

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if you could tell us your name and, uh, in your case, uh,

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maybe the school you're from, it'd be great. And, uh,

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and please separate from mic, introduce.

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<v 19>Good Morning Commissioners Commissioner presence. Oh, how's that?</v>

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There we go. Good morning, commissioners.

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Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to make public comment.

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My name is Ben Grine.

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I'm the Conservation Associate with Environment California.

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We're statewide advocacy group based in, uh, California,

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that works to protect our air, our water, and our open spaces. Firstly,

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I'd like to congratulate the commission and the department on all of their hard

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work on reducing unpro producing such an incredible and monumental report.

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This is gonna guide the future of California's conservation work.

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We really appreciate all of your efforts. As we all know, in 2020,

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California became the first state to commit to protecting 30% of our coastal

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waters.

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And that landmark achievement makes California a global leader on ocean

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conservation, ocean protections. So right now,

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approximately about 16% of our oceans are actually considered conserved and meet

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that definition of conserve.

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But about 9% meet the definition that scientists say is necessary to protect our

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marine life from climate stressors and the effects of climate change and global

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warming. And California's unique network of marine protected areas, all 124.

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It's exciting to hear that the report results are showing that it's working.

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The fish are bigger,

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fish and marine life are able to recover from climate stressors.

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But with sea level rise and more effects of climate change and historic species

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extinctions, it's very clear that we need additional protections.

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We need strengthened and expanded marine protected areas. The highly,

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fully protected marina areas provide space for our marine life to co recover

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from things like heat stressors, uh, but also additional effects.

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And we know that marine life need an opportunity to be able to change and adapt

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to address changing ocean conditions.

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And I'd also like to take a moment to thank, uh, <laugh>, uh, director Bonham,

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commissioner Murray, uh, executive director Hector Ellie,

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and all the commissioners for their comments addressing the importance of

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clarity and equity throughout the process, uh, the DMR process.

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So we're really excited that that was addressed and look forward to continuing

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to work with the commission and the department on making sure that, uh,

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we can continue to get voices involved.

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And I'm excited to also hear from of these lovely uc,

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Berkeley students behind me. Thank you.

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Co bears <laugh>.

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<v 21>Awesome. Okay. Can you hear me? Okay? Awesome. Well,</v>

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thank you so much again for letting us have these public comments slightly late.

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Um, my name is Paige. I'm a third year student at uc, Berkeley,

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studying environmental science.

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And I'm also the chapter chair of calper students on campus as well as Secretary

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of the State Board. Um,

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and I'm here today representing the 25,000 student members that we have across

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the state on this issue of marine protected areas. Um,

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so Cal Park students is a statewide, totally student run,

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student funded advocacy group.

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We did get started 50 years ago by students who really just wanted to say in the

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floor of politics and help change the world around them. Um,

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right now we are organizing on this issue to increase marine protected areas in

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California. Um,

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we've already talked to 14,000 students in classes across ucs that got this

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issue,

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and we've had 10,000 individual one-on-one conversations with them about this.

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And we're also in the middle of our membership slash fundraising drive right

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now, and we've already signed up 5,000 new dues,

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student dues paying student members just on this issue. Um, you know,

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I've had a lot of conversations with students across the state at all these

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different ucs, um, and I feel a lot of support for this issue out there on this.

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I've talked to students who scuba dive and are just generally concerned about

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the ecological degradation they've been seeing out in the oceans.

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I've talked to students who are really worried about certain species that are at

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risk, like blue whales or sea otters. Um,

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and also just talk to students who just love the ocean.

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They love surfing and swimming,

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and they have a lot of fond memories at the beach. Um,

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and they are worried that maybe they won't be able to get to make those memories

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in the future. Um, and so we're excited to be able to, to talk about this today.

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This is an issue that is broadly supported by a lot of young people. Um,

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and we're all excited to see marine protected areas increased in the future.

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Thank you.

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<v 22>Good morning. Um,</v>

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my name is Kai Bernard and I'm a first year student at uc, Berkeley,

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and I'm 10 to major in political science or legal studies. And, um,

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and I'm also part of the student arm of the public, uh,

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public California Public Interest Research Group. And I am urging the fishing,

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um, game commission committee to really, um,

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protect our oceans during this decal review process. So, um,

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when I was young, I used to go swimming a lot,

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and it helped me a lot be active since I,

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I healed my ankle and my name even means, um,

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God that brightens the ocean in Japanese. And, um,

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I learned a lot about the ocean that including the fact that it all of life came

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from the ocean itself and that the Pacific Pacific Ocean itself, um,

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okay, it's 10% of the carbon emissions absorbs it,

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but we ha have to do more. We have to do more because if we,

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the further damage cause to our ocean and coast by,

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by pollution is not only access brain global warming, but it's also damaging,

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um, the habitat of marine. Marine life.

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Our state relies on the ocean and the coast for our economy, like, uh,

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trade, uh, food, agriculture and, um, and tourism.

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And this is the home to our unique life of the and marine life.

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If we don't do it, if we don't do it quick, then we might, um,

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cause the tragedy of the comments like what happened to our sardine industry.

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And, um, we need,

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we need make sure that we don't want our marine life to become the next dodo

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bird. And we wanna make sure cal,

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we as Californians lead our co our country to protect our oceans.

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So I'm urging, um, the co fish and lead commission,

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the governor and the central government of California to advocate to make sure

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that 30% of our coastline is insured as marine protected area so that we can

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lead our nation to be the leader in fairmount protection.

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And I know we can do this, so hopefully please continue and,

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and thank you so much and I know we can do this. Thank you.

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<v 21>Good morning, commissioners. My name is Yas.</v>

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I'm a first year uc Berkeley student, and I'm a intern with Cal per,

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and I'm urging the Fish and Game Commission committee to protect their oceans

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during this decade review process. Um,

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before I officially moved to America from Iran,

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I used to visit my family in California during the summers.

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And since the region I lived in Iran, didn't have many, um, oceans nearby.

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The only place you could find me during those summers was in the waters. And,

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um, my love for the waters hasn't wavered ever since.

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And I became fascinated with both the diversity in our, um,

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oceans and I grew up to become a swimmer. So, um, it's,

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the oceans has always been really important to me.

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And with our planet under attack, um,

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from profit driven corporations, um,

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wasteful human habits and just global warming, um,

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it's not really surprising to see the way that, um,

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the way that our marine ecosystems have been, um, dwindling in a way.

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And, um,

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it's heartbreaking to see that our society is a slowly losing touch with the

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very things that provide the resources that fuel our economy and, um,

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provide us with recreation, aesthetics, and soul. Um,

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but the very fact that this committee exists and there's people working with me

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today and, um, that we,

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that California's been a leader in pushing for climate change, oh,

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climate protection policies is the know of optimism that I want to end on.

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And I've been working with Calper over these past few weeks,

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and it's really clear that students, um,

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are moved by this issue and want their elected officials to represent them by

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fighting for more marine protection and making sure that 30% of our oceans are

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protected by 2030 is vital to the state of our oceans.

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And what California does will set an example for, um,

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other states who will hopefully move forward with more climate protection

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policies.

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And I have no doubt that you all will do where is best for California and, um,

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our climate and push for more for marine protections. Thank you.

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Hi, my name is Bella Barra and I am a third year undergraduate

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political science major at uc, Berkeley.

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I am an intern with the California Public Interest Research Group,

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and I am urging the Fishing Game Commission Committee to, uh,

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protect our oceans during this decal review process.

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I've lived in California my entire life,

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and the ocean has always been important to me.

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One of my earliest memories is being on my grandpa's boat and

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watching the ocean from the window downstairs. Um, when I was a kid,

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I would go to the Alameda Sandcastle Building contest with my parents every

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year. And when I was little older,

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I went camping with my neighbor by the beach end point raise every summer for

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her birthday. Uh, in high school,

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my friends and I went to Ocean Beach in Stinson Beach to swim and hang out. And,

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uh, we did a few beach, uh, trash pickups at Baker Beach, uh,

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for our service learning class credit. And, um,

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aside from my personal experiences, the ocean provides us with many things,

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including oxygen, food, and recreation,

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as well as contributes to our state's great climate and economy. Um, um,

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but unfortunately, quite frankly,

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our beaches are still dirty and the water is still gross. We, um,

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our oceans are suffering from a lack of protection against things like

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overfishing and oil drilling, and we, um,

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need to triple marine protected areas and conserve 30% of California's

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land and coastal waters by 2030. Thank you.

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Hello? Can you hear me? Yeah. Hello, my name is. Hello.

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My name is Gra Pinedo and I am a first year student at uc, Berkeley,

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studying micro biology. And I am a volunteer with Calper. Um,

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this semester I am urging the Fish and Game Commission Committee to protect our

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oceans during this decat, um, review process.

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So plastic pollution is the biggest issue, um, of our time,

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and it is only getting worse,

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about 8 million tons of plastic waste escape into the oceans from coast

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donations every year. This, that's,

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that's similar to setting five bags full of trash on every foot of every

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shoreline in the world. Um,

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this contaminates our food chain because, um,

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wildlife in the ocean and in and in land, um,

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are consuming extremely harmful toxic chemicals. For example, as a child,

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my family never let me go to the ocean because, or to the beach in general,

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because they always thought it was dirty and the excessive amount of waste in

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the sand, um, which kind, which made be my siblings sand.

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But this is why we need to ensure,

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ensure a safe and clean environment so wildlife and, um,

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individuals can survive in the future.

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So how can we help our animals in the ocean? Well,

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with the new executive order that Gavin Newsom sign, um,

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we can conserve 30% of California's land and coastal waters by 2030.

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This is significant because it protects our biodiversity and natural resources

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that have been choking on our planet with polluting air and water To

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conclude,

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saying not to plastic waste and plastic bags and straws will allow wildlife to

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survive. I'm grateful to live in California because,

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because we are fighting against climate change is striving to protect our

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oceans. Thank you for listening.

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<v 22>So, my name is Bish Prova.</v>

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I'm a first year undergraduate student studying economics and computer science

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at uc, Berkeley. I volunteer, uh,

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with the student arm of the California Public Interest Research Group,

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and I urge the Fish and Game Commission committee to help us in our fight for 30

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by 30. When I was a kid, I, I hated going the beach.

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I hated it. My parents, my parents loved it. Uh,

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or my mom loved it specifically. I, I hated gonna the beach.

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I hated how sand like felt in my toes, and I,

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I absolutely despise getting splashed, right? It was just, I didn't,

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I didn't like it. And, um,

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I thought it was gonna be like this for the rest of my life, right?

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And then this summer, this summer, I went to Mauritius, this small,

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um, island off of the coast of Africa, and I went there.

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And the oceans, they were just pristine. They were absolutely well maintained.

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I got myself to do things I never thought I would like underwater walk and kayak

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and para sale. And I'm like, this is magical.

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I'm like a bonafide ocean super fan now, right? Um,

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but I think what I learned from that is that

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I didn't dislike the oceans for any inherent character of the oceans.

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I disliked them because of how I felt that they could be better maintained.

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I mean, like when I, when I stepped in the sand, I,

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it wasn't that the sand was bad, it's just there was shards of glass everywhere.

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And when I was splashed,

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it's not as though I thought that the actual water was bad,

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but that the little bits of waste that were,

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was in the water was just incredibly dirty.

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So I think that as a member of the California Public Interest Research Group,

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uh, I see everyone here that has, uh, drafted these, um,

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recommendations for how to achieve 30 by 30. So I'm confident that, you know,

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everyone knows what to do, it's just a matter of doing it. And I urge, uh,

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this committee to abide by that, which they are already doing. Thank you.

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<v 23>Hi, everyone. Uh, I'm Nelson. Um,</v>

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I'm a done student. I major in social welfare at uc, Berkeley,

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and I'm actually a grant intern for Cal Park California's public interest

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research group. And basically, uh, what we're discussing is just basically that,

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um, to, to like protecting our oceans and make a environment safe.

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And I remember, like, uh, back then,

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I remember I heard some new support where one new support, there was like a,

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a poor sea turtle whose the plastic straw got stuck up inside its nose.

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And it was so sad to see it that it was extracted so hard that

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it was painfully such good removed, but it's just very painful,

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sad due to people drawing plastic straws all over the ocean. And,

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and then a new support is just that, um, when the tur when, uh,

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there were like the oceans when people were polluting the ocean by, you know,

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by drawing was into the toilet, or like, like, you know,

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drawing some ba plastic bags all across the ocean with cause had become dirty

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and polluted. And that is why I believe that Cal Park and I,

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uh, should like,

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have you guys to persuade California Governor Gavin Newsom in order to provide,

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to extend the protection of laws, of protecting the oceans,

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and basically having all the California, uh, legislative branch and all,

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all kind of governments in order to team up together in order to help out and

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enact new laws that protect ocean rights and their, and basically,

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I just believe that, um,

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they're protecting the ocean is a big priority.

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And that is why I believe that, uh,

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we should get something done in order to protect,

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in order to protect our oceans. Thank you.

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<v 1>Thank you very much. And thank all of you As a,</v>

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a Cal graduate who graduated before me well before most of you were born, uh,

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I wanna say that, uh, you've really done Cal proud and, uh,

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and you give real hope for the future. I mean,

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it's young people like you who're gonna really save this planet,

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and the fact that you're making such an effort already is really terrific.

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So thank you for being here. I, I.

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<v 2>President Clare, if I may, I'm set. Of course, please. Yeah. Uh,</v>

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so I also just wanna thank Ben and Calper and all of you from,

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from Cal for being here. Um, I, I teach when I'm not here, I,

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I teach at Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

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I work with grad students and students. Uh,

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my students come and give public comment too,

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and many of them have never even heard of giving public comments.

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So the fact that some of you are first year undergrads and you're here and

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looking at your big face on the screen, I know it's really hard to do.

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And, you know, you, you shared personal stories that really connected us to you,

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and were engaging and were enjoyable to listen to and

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compelling.

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But you also were incredibly professional in what you said in your asks,

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and you obviously had done your homework, and it's not easy to do.

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And we see people, um,

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who haven't quite gotten it right with years of practice.

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And so I'm just so grateful that you came up and did that. It's really brave.

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And also, you, you blew it out of the water. It was really amazing.

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So thanks for being here. I really appreciate it.

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<v 13>President Slar, may I pile on <laugh>.</v>

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<v 1>Vice President?</v>

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01:40:01.190 --> 01:40:02.170

<v 13>Yes. Thank you.</v>

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And I'm so sorry that I'm not there in person to be able to thank you in person.

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I just wanna say to those of you all who just spoke,

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you're the future leaders of this work,

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so I hope to see you persist as advocates, as scientists,

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maybe in these seats as decision makers really soon.

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Um, we need you. So I'm just so glad you're here. And, uh, I,

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I wanna extend my thanks for everything that you said.

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<v 1>Great. Uh, thank you. Uh, we have a couple speakers online. Uh, Sherry,</v>

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go ahead, please.

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<v 0>Uh, those speakers have left the queue.</v>

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<v 1>Okay. All right, thank you. So with that, we will move on to item number 24,</v>

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commercial and recreational take of California spiny lobster and recreational

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hoop net requirements for take of crustaceans. Um, Rachel, will you, uh,

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explain how we, uh, invite people to join?

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<v 2>Thank you. So this is the call for public comment on item 24,</v>

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California spiny lobster and recreational hoop net. Um, if you are in the room,

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you should have already turned in your speaker card at the table at the front.

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If you are on Zoom, uh, and you would like to provide public comment,

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please raise your hand or press star nine on your phone.

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Please raise your hand no later than 10 30 to comment on item 24.

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Thank you.

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<v 1>Great. Thank you Rachel. And Susan, would you like to please introduce

this?</v>

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<v 8>Yes. Thank you, president Clark.</v>

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Today's item is to discuss the proposed amendment to regulations for first

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commercial and recreational take of California spiny lobster and

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recreational hoop net requirements for take of crus station.

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By way of background,

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the purpose of this rule making is to fine tune existing

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regulations,

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control controlling recreational and commercial spiny lobsters.

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Lobster fisheries adopted in 2016 to implement the lobster F

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M P and to amend rules on recreational use of hoop net statewide

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for take of crustaceans.

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The notice hearing was held in December, 2022.

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Today is the discussion hearing for this rulemaking and adopt The adoption

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hearing is scheduled for the April meeting in your meeting

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materials. Exhibit four provides a summary of the proposed regulations.

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I will note that this rulemaking also incorporates the emergency regulation

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changes that the commission adopted at the October, 2022 meeting.

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And those were extended today under the consent

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item. Agenda item 2020, uh, 22 for today's item.

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It's, this is an opportunity for any public input, uh,

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for the changes in the re regular rulemaking,

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the department's available if questions arise.

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<v 1>Great. Uh, thank you Susan. Um, uh, let's go, right. Uh,</v>

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any questions or comments by commissioners? Let's go right to public comment.

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Uh, uh, Sherry, please.

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<v 0>Yes, we have one speaker, George Osborne, please come up to the podium.</v>

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<v 1>Good morning, George.</v>

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<v 24>Try to be as good as they were</v>

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And as professional as they were. Uh, first of all,

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let me just say that I'm so pleased to see all of you.

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As Jesse Unru famously said, it's good to be seen.

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Uh, good morning. George Osborne for the Coast Side Fishing Club, uh,

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on behalf of the recreational fishing community. Uh,

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regarding the crab opening for Traps Coast side recognizes that the

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opening is discretionary based on the judgment of the department,

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but co side believes that the recreational crabber got the short end of the

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stick in the process. We're not here to complain,

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but to make the commission aware,

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as the commission delegated that opening authority from the commission to the

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department, COSI Go site is having discussions, ongoing discussions,

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I would say, uh, with the department on this issue,

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and will report to the commission, uh, again,

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as necessary as these discussions, uh, progress. Thank you.

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<v 1>Thank you, George. Um, again, any questions or comments?</v>

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This is just a discussion item for today. Let's see, uh,

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vice presidents let his hand up. Okay. So, uh, without any further questions,

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we'll see this next time again. And so now we're onto 25,

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which is Commercial Kelp Harvest Permit. Um, and again, Rachel,

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will you please instruct people how to get on?

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<v 2>Yes. Thank you.</v>

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This is the call for public comment on item 25 commercial Kelp Harvest

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permit. If you would like to provide public comment on this item,

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please raise your hand in Zoom or press star nine on your phone.

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The queue will be open for three minutes,

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so please raise your hand no later than

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10:34 AM Thank you.

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<v 1>Thank you, Rachel. Um, and Susan, I'll let you introduce this and I think we'll,</v>

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uh, invite the, uh,

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applicant to speak first before anybody else if you'd like to.

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<v 8>Thank you, president Slar and Commissioners.</v>

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This item is to approve renewal of,

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of Lance or Jeff Moss's Cal Harvest permit to commercially harvest

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Sargassum Horney at two sites,

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and consider his request to add a new harvesting site at Catalina

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Island in Los Angeles County. Um,

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the commission first approved this permit in

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20 24, 20 22,

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under a provision in the commercial car Cal harvesting regulations in

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Section 1 65 of Title 14.

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And that provision provides a pathway for a harvester to

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request commission authorization to harvest any species of kelp that's not

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already specified in regulation under defined

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permit conditions, including species harvest amounts and locations,

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and a royalty rate. Um,

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the application from Mr.

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Mosson was received by the commission and considered in October of 2021.

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This is actually the first, um,

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application that the commission has received under this long standing provision

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of the regulations. So, um, and the other aspect that was unique,

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it was re authorization to commercially harvest an invasive species of macro

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algae, um, sargassum horney.

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So after discussion,

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the commission approved a one-year license for 2022 for two

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locations, one at Ana Kappa Island and one at Santa Rosa,

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Santa Rosa Island in Southern California.

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But under very stringent commercial harvest conditions and provisions that

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were recommended by the department to minimize the risk of

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perpetuating or expanding sargassum horn or eye populations,

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those conditions are listed in Exhibit two of your materials.

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The applicant committed to work closely with the department regarding the

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effectiveness and practicality of hard of harvesting under the specified harvest

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conditions or explorer. Recommend, uh, refinements. Um,

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in October, 2022, the commission received a request from Mr.

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Mosson to renew his permit authorization for another year. Mr.

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Mosson explained in his, his, uh,

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request that's in your meeting materials that he was not able to harvest

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in 2022, but wished to continue the opportunity that for the next year,

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he also ha requested to add a location at Toyon Bay in Catalina

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Island.

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The department provided a review and recommendation by a memo

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in Exhibit four.

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The department recommends the commission approved renewal of the,

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the harvest authorization for 2023 under the same permit conditions

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for, uh, as previous and the same locations.

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But the department does recommend not to authorize the additional harvest

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location for reasons explained in the memo. Uh, if you have questions,

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Dr. Kristen Elsmore,

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senior environmental scientist with the department's marine region is available.

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Um, And the request is to authorize,

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uh, and consider both requests.

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<v 1>Any questions before we go to the applicant? Terrific. Okay. So let's, uh,</v>

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go to Jeff, uh, uh, on Masson Online, I believe.

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<v 25>Hello, can you hear me? Yes.</v>

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<v 1>We can. Jeff, go.</v>

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<v 25>Ahead. Great. Uh, uh, good morning everybody. My name is Jeff Mosson, um,</v>

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sea urchin commercial, sea urchin fisherman. Um,

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I've been diving sea urchins for the last 35 years, mostly on rather than off.

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I also work with the d o d, uh, and I have another, uh,

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position that I have that, uh, I provide myself with income. Um, but, uh,

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what I've noticed over the past, uh, uh, 15 years is the, uh,

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the prevalence of this invasive algae called sargassum horn rye. Uh,

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it came in the ballast water of ships, uh, to the San Pedro area,

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and has been expanding, uh, and encroaching upon, uh,

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the California coast. I've heard reports of it being as far north as Monterey,

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and it's been down, uh, and it exists down to Ensenada in Mexico. So, uh,

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being a proactive, uh, commercial fisherman, I thought, well, uh,

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and watching the damage of the sargassum horn rye, which, uh,

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is very high in arsenic, uh, everything, nothing likes to be,

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to live within it. Um, the sea urchins walk away from it. The abalone hate it,

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and you rarely see any fish in it. I thought, why don't we, uh, uh,

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seize this opportunity, uh, brought about by, um, you know, these, uh,

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conditions, warmer water conditions, uh, that climate change has, uh,

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uh, brought upon us to hopefully eradicate it and maybe, uh,

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have some areas that, um, uh, can survive without it. So,

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um, the point is, is, um, I, I haven't, di wasn't,

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didn't have an opportunity to do it last year. I was hoping,

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since it's a commercial permit,

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I was hoping to find a market for it and develop a market in order to, uh,

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be able to scale it and experiment, uh,

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in working with the department and to see if it's, uh,

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a viable opportunity to restore ecosystem health as well as to remove this.

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Um, but, uh, uh, so, so the year went by, a lot of stuff happened,

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but in, in, in asking for this permit for this next year, um,

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I am working with San Diego State and usc, uh,

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for a potential project site no longer in Toyon Bay,

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but we'll be looking at other areas at Catalina Island to measure the efficacy

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of scaled removal and, uh,

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out planting help to restore ecosystem health. Um, and, and for that,

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I would like, um, you to override the, uh,

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staff's recommendation not to, uh, to grant my permit,

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uh, for Catalina Island because in the interest of science in the in and,

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and also developing the technology of doing this,

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I think it would be really constructive to do. But that being said,

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I'm really thankful for, uh, staff support and the interaction with them.

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It's been a, a great relationship,

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and I'm happy to continue to work very closely with staff and the department in

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order to fulfill any obligations or requirements, uh, in this, uh,

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experimental project. Um, so, uh, with, with that, I think I'm out of time,

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but I'm open to any questions, and again,

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I appreciate the opportunity to work with you.

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<v 1>Great. Thanks, Jeff. Let's call the other speaker, please.</v>

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<v 0>Keith Root sart, go ahead, please.</v>

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<v 6>Hello, uh, my name is Keith Root sart. I'm with the Giant,</v>

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giant Help Restoration Project in Monterey. And, um, you know,

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listening to Jeff,

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I think he's found that what we thought is that there's really not a market for

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a toxic invasive species. The, uh,

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rhetoric and landings have declined from typically around 20 million pounds a

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year to, to 1.5 million pounds last year.

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And that is the collapse of a fishery. Um,

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but commercial divers are our most valuable asset for kelp

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restoration. They just need to be re-tasked from red urs

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to purple urchins and invasive species and be a part of

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restoration.

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And we are really thankful for Jeff's willingness to explore these new

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commercial opportunities and to develop methods of removing sargassum

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that competes with our native kelp species.

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I think it's really important to continue to develop these creative solutions

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for removing and making some use of, uh, these plant materials. Thank you.

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<v 1>Thank you, Keith. Um, any questions or comments? Yeah,</v>

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check on please, Mr. Murray.

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<v 2>Yeah, so I, I was in preparing for this meeting, I was looking back at,</v>

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at our, at my notes from when we, um, first,

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uh, made a decision on this in October, 2021. And, you know, I, I do think that,

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that Jeff's harvest methods seem, really sound,

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it's hand harvest one person only,

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low level of take a known collaborative individual.

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And the terms say that, that he won't harvest non reproductive individuals.

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Um, we did say at that time though, and I remember we had a,

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a pretty robust discussion and we, you know, we were,

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I don't think this was unanimous about even when we approved the permit then,

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um, we said it would be a, an experimental pilot project.

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It did not provide assurances for ongoing future permits or commercial harvest.

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Um, and, you know, we just don't have proof of concept yet to see if it works.

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I think, you know,

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where he already has a permit to do this on Anacapa and Santa Rosa,

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the science shows that we're already beyond the point of eradication of

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invasive sargassum. I think that's really, really important, right?

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That presents an opportunity to learn about techniques for future eradication

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01:54:32.000 --> 01:54:35.720
efforts to prevent future further spread of the species.

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01:54:35.910 --> 01:54:39.890
It's a little bit different at Catalina, my understanding is we're not,

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01:54:40.250 --> 01:54:42.330
we're not beyond the point of eradication,

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01:54:42.330 --> 01:54:47.010
and there is a more comprehensive plan in place. So for those reasons, I,

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01:54:47.040 --> 01:54:49.850
I would tend to go with the, the, uh,

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01:54:49.850 --> 01:54:54.650
department and commission staff recommendations to, um, to, you know,

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01:54:54.650 --> 01:54:56.570
extend again this permit,

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01:54:57.030 --> 01:55:01.010
but to keep it in Anacapa and Santa Rosa and not extend to Catalina

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01:55:02.010 --> 01:55:04.730
until we can get proof of concept to see, to see if what,

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01:55:04.730 --> 01:55:08.290
what he's proposing works, um, to ensure that it's,

1843
01:55:08.570 --> 01:55:11.970
it's not going to contribute to, to the spread that his harvest methods work.

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01:55:12.220 --> 01:55:16.010
Um, and again, the situation, the context is just really different at Catalina.

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01:55:16.260 --> 01:55:17.093
So.

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01:55:17.410 --> 01:55:19.890

<v 1>Great. Thank you. Uh, uh, vice President Alta.</v>

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01:55:24.450 --> 01:55:25.540

<v 13>Yeah, thank you.</v>

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01:55:25.690 --> 01:55:30.180

I also was looking back at our notes from the October 21 meeting, and, and, um,

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01:55:30.550 --> 01:55:32.260

as some of you remember when I re,

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01:55:32.260 --> 01:55:34.660

when I received the original application for those permit,

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01:55:35.250 --> 01:55:39.540

I expressed my concerns because as a commission for,

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01:55:39.540 --> 01:55:42.980

for many years as commission's adhered to the idea that we should not support

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01:55:43.560 --> 01:55:46.440

creating commercial opportunities, creating markets, um,

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01:55:46.580 --> 01:55:49.040

for harvest of a harmful invasive species.

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01:55:50.100 --> 01:55:54.840

I'm really supportive of effective restoration, um, approaches,

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01:55:54.840 --> 01:55:58.080

but I still have serious reservations with this approach,

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01:55:58.080 --> 01:56:01.600

even at this small scale, even with, um, uh,

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01:56:01.850 --> 01:56:04.400
an applicant who I feel like has, uh,

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01:56:04.430 --> 01:56:07.760
done all of the due diligence on the right things to,

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01:56:08.050 --> 01:56:12.360
to be thorough and making sure that this is gonna prevent spread and so on.

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01:56:12.630 --> 01:56:16.040
I think the scale of harvest isn't gonna mitigate the effects of Sargassum

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01:56:16.040 --> 01:56:16.640
Horney invasion.

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01:56:16.640 --> 01:56:20.920
The effect of the permit is mainly to create the sort of economic tie to a

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01:56:20.920 --> 01:56:24.360
harmful invasive species. And so, for that reason, um,

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01:56:25.110 --> 01:56:28.320
I agree with the recommendation not to include the no new location at this

1866
01:56:28.320 --> 01:56:29.720
point. I still, um,

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01:56:30.300 --> 01:56:33.240
I'm still gonna support the principle that we shouldn't be creating commercial

1868
01:56:33.240 --> 01:56:35.680
opportunities associated with harmful invasive species.

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01:56:36.880 --> 01:56:41.120
<v 1>Great. Thank you. Anyone else? Uh, I would just, uh, say that, you know,
um,</v>

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01:56:41.170 --> 01:56:43.800

in addition to the both Vice President Eve as,

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01:56:43.800 --> 01:56:46.800

and Commissioner Murray's expertise in this issue, um, vice president, I mean,

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01:56:46.800 --> 01:56:49.680

uh, commissioner Murray has, you know, extensive knowledge of this area.

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01:56:49.730 --> 01:56:52.440

So I think, uh, you know, her, I'm, I'm going on that argument,

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01:56:52.440 --> 01:56:57.160

her argument's alone and why we should not extend it, um, to, to the, to, uh,

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01:56:57.160 --> 01:57:00.280

Catalina Island. But, um, otherwise, uh, I'm supportive of,

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01:57:00.280 --> 01:57:01.840

of this coming forward. Um,

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01:57:02.340 --> 01:57:04.920

and we have a motion if anybody would like to make it or make another one.

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01:57:16.470 --> 01:57:17.880

Okay. Please, please. Thank you.

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01:57:18.200 --> 01:57:23.200

<v 2><Laugh>. Okay. I move that the commission approves Jeff Masson's a,
uh,</v>

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01:57:23.200 --> 01:57:27.720

request to renew the annual license to permit commercial her harvest of

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01:57:27.720 --> 01:57:31.480

Sargassum Horner at Ana Kappa Island, Ventura County, and Santa Rosa Island.

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01:57:31.480 --> 01:57:33.640

Santa Rosa Island Santa Barbara County,

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01:57:33.710 --> 01:57:38.640

consistent with subsections A and B of Section 1 65 in specified

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01:57:38.920 --> 01:57:42.560

locations and amounts and approves the same permit conditions,

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01:57:42.560 --> 01:57:45.360

and royalty amount consistent with the previous year's permit.

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01:57:46.950 --> 01:57:51.320

<v 1>I'll second that motion made by, uh, commissioner Murray, seconded by me.</v>

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01:57:51.320 --> 01:57:52.153

Roll call please.

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01:57:52.820 --> 01:57:54.040

<v 0>Commissioner Murray.</v>

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01:57:55.140 --> 01:57:55.973

<v 2>Aye.</v>

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01:57:56.360 --> 01:57:57.520

<v 0>President Lar.</v>

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01:57:57.740 --> 01:57:58.573

<v 1>Aye.</v>

1892

01:57:59.140 --> 01:58:00.640

<v 0>Commissioner Williams?</v>

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01:58:00.780 --> 01:58:01.613

<v 1>Aye.</v>

1894

01:58:02.380 --> 01:58:05.040

<v 0>Commissioner Hossler Caron Aye.</v>

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01:58:05.860 --> 01:58:07.430
Vice President tta?

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01:58:08.990 --> 01:58:09.823
<v 13>No.</v>

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01:58:12.830 --> 01:58:15.530
<v 1>All right. Uh, we, the motion passes, uh, four to one,</v>

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01:58:15.630 --> 01:58:17.810
and we move on to item number 26,

1899
01:58:17.810 --> 01:58:22.710
which is Experimental Fishing Permit Application. Uh, Rachel, please.

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01:58:24.020 --> 01:58:26.910
<v 2>This is the call for public comment on item 26,</v>

1901
01:58:26.910 --> 01:58:29.710
experimental phishing permit application. Um,

1902
01:58:29.710 --> 01:58:31.710
if you would like to provide comment and are in the room,

1903
01:58:31.710 --> 01:58:35.030
you should have already turned in your speaker card at the staff table up front.

1904
01:58:35.440 --> 01:58:38.750
Uh, if you would like to provide public comment on Zoom, uh,

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01:58:38.750 --> 01:58:41.240
please raise your hand or press star nine on your phone.

1906
01:58:41.260 --> 01:58:43.000
The queue will be open for three minutes.

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01:58:43.000 --> 01:58:47.680
Please raise your hand no later than 10 48 to comment on item 26. Thank you.

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01:58:48.080 --> 01:58:48.640

<v 8>Great.</v>

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01:58:48.640 --> 01:58:49.680

<v 1>Thank you, Rachel. Susan.</v>

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01:58:50.990 --> 01:58:51.823

<v 8>This is,</v>

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01:58:52.030 --> 01:58:56.760

this item is to receive and potentially act on an exempted,

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01:58:56.990 --> 01:58:57.720

excuse me,

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01:58:57.720 --> 01:59:02.200

experimental fishing permit or E F P application to test and commercially use

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01:59:02.200 --> 01:59:07.200

pop-up gear developed by subsonics in conjunction with a

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01:59:07.200 --> 01:59:09.040

long Soaker fishing system,

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01:59:09.680 --> 01:59:14.280

guardian line management system in the California Dungeness Crab Fishery.

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01:59:14.900 --> 01:59:19.510

This application requests approval for commercial marine fishing

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01:59:19.510 --> 01:59:24.430

activities that would otherwise be prohibited consistent with E E F P

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01:59:24.430 --> 01:59:29.070

program regulations adopted by the commission under those,

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01:59:29.310 --> 01:59:30.310
under the law.

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01:59:30.310 --> 01:59:34.150

And those regulations permit permits must be for one or more of the following

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01:59:34.150 --> 01:59:38.910

purposes, re research education, limited testing, data collection,

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01:59:38.910 --> 01:59:42.990

compensation, fishing, conservation, engineering,

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01:59:42.990 --> 01:59:44.310

or exploratory fishing.

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01:59:45.610 --> 01:59:50.590

The department and commission have followed the expeditious process

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01:59:51.230 --> 01:59:53.630

designed for considering an issuing efp,

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01:59:53.630 --> 01:59:57.390

including direct application to the department, public notice,

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01:59:57.390 --> 01:59:59.430

department review and recommendation,

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02:00:00.170 --> 02:00:04.590

and today's com receipt and potential approval of the E F P.

1930

02:00:06.460 --> 02:00:11.360

The department's recommendation is provided in your meeting

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02:00:11.680 --> 02:00:16.560

materials. Um, and in addition, Ms. The applicant, Mr.

1932

02:00:16.560 --> 02:00:21.160

Chadwick has provided a short background and, um,

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02:00:22.120 --> 02:00:26.110

in yours, in your public comments, comments under exhibit six,

1934

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where he, um,

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addresses some of the key criticisms his company has received about the

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02:00:32.750 --> 02:00:37.270

potential for using its technologies in the Dungeness crab fishery.

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02:00:38.490 --> 02:00:39.870

The, uh,

1938

02:00:40.910 --> 02:00:45.440

I wanna note that this E F P is intended to address

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02:00:45.840 --> 02:00:48.000

questions regarding, um,

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02:00:48.400 --> 02:00:53.000

regarding this innovative fishing gear and techniques to reduce incidental

1941

02:00:53.000 --> 02:00:57.440

capture of and interactions with protected species.

1942

02:00:58.650 --> 02:00:59.870

And, um,

1943

02:01:00.850 --> 02:01:05.670

and is exploring this particular type regarding performance and

1944

02:01:05.670 --> 02:01:09.470

enforceability previously identified by the department as part of its process

1945

02:01:10.170 --> 02:01:14.510
for authorizing alternative gear under the RAMP program

1946
02:01:14.840 --> 02:01:17.910
by testing the proposed system. Um,

1947
02:01:17.970 --> 02:01:22.470
the details of the proposed E F P and the department's recommendations, uh,

1948
02:01:22.550 --> 02:01:27.350
regarding the E F P and special conditions, uh,

1949
02:01:27.350 --> 02:01:29.350
is led by Ryan Bartling,

1950
02:01:29.350 --> 02:01:33.790
senior environmental scientist and supervisor in the Marine region.

1951
02:01:34.260 --> 02:01:38.150
Ryan has a presentation that he'll provide now, uh,

1952
02:01:38.150 --> 02:01:40.760
including recommendations which your staff supports.

1953
02:01:41.370 --> 02:01:43.050
<v 1>Great. Welcome Ryan. Welcome Ryan.</v>

1954
02:01:44.400 --> 02:01:48.180
<v 26>All right. Thank you, Susan. Good morning, president Slar and Commissioners.
Uh,</v>

1955
02:01:48.180 --> 02:01:49.980
my name as Susan mentioned, is Ryan Bartley.

1956
02:01:49.980 --> 02:01:53.260
I'm a state of environmental scientist supervisor for our Whale Safe Fisheries

1957
02:01:53.260 --> 02:01:54.860

Project. Um,

1958

02:01:54.860 --> 02:01:59.220

I've also served as the subject matter expert for a review of this

1959

02:01:59.220 --> 02:02:04.140

application among numerous other programs and functions staff within

1960

02:02:04.140 --> 02:02:07.810

the department. Um, and so the, as Susan mentioned,

1961

02:02:07.810 --> 02:02:12.650

this is a E F P application for Subsonics Aless System, uh,

1962

02:02:12.650 --> 02:02:16.490

as submitted by, uh, owner, uh, Bart Chadwick. Next slide please.

1963

02:02:18.430 --> 02:02:19.580

So, just, uh,

1964

02:02:19.580 --> 02:02:23.860

a quick overview of our timeline for the review of this application.

1965

02:02:24.910 --> 02:02:29.660

We had began initial discussions back in May as part of a

1966

02:02:29.660 --> 02:02:34.100

pre-application consultation with Bart and Bart Chadwick and his

1967

02:02:34.100 --> 02:02:37.700

collaborators. Uh, there was an ongoing, uh,

1968

02:02:37.700 --> 02:02:42.140

kind of informative process that we, we worked through the summer of last year.

1969

02:02:42.530 --> 02:02:47.220

Ultimately, the department received the E F P application and fee payment in,

1970

02:02:47.270 --> 02:02:47.620

uh,

1971

02:02:47.620 --> 02:02:52.380

early October that initiated a 30 day review

1972

02:02:52.380 --> 02:02:56.380

day review period for a completeness check in just an initial review.

1973

02:02:57.230 --> 02:03:00.620

Um, that was completed in early November.

1974

02:03:01.370 --> 02:03:06.020

Then that initiate, that began the 60 day technical review. Um,

1975

02:03:06.020 --> 02:03:09.740

and as part of that, there was a public notice, uh,

1976

02:03:09.750 --> 02:03:14.500

process that was started on November 14th. Um,

1977

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the technical review was completed at the end of December,

1978

02:03:17.960 --> 02:03:22.660

and then the public notice, including all the application materials, uh,

1979

02:03:22.660 --> 02:03:26.340

were made available on the commission's website in on January, uh,

1980

02:03:26.340 --> 02:03:30.340

sixth of this year. Uh, and today we're here, uh,

1981

02:03:30.340 --> 02:03:32.820

for the commission to consider approval or,

1982

02:03:32.820 --> 02:03:36.760

or rejection of the application itself. Uh, next slide please.

1983

02:03:38.310 --> 02:03:42.940

So, just a, a high level summary of what the application is requesting.

1984

02:03:43.470 --> 02:03:47.780

Uh, as Susan mentioned, this is a rope robust technology, uh,

1985

02:03:47.780 --> 02:03:51.860

and it's focused on testing in the commercial D crab fishery.

1986

02:03:52.470 --> 02:03:57.100

Um, it w the applicant requests fishing of the gear,

1987

02:03:57.270 --> 02:03:59.380

uh, in periods of elevated risk,

1988

02:03:59.380 --> 02:04:02.500

where there the risk assessment mitigation program, uh,

1989

02:04:02.740 --> 02:04:06.200

might be in play and the director may have closed an area. Um,

1990

02:04:06.200 --> 02:04:10.760

it would also allow testing of the pop-up system itself outside the statutory

1991

02:04:10.760 --> 02:04:14.000

season. So those off off season months, uh,

1992

02:04:14.060 --> 02:04:18.360

the applicant requests additional testing time. Applicant, uh,

1993

02:04:18.360 --> 02:04:23.040

requested up to 20 traps per line. So what that means, uh,

1994

02:04:23.040 --> 02:04:25.600

in a traditional, uh, in the traditional fishery,

1995

02:04:25.950 --> 02:04:29.320

a trap has a single vertical line in buoy that goes through the surface.

1996

02:04:29.980 --> 02:04:34.680

The applicant has requested fishing's what's called sometimes called strings,

1997

02:04:34.960 --> 02:04:39.560

where 20 traps may be linked by palming ground line, and then a,

1998

02:04:39.650 --> 02:04:43.440

uh, vertical line, uh, goes to the surface for retrieval.

1999

02:04:44.360 --> 02:04:48.820

The applicant also requested up to 10 authorized agents, uh, or,

2000

02:04:48.820 --> 02:04:52.940

or folks that can actually participate and run their vessels to test the gear.

2001

02:04:53.750 --> 02:04:58.610

The application also requested a permit fee reduction. Uh,

2002

02:04:58.610 --> 02:05:01.980

next slide please. So,

2003

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I'm certainly not the technical expert on this, and I, I believe, uh, Mr.

2004

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Chadwick may be available, uh,

2005

02:05:06.660 --> 02:05:11.340

if there are additional questions on the technical aspects. But this, uh,

2006

02:05:11.460 --> 02:05:15.940

slide shows the, the two types of systems. Um,

2007

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one is an acoustic release where it's an on-demand.

2008

02:05:19.460 --> 02:05:24.420

The system is tied into a tr existing trap. When the vessel comes, uh,

2009

02:05:24.420 --> 02:05:28.220

comes to the area, it can remotely release the,

2010

02:05:28.240 --> 02:05:31.940

the line vertical line and the buoy, and it pops to the surface.

2011

02:05:32.720 --> 02:05:35.420

The other is a time release device. Uh,

2012

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think of a more sophisticated egg timer.

2013

02:05:39.080 --> 02:05:43.740

You would rotate that cam, and then you have a preset time.

2014

02:05:44.270 --> 02:05:48.100

Um, the fisherman notes that in an on online application,

2015

02:05:48.480 --> 02:05:51.900

and then knows to come and return to that trap at that preset time.

2016

02:05:52.910 --> 02:05:56.210

The line handling equipment, it, it's shown on the next slide,

2017

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but we'll get there in a moment. Uh, there's two different systems.

2018

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There's a bungee release and then there's a drawstring system. Um,

2019

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in both instances, the line is coiled placed on top of the trap and held in,

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placed by those systems until the,

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the time release or the acoustic release are triggered.

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Next slide please.

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So this slide illustrates the process we're setting, deploying gear.

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I think the main thing to note is it's a standard trap.

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It's outfitted with the equipment that I just described.

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It will have escape rings, and it has a cotton release cord,

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02:06:32.040 --> 02:06:35.440

often called rotten cotton. In the event of loss, uh, the,

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02:06:35.440 --> 02:06:38.560

the trap would automatically open, uh,

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02:06:38.560 --> 02:06:42.720

the system will be then programmed and deployed and then, uh,

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02:06:43.200 --> 02:06:44.640

retrieved at that preset time.

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02:06:44.690 --> 02:06:47.960

Or when the permitted vessel returns to the area to fish,

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02:06:47.960 --> 02:06:49.720

it would recall the system,

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02:06:49.980 --> 02:06:54.840

the line in the buoy will pop to the surface and then essentially fishing

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as normal. Uh, per the terms and conditions,

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02:06:57.520 --> 02:07:01.440

soak times shall not exceed 96 hours or four days.

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The next slide please.

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02:07:05.700 --> 02:07:10.690

So the next two slides are a summary of the proposed special conditions.

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Uh, in, just in recap here,

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so up to 10 authorized agents or fishers or vessels would be

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02:07:19.010 --> 02:07:20.810

participating. Um,

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02:07:20.810 --> 02:07:25.570

fishers would only be allowed to participate on one EF f p per fishing trip.

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02:07:26.410 --> 02:07:26.760

Uh,

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02:07:26.760 --> 02:07:31.680

the fishing area would occur or is specified to occur between the

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02:07:31.680 --> 02:07:36.520

California Oregon border and point conception and only out to a hundred fathoms.

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02:07:37.310 --> 02:07:37.660

Uh,

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02:07:37.660 --> 02:07:42.180

dungeon dress crab may be taken or possessed only during the statutory season,

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02:07:42.670 --> 02:07:47.340

uh, and that does vary by area, but generally fall winter through,

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02:07:47.510 --> 02:07:50.220

uh, late spring, early summer. Uh,

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02:07:50.220 --> 02:07:55.060

fishers must then also notify the department of any landings made during a risk

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02:07:55.060 --> 02:07:56.980

assessment mitigation program closure.

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02:07:57.640 --> 02:08:02.460

And fishers must also suspend operations or move gear, uh,

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when requested by the department.

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And the rationale for that special term and condition is that if,

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if we find ourselves in an, uh,

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02:08:10.540 --> 02:08:15.340

elevated risk due to either entanglements in the area from other gear types or

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02:08:15.340 --> 02:08:18.300

just really high abundance of whales, uh,

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the department recommends having some ability to,

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02:08:21.590 --> 02:08:25.340

to limit or suspend fishing operations to prevent an entanglement risk

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02:08:25.340 --> 02:08:28.060

situation. Uh, next slide please.

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02:08:29.750 --> 02:08:32.980

So the last summary of the proposed conditions, uh,

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maximum 50 traps could be deployed per trip, per vessel.

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Uh,

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02:08:38.340 --> 02:08:43.180

and the department's recommendation is to allow only up to five traps per

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fishing string. Uh,

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special condition the department recommends is enhanced buoy and buoy line

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marking requirements of specified by the department.

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We wanna make it very clear, uh,

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who this gear belongs to and that it is part of an experimental fishing permit

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Pro project. Um,

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all vessels would be required to have onboard electronic monitoring equipment

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and make those data must be available, be made available to the department.

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And then there are data sharing reporting requirements either before I,

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both during trips, um,

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and that regular intervals are reporting requirements. Then, of course,

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annual reporting requirements and at the conclusion of the project itself,

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and then including the terms and conditions are best practices for avoiding, uh,

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whale entanglement or leatherback sea turtle entanglement situations.

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And then all other fishing laws and regulations would apply unless specifically

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exempted as part of the, uh,

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E F P or permit issuance. Uh, next slide.

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And so, uh, Susan mentioned this already,

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but the department recommends the commission approve a tier two E F P with the

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special conditions that are outlined, um, on the,

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in the out special conditions form and a fee reduction, uh,

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for this proposed P project. Next slide.

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And with that presentation, uh, happy to try to answer any questions,

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uh, commissioners or have. Thank you.

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<v 14>Yes, go ahead Mr. Williams. Yeah, I just,</v>

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I just had a question.

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I wanna understand the difference between the timed release and the

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acoustic release. Um,

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in terms of once that release happens, how long,

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um, what is the required time for that, um,

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pot to be retrieved

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or those pots to be retrieved? Does that make sense?

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<v 26>Yeah, I,</v>

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so the current re regulations require, uh,

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service intervals of no more than four days. So, uh,

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96 hours in the case of the pot,

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that is a on demand system.

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It would not be recalled until the fishermen were in the area.

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It requires a transducer that, uh, sends a signal to release that device.

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In the instance of a,

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the time release device we described in the terms and conditions,

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and I'm trying to navigate there, we have very specific requirements that,

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you know, the vessel has to log in when that system was deployed,

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and our enforcement staff will be able to know when that gear is supposed to

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return to the surface and be able to enforce that 96 hour requirement.

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There's certainly a little bit of latitude and when this equipment pops up and

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them checking that full string of traps, but it, it should generally be,

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you know, close to immediate, if not immediate,

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02:11:57.490 --> 02:12:00.890

in that 96 hour window. I hope that answers.

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<v 14>Your question. Yeah, it does. What, what, what's the,</v>

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I guess if you could maybe summarize the evidence that suggests that

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that up to 96 hour time period is effective

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in reducing entanglements?

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<v 26>So the, originally, the,</v>

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the 96 hour rule is really fo it was less about the entanglement risk when it

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was put into statute.

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It's more about regular servicing and for preventing

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minimizing bycatch for the purposes of entanglement risk,

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we think regular servicing makes it more likely the gear is tracked. Uh,

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it, in the instance of the C F P,

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if an applicant sees whales foraging in the area,

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there's a request to, to either move the gear or,

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or to bring the gear in to reduce that entanglement risk. Um,

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so just regular servicing, uh, should,

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we should be at least evaluate whether there's whales in the area and whether

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there's risk.

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<v 14>Terrific. Any, uh, other questions before we go to the applicant? Yes,</v>

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commissioner Murray?

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<v 2>Yeah, I thank you for that presentation. It's really helpful. Um,</v>

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maybe I already answered this. How precise is the timing for,

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uh,

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when the Permittee wants it to release and coil

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back up versus when it happens? I mean,

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I guess that's one of the things we're testing,

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but we think it happens pretty immediately.

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<v 26>Yeah, that might be a, a good technical question for Mr. Chadwick,</v>

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but my understanding in my experience, whether we've seen some of the,

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we've been on the water doing with some of the initial testing,

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and it's generally immediate when you, if in this situation of the time device,

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I mean, it's to the minute,

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and depending on depth and ascent rate,

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it should pop within a minute, if or less, I think. And, and Mr.

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Chadwick can probably correct that if that's.

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<v 2>A mis Okay. Yeah. I have a couple other questions maybe for,</v>

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for him too about that. I did have one other question, Ryan. Um, you know,

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we got the, the letter from folks, um,

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in the crab fleet asking that,

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uh, that it, that, uh, the,

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the EF FP have terms that say they can't,

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the permittee cannot be experimenting with it and,

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and fishing until the season has actually opened, uh, in the fall.

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And so I just wondered if you had a response to that,

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to that letter that we received.

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<v 26>Uh, I'm happy to speak to that. I don't, Mr. Schumann's in the room. I, yeah.</v>

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Hello? I.

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<v 27>Don't wanna stop president, but I can, I, I can take that question.

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Good morning Pres President Commissioners Craig Schumann re region manager. Um,

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yes, we did receive that letter as well. Um,

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noted it was quite late in the process and you saw there's extensive kind of

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formalized public comment here. Um,

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we understand the concerns of those that signed onto the letter about disruption

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of the early season opener and the importance of that to the fleet. However,

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we also wanna ha make sure there's an incentive for folks to try out this new

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gear, and this is what we're testing. Um, it's very small volume. Um,

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if indeed they're able to catch enough crab that it does disrupt the markets,

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maybe that's a good thing.

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And we wanna start switching over to some of that gear during this early season

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so we can start to get those holiday markets back on a, on a larger scale.

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<v 2>Really helpful. I appreciate you sharing that rationale. Thanks a lot, Craig.</v>

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If I might also just add for, uh, members of the public,

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or for our N G O partners who have interest in experimental fishing

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permits in general, um, just wanna encourage them, uh, in order to ensure,

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um,

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timely communications and ability to engage and inform these

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discussions that the E F P applications are posted to our website

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when that 30 day notice goes out for public review. And so, uh,

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we just really encourage them to submit those sorts of comments and feedback,

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uh, earlier rather than later.

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<v 1>Great. Great. Thank you, Melissa. With that, uh, Sherry, let's go to speakers,</v>

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but let's let, uh, the applicant, if you'd like to speak first. Uh, go.

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<v 2>Mark Chadwick.</v>

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<v 26>I'm here. Can.</v>

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<v 28>You hear me?</v>

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<v 2>Yes.</v>

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<v 0>Go ahead, please.</v>

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<v 28>Hi, uh, good morning and just, uh, thank you everyone for, uh,</v>

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for taking the time and your consideration of,

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of our E F P application. I,

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I also just wanna take a second to thank Ryan and Craig and all the, uh,

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C D F W staff. They've been really, really helpful in, um,

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and very patient with me in getting through the process. It's, uh, it's, it's,

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uh, new, new for me and challenging, but, but also really, uh, a great, um,

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learning opportunity. Um, so I, you know, I provided you have the,

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you have the application and you have my comments. So I'm not gonna, uh,

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say a lot, but I just wanted to say that if you go to the ramp, uh,

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website and the alternative gear page,

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there's essentially no alternative gear available, uh,

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for the Dungeons Crab Fishery,

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which means that the only management tools that are currently available are just

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to reduce the amount of fishing that can happen.

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So either start the season later, close it earlier,

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reduce the number of traps people can use, uh, reduce the, um,

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the depths that they can fish to.

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So really all we're trying to do here is create an opportunity for people

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to be able to fish when they could, and otherwise,

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because of the high risk associated with these vertical lines. Um,

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and that, that's just the whole goal behind this is, is to create opportunity,

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um, you know, but to, but to do it, uh,

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safely in a way that that doesn't increase risk substantially. Um,

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so that's it. And I'm, I'm happy to answer any of the technical questions. Um,

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I, if you wanna do that now or I can do it later, whatever you'd like.

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<v 1>Great. Uh, thank you Le let's go to the other two speakers. I think that,</v>

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and that's all we have, and then we'll, uh, come back for questions. Standby.

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<v 0>Okay. Um, our next speaker will be Lisa Damrosch,</v>

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will be followed by Nicholas Sackett. Lisa, go ahead please.

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<v 29>Hi, thank you. Um, commissioners. My name is Lisa Damrosch. Um,</v>

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I'm a member of the Dungeons Crab Gear Working Group. And, um,

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did provide the letter that was referenced.

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Thank you for the question about that. Um, that was, uh, sent in from,

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I was asked to send in from fishermen.

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These fishermen are leaders in their ports, um, multiple ports, um,

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members and officers of port associations Triple C,

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the Dungeons k Crabb Task Force. Um,

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and I appreciate the comments and the question. And, um, Dr. Schumann's, um,

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response. I think it's important, um,

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and we have this listed in the letter as well.

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This is really about the variability in the,

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the Dungeons Crab commercial Fishery right now.

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And while these are all very different processes that, um,

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have to be gone through for the season to open each year, and the department,

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um, is <laugh> had, has undergone Herculean effort to manage this. Um,

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at the same time, each little fluctuation affects the system. The,

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the crab fisheries become a,

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a complex system where moving one lever has impacts across the board.

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We are supportive of testing and believe that it can be conducted either after

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the season is open or perhaps after the season is closed in the spring,

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which is how RAMP had originally, um,

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been written for alternative gear testing.

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This is a time where there is less activity,

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and it is more appropriate to be able to do this sort of testing when there is a

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higher entanglement risk and particular potentially a closure. Um,

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I also just wanted to quickly, um,

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point out that this is another opportunity for the department and the commission

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to help inject some certainty where there isn't any.

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And the department has really made immeasurable progress in that this year,

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and I wanted to publicly thank them for that and for cooperating with the fleet

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on issues like this that are nuanced and that have potential for unintended

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consequences, um, that even the best intentions can lead to.

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So I do hope you'll reconsider that additional term and condition just to

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protect the opening of the fishery and appreciate the time.

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<v 2>Nicholas second?</v>

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<v 30>Yes, hello, my name is Nicholas Stockett. Social Compassion in Legislation.</v>

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Uh, we just wanna say that we, uh, you know,

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support any and all efforts to get this roblless

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gear into the water and up and running. Um,

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and you know, for, for us,

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we believe that even one entanglement is too many. Uh,

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so we support the commission in getting this off the ground and testing this,

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uh, equipment. Thank you very much.

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<v 1>Thank you, commissioners.</v>

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<v 2>Uh, I mean, I think it's exciting, right? We've been,</v>

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we've been talking about popup gear,

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we've been talking about whale entanglement for years and years and,

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and trying to,

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to crack that knott through a variety of different strategies and tools.

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And one of those strategies is, uh,

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trying out new kinds of gear that don't have lines in the water, you know? And,

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um, I've had the opportunity to go watch some of the demonstrations with various

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kinds of gears, and that was a couple years ago now in Monterey Bay. And,

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um, it seems like some of the challenges that occurred with,

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with those types of gear may not be present here. And, um, you know,

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it can be released at a precise time so you don't inadvertently just end up with

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the same problem, which is lines hang out in the water until the,

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the permatee goes and grabs it. Um, I remember, uh,

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and this may still work too, I'm not,

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I'm not discounting any of these other kinds of gears, but I remember the,

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the ones with the little, um, scuba tanks and the big floats.

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And I remember watching, um, the, the,

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the fishermen trying to bring in the pot with the big nine foot high float,

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you know, flapping them in face, uh, even, even on a calm day, you know?

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And so it seemed like that,

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that that particular kind of gear had some work to do too.

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So this seems like an elegant solution to this challenge. And I,

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you know, we don't know if it's gonna scale.

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We don't know if it's gonna be cost effective.

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That's the whole point of trying it, right?

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That's the whole point of doing this pilot project.

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02:22:45.160 --> 02:22:48.520
This case study is to see if it works, to see what the data say,

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02:22:48.520 --> 02:22:50.560
to see if the crabs still wanna go in,

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02:22:50.670 --> 02:22:53.840
even with these new things attached to the traps.

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02:22:53.840 --> 02:22:57.920

Cuz we know that some fishermen are really, um, superstitious about that.

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You know, some like the zinc bars, some don't.

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So we'll see if the crabs still come in.

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We'll see if they release when we want them to. We'll, we'll, um, we'll, we'll,

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we'll see if, if we're able to, to scale this, uh, and,

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and make it something that's more widely available. That's the whole point. Um,

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but it's, it's a big day, you know,

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people aren't throwing up their hats like they were for D M R, but I think it's,

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02:23:21.030 --> 02:23:23.800

it's, it's getting close to being as exciting, you know,

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like it has been years in the making and we've got our first EF f p before us,

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02:23:27.980 --> 02:23:30.320

and let's, let's see if it works.

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02:23:30.940 --> 02:23:33.090

<v 1>Yeah, please. Commissioner Hasser, cumber.</v>

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02:23:42.490 --> 02:23:42.980
<v 2>Turn.</v>

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02:23:42.980 --> 02:23:47.500
<v 8>There we go. I'm thinking about the North Coast, Dr.</v>

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Schumann in our very, um,

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02:23:51.130 --> 02:23:56.120
robust ocean waters in the Trinidad area and

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02:23:56.120 --> 02:23:59.120
the 14 commercial crabber that come across the dock.

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02:23:59.900 --> 02:24:04.680
And it's such a herculean effort to do what they do.

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02:24:05.140 --> 02:24:09.960
And I'm all for testing. Absolutely. I really am. But it, for me,

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02:24:09.960 --> 02:24:13.640
in my mind, and knowing what happens out there firsthand,

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02:24:13.830 --> 02:24:18.520
it's really a stretch to think that this might work in those waters.

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02:24:18.630 --> 02:24:23.200
I, you know, I I think our waters are much different, um,

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02:24:23.270 --> 02:24:27.960
than, you know, central and Southern California Ocean current.

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02:24:28.170 --> 02:24:31.120
So just thinking about that, wondering what your thoughts are there.

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02:24:34.900 --> 02:24:39.140
<v 27>Thank you for the question. Um, uh, it's a test.</v>

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I think that that's really what this is,

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is to see does this gear work in different conditions,

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different vessel sizes, um, different marketing strategies. Um, you know,

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it may not be scalable to large volume operations.

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And so, as we go through the, the testing of the gear,

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if we move into potential authorization,

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and we're gonna have to think about how that may shift the dynamics of the

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fleet, what the season structure is. But as, uh,

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I'm one of the speakers as Lisa Dan Brock said, you know, this,

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this season has changed dramatically in the last 10 years where, um,

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when I first started 10 years or so ago, you know,

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it was quality only essentially. And that was like a big deal. Oh my gosh,

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02:25:21.080 --> 02:25:23.560
is are we gonna go cause of quality and all sorts of shenanigans.

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02:25:23.740 --> 02:25:27.120
And then we got demo, and then we got Wales. Um,

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02:25:27.120 --> 02:25:31.680
and the fleet's gotta navigate all this and change is tough, right? As, as,

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02:25:31.680 --> 02:25:36.470
as humans, we do not accept change. Well, and it's very difficult for us.

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02:25:36.470 --> 02:25:38.590
So I'm very sensitive to that. Um,

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02:25:38.590 --> 02:25:40.830
and the challenges the fleet have the investment in,

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02:25:40.830 --> 02:25:44.270
in current geared investment in their business strategies. Um,

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02:25:44.270 --> 02:25:45.830
but with that said, changes upon us.

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02:25:46.010 --> 02:25:50.350
And so we need to look at different opportunities to create

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02:25:50.730 --> 02:25:54.430
sustainable fisheries in California. Bring fresh crab across the dock,

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02:25:54.430 --> 02:25:55.390
and we'll see what happens.

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02:25:59.570 --> 02:26:02.690
<v 1>Great. Uh, thank you. I I would just echo that, you know, that, um,</v>

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02:26:02.690 --> 02:26:05.610
it is really exciting. We've been talking about this for quite a while, as,

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as Commissioner Murray said, and it's not only exciting, but it's an,

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it is an experiment as Dr. Sherman said. And so, you know, we really,

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I really look forward to seeing the results of the experiment. Um,

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and we'll go from there. Um, would you like to make a motion?

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02:26:21.200 --> 02:26:25.770

<v 8>I will make the motion that the commission approves E F P application</v>

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number 2 0 22 dash zero three for the testing

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and commercial use of sub sea sonics timed and acoustic

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02:26:35.610 --> 02:26:40.170

release popup gear SY systems in conjunction with

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long soaker fishing system, guardian line management system,

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02:26:45.830 --> 02:26:50.530

and the Dungeness crab fishery within California state waters

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with the permit fee reduction and special conditions as recommended by the

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department in exhibit four.

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02:26:58.170 --> 02:26:59.820
<v 1>I'll second that. So,</v>

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02:26:59.820 --> 02:27:03.180
motion made by Commissioner Hauser Commerce seconded by me. Roll call please.

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<v 0>Commissioner hoster Caron.</v>

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02:27:07.250 --> 02:27:08.083
<v 8>Aye.</v>

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02:27:08.680 --> 02:27:09.840
<v 0>President Slar.</v>

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02:27:10.060 --> 02:27:10.893
<v 1>Aye. Hi.</v>

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02:27:11.420 --> 02:27:12.880
<v 0>Commissioner Williams.</v>

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02:27:17.920 --> 02:27:19.580
<v 1>I'm still thinking. Can you go to the mix?</v>

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02:27:20.850 --> 02:27:22.030
<v 0>Commissioner Murray?</v>

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02:27:23.610 --> 02:27:24.443
<v 2>Aye.</v>

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02:27:24.940 --> 02:27:26.470
<v 0>Vice President Aleta.</v>

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02:27:27.150 --> 02:27:27.983
<v 2>Aye.</v>

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02:27:28.110 --> 02:27:29.530
<v 0>Commissioner Williams.</v>

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02:27:30.680 --> 02:27:35.620

<v 1>Aye. The motion passes unanimously. Item number 27,</v>

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which is Regulation Changes Petitions. Marine. Um, Rachel, please.

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02:27:41.390 --> 02:27:44.790

<v 2>Thank you. This is the call for public comment on item 27,</v>

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regulation change petitions, uh, for marine items.

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02:27:48.360 --> 02:27:51.390

If you would like to provide public comment on item 27,

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please raise your hand in zoom or press star nine on your phone.

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The queue will be open for two minutes.

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Please raise your hand no later than 11 6:16 AM

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to comment on item 27. Thank you.

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<v 1>Great, thank you Rachel. Susan, please.</v>

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<v 8>This is a standing agenda item for the commission to receive new Petitions</v>

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for Regulation change and also to act on regulation change petitions

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received at from the public at previous meetings. For today,

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one petition was received by the deadline that's summarized in Exhibit A one

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and provided in exhibit A two.

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Potential action on this re petition will be scheduled for the next meeting in

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02:28:33.240 --> 02:28:35.600
April. Under Part B.

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02:28:36.400 --> 02:28:40.520
Petitions received at the previous meeting are scheduled for commission action

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02:28:40.520 --> 02:28:45.200
Today, a petition may be denied, granted, or referred to a committee,

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staff, committee to staff,

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or to the department for further evaluation or information gathering.

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In those cases,

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referred petitions are scheduled for action once the evaluation is completed and

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a recommendation is made.

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One marine petition was received in December scheduled for your consideration

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today.

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Petition 2022 dash 17 is a request to amend

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the number and type of buoys required for the recreational crab traps.

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Uh,

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the sta it's summarized in exhibit B one and provided in

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exhibit B two for reference,

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the staff recommendation is to refer the petition to the

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department for its review and recommendation and subsequent scheduling.

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02:29:34.520 --> 02:29:38.360
<v 1>Great. Thank you, Susan. Um, any questions, uh, on, uh,</v>

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02:29:38.360 --> 02:29:42.860
these two petitions? Seeing none, um,

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02:29:42.860 --> 02:29:44.580
we have a couple speakers. Go ahead. Sherry.

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<v 0>Uh, Keith Ru sart,</v>

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who has been pre-approved for three minutes and has a presentation.

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<v 6>Great, thank you. Uh, my name is Keith Ru sart. I'm with the Giant,</v>

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giant Kelp Restoration Project, uh, in Monterey. And, uh, next slide please.

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So in starting in 2014,

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the urchins started overpopulating the Monterey Peninsula and

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everywhere and, and ate our kelp forest us. Uh, next slide please.

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In 2018, we established the giant,

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giant kelp restoration project in Monterey for volunteer divers to,

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uh, citizen science divers to come out and call these urchins, uh,

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that are menacing the the kelp. Next slide, please.

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And this is what it looks like from 200 feet. With our effort,

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that little boat there, uh, is on our, our underwater cable grid.

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And the kelp forest has blossomed, uh, with our work.

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And that is the only kelp forest around this place. And it's a,

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the garden of our making is the biggest kelp forest in Monterey. Next slide,

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please.

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The divers go and restore the kelp,

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and this restoration effort attracts fish and fishermen to

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our project area. Next slide, please.

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And they fish in our restored kelp forest. Next slide. Close.

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And by fishing in the our kelp forest,

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they are taking a functioning part of the ecosystem out of it. Fish eat snails,

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snails eat kelp. Next slide please.

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And this is detrimental to the habitat of the fish. Next slide please.

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So in Monterey we have 90% kelp loss. These,

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these urchins have swamped the kelp forest.

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And M p a research just tells us that if you don't fish in the MPAs,

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then you'll have better outcomes for kelp and more species richness.

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So the lesson learned is to stop fishing in the fish nursery

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and that would be more sustainable and provide better fishing opportunities

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for the fishermen.

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We are speaking to spear fishermen and boat fishermen to determine sensible

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exceptions in areas outside of kelp restoration areas. Next slide,

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please. And that's all I have for now. Thank you.

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<v 0>Our next speaker is Dave Caschetta. Go ahead please.</v>

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<v 31>Hi, my name's Dave kk and thank you for having me.</v>

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I'm with co side fishing club and I'm also the recreational representative on

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the Dun.

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<v 0>You seem to have lost your audio.</v>

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<v 31><Inaudible> working group. It from, uh,</v>

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taking it the one main buoy and the market buoy.

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I got contacted by many recreational fishermen that were upset about this.

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We don't have a problem with the marker buoy. That's fine. And, uh,

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everyone understands that line identification is crucial

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in case of a whale entanglement. So they know who to, uh, how to address this.

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It's the, the thing with the, the main buoy and the,

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the reason is most recreational fishermen already have plenty

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of buoys. And when the regulation change was made to one buoy,

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the, uh, the issue of buoyancy became an issue. So if I drop my,

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a string of traps and then I go do something else,

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and then I come back and there's a strong current and my buoys are under water,

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it's not beneficial to anybody.

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And especially if it gets late and I have to leave and come back at a later date

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to retrieve those.

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And after discussion with a lot of the commercial fishermen that I know,

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they were in support of this also,

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because if they're laying a string of traps and my buoys running water,

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there's the risk of them dropping it on top of mine.

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And I don't know if you've ever had to pull gear that's that's tangled up with

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other gear and it's not pretty. So anyway, the, uh,

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the petition pretty much speaks for itself and I do support the commission's

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recommendation to, uh, send this off to C D F W for further review.

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Thank you for your time.

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<v 0>We have no more speakers on this item.</v>

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02:34:15.420 --> 02:34:16.620

<v 6>Great, thank you.</v>

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<v 1>Um, commissioners questions for comments?</v>

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Okay, so we do have a motion on this.

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<v 2>I'll move that the commission adopts the staff recommendation reflected in</v>

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exhibit B one to refer petition 2022 dash 17 to the department

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for review and recommendation.

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<v 1>Second motion made by Commissioner Murray, seconded by Commissioner Williams.</v>

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Roll call please.

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<v 0>Commissioner Murray.</v>

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<v 2>Aye.</v>

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<v 0>Commissioner Williams.</v>

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<v 1>Aye.</v>

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<v 0>Commissioner Hostler Caron.</v>

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<v 8>Aye.</v>

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<v 0>Vice President Aleta Aye. President Slar.</v>

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<v 1>Aye. Motion passes unanimously. We're on to 28,</v>

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which is non-regulatory requests from previous meetings. Rachel.

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<v 2>There we go. This is the call for public comment on item 28,</v>

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non-regulatory requests for Marin items.

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If you would like to provide public comment on item 28 and are in the room,

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you should have turned in your public comment card already.

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If you would like to provide comment on Zoom,

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please raise your hand or press star nine on your phone.

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The queue will be open for plea. I'm sorry, for two minutes.

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Please raise your hand by 11:23 AM to comment on item 28.

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Thanks.

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<v 1>Great, thank you Rachel. Susan.</v>

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<v 8>Thank you.</v>

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This is also a standing agenda item for the commission to act on requests for

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non-regulatory action of the marine nature from previous

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meetings. Um,

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and there are two non-regulatory requests that are scheduled for

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action today that were received in December.

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Exhibit one provides summary and staff recommendations and ra rationales

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provided with input from the department. Um,

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I wanna note that in each of these cases,

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the commission just took action related to each of them. One was,

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is related to I, well, action under item 25, um, Mr. Mosson,

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the other is relevant to the Cal Harvest lease and Cal Harvest plan that you

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extended for six months under item 21 and will be scheduled once the department

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review of the, of the kelp harvest plan is complete. Um,

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we have also forwarded some supplemental information from the harvester for the

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department to and, and legal consideration.

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So staff recommends that those are the pathways for Action and recommends,

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um, no additional action.

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<v 1>Great. Thank you Susan. We have no speakers on this item, so, um,</v>

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any questions or comments before we enter a motion?

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02:37:05.260 --> 02:37:06.750

<v 8>I'll go ahead and make that motion</v>

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02:37:08.450 --> 02:37:13.270

and move that the commission adopts the staff recommendations for actions on the

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02:37:13.370 --> 02:37:17.160

non-regulatory request as reflected in Exhibit one.

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02:37:17.950 --> 02:37:21.400

<v 1>Second motion made by, uh, commissioner Hasler Caron,</v>

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02:37:21.400 --> 02:37:23.360

seconded by Commissioner Williams. Uh, roll call please.

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02:37:23.650 --> 02:37:25.430

<v 0>Commissioner Hasler Caron.</v>

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02:37:27.070 --> 02:37:27.903

<v 8>Aye.</v>

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02:37:28.530 --> 02:37:29.950

<v 0>Commissioner Williams?</v>

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02:37:30.170 --> 02:37:31.003

<v 1>Aye.</v>

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02:37:31.850 --> 02:37:33.070

<v 0>Commissioner Murray.</v>

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02:37:34.830 --> 02:37:38.320

<v 1>Aye. Abstaining, uh.</v>

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02:37:41.230 --> 02:37:44.030

<v 0>Right Vice President Aleta. Aye.</v>

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02:37:45.180 --> 02:37:46.420

President Slar?

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02:37:47.190 --> 02:37:50.700

<v 1>Hi, uh, I should correct that, uh, uh, uh, commissioner Murray didn't abstain.</v>

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02:37:50.700 --> 02:37:51.533

She just isn't present.

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02:37:51.810 --> 02:37:52.580

<v 0>Okay. Thank.</v>

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02:37:52.580 --> 02:37:57.090

<v 1>You. Great. So it's, uh, 4 4 0, the motion passes. Thank you very much. Um,</v>

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02:37:57.270 --> 02:38:01.170

and now we're on to committees and department reports starting. Rachel,

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will you explain again?

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02:38:02.870 --> 02:38:04.650

<v 2>Yes. Thank you. And if it's okay,</v>

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I'm going to call for public comment for items nine a Marine Resources Committee

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and nine B Department Marine Region Report at the same time.

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Um, so if you would like to comment on either of those items,

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02:38:17.800 --> 02:38:22.090

please uh, raise your hand in Zoom or press star nine on your phone.

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02:38:22.290 --> 02:38:24.370

We'll have the queue open for three minutes,

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02:38:24.540 --> 02:38:28.850

so please raise your hand by 11:27 AM. Thank you.

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02:38:29.010 --> 02:38:30.250

<v 1>Thank you, Rachel. Susan.</v>

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<v 8>Please. And I'll start with, uh, just a correction that's 29 A and B.</v>

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And, um, so under 29 A,

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this is an opportunity to talk about the Marine Resources Committee meeting that

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is coming up. Uh, the next meeting is scheduled across two days,

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March 14th and 16th. And the department,

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excuse me, the,

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the Marine Resources Committee works under the commission's direction to set and

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accomplish its work plan.

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And those topics that have been referred to the M R C

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are shown in the, in an updated work plan. In Exhibit one, in your, uh,

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materials,

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there are several proposed changes including removing two,

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uh,

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topics for which the committee has completed its task by

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providing its recommendation to the commission. Um,

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and then it also includes general updates that are

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for purposes of clarifying, uh, the language associated with them.

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In addition, there is one new topic that has been identified for,

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uh, for, um,

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for the committee to receive an update, um,

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that is the commercial take of HA Pacific hearing with lamara bait

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Netz. Uh, just to note this is,

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this rulemaking is Inc is currently included on the commission's rulemaking

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timetable under schedule to be determined. So, um,

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it is being develop developed, uh,

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in response to a regulation change petition

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The commission's already granted that for consideration. So the,

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this is not for referral for a specific recommendation, um,

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but the develop,

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the department has developed the proposed details following discussion with

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the petitioner at the request of the de commission. Um, so,

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uh, the commission anticipates that,

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um, the commission,

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the rulemaking process will start in in June of 2023.

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So staff recommends referring this to the M R C for an update on the

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details and constraints developed with the petitioner.

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The next committee meeting, uh, as,

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as you we've previously discussed today,

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the meeting was scheduled in two parts March 14th and March 16th,

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both in Monterey and both include a webinar and teleconference often

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o option. The, uh,

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the majority of the topics are proposed to be held on

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March 15th,

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with the exception of the department's M P A Decatal Management Review.

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Uh, and the previous day's forum, which will be discussed,

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are proposed to be discussed on March 16th.

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So your staff summary includes,

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includes proposed discussion topics for March 14th,

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and I will quickly list them here.

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Up aquaculture public interest determination criteria for new

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leases, new lease applications, and a potential committee recommendation.

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An update on, um,

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discussion of California halibut fishery bycatch evaluation of set for

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set gilnet gear that the department is currently in the midst of,

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and, uh, potential recommendation. Um,

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and I just do wanna note on that though, that that's an ongoing process and, uh,

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there are 10, 10 analyses that were d um,

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directed by the commission for this effort. So, um,

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um, it may or may not be ready for a final recommendation. Uh,

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also, coastal Fishing Communities, the,

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a final policy recommendation will be provided by,

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is proposed for by commission staff and a potential commission committee

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recommendation for kelp. There's two pieces.

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Kelp re recovery and restoration tracking.

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That is an informational topic with periodic updates to the committee. And,

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um,

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staff recommends scheduling an informational update from the department.

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And, um,

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also to include in that an update on development of the kelp recovery and

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management plan underway.

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There are also three proposed updates that are

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generally in written format related to the statewide aquaculture action plan

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development, uh, um,

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the status of pending aquaculture lease requests and new applications.

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And, and then the update on lamp power nets for, for hearing.

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Um, your materials also go into a little bit more detail about the,

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the vision for the March forum. And just to clarify here, um,

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that forum is the place for dialogue and information exchange.

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And as you've heard today,

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there's not a formal public comment associated with that. But on the other hand,

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the M R C meeting on March 16th will,

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um, serve as,

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as an opportunity to engage in dialogue and provide input,

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um, and it with the Marine Resources Committee and is

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the first of likely several opportunities to do that. Um,

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and uh, so that'll be that first time on March 16th.

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And so we request approval of the work plan, uh,

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as amended and proposed changes or proposed agenda items for

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March, 1416.

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<v 1>Okay. We, we, uh, any questions or comments? We do have a, a motion on that one,</v>

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then we'll go to, um, there, there are no speakers by the way, um,

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on either A or B. So we'll take, we can take the motion and we can go to, uh,

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Dr. Scherman.

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<v 2>I, I just have a clarifying question for Susan. Um, so on the 16th,</v>

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it, it is really just a discussion, like a chance for,

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I don't have a sense of how much, um,

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the public will be giving input and feedback on the 15th.

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Maybe that's a question for Becky. Um,

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but it would be good for just to have a better understanding of the role that we

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can play in the 16th versus what kind of public opportunity there will be on the

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15th as well.

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<v 9>Thank you. Becky ota,</v>

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habitat Conservation Program Manager for the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

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And yes,

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we have been encouraging though folks who are coming to the forum and even if

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they don't come to the forum and they want to come to the Marine Resources

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Committee, that we're encouraging them,

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if they have major comments they would like to make that,

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that is the best place to do that. Um,

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we will have a lot of discussion on the 15th and we will be capturing comments.

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We're trying to figure out the best way to get those to you. Um,

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because it's not really a formal comment event,

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but it is a process and a,

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and a and an opportunity for two-way conversations and for a lot of dialogue to

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happen and a lot to come up organically in terms of questions.

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So we have encouraged them,

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everyone to that the M R C meeting is the right place to definitely, you know,

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bring your questions and comments and, um,

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we'll do our best to capture everything on the 15th and provide it to you guys

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at some point.

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<v 2>That's really helpful. Thank you. Yeah, I, uh, yes, Susan, I was just gonna say,</v>

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I imagine the 15th is gonna be a packed day that is just rich with

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content and panels and presentations and, and you know,

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the only thing I can kind of imagine it being like, and I'll date myself here,

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but is like the Central Coast Symposium or something.

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I don't know if that's what it's gonna be like, but that's what I'm imagining,

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just cuz there's gonna be so much content to unpack and to sort of explain and

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to make accessible. So that was my understanding that the,

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the 16th is really like the venue for coming and, and having a, a more,

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uh, an enhanced dialogue and, and giving comments and,

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and that we'll sort of just be moderating that. Right? Um, that's,

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that's sort of what, what I imagined. So just wanted to make sure that I have a,

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an accurate vision of, of what that's gonna look like.

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<v 1>Thank you Commissioner Murray. Yeah, I'm really excited about it. It's gonna be,</v>

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it's a really, uh, exciting, uh,

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series of days and I like that each one's a little different. I mean it, cuz it,

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it just, you know, we have the RC separate, which was really a good idea to,

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we able to focus fully on the review, but then having the two different days,

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I think we'll give people different opportunities and ways to both gather and

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exchange information. Um, okay. So, um, Susan, I'm sorry, please.

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<v 8>Thanks. You know, another consideration is that,</v>

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uh,

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the March 16th discussion with the M R C will

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help prepare,

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will help prepare the M R C for coming back to the whole commission in April

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and, and having the discussion with the full commission at that time. Um,

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it may provide an opportunity for guidance on how to shape what,

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how you wanna shape the next steps in commission review and potentially

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additional committee discussions for the D M R and the recommendations.

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<v 1>Great. That helpful. Additional information. Thank you.</v>

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So we do have a motion on the Marine, uh, uh, resources committee.

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<v 2>Sure thing.</v>

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I'll move that the commission approves the changes to the work plan and approves

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the topics for the March 14th and 16th 2023 Marine Resources Committee

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meeting as discussed today.

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<v 1>And I'll second that. So motion made by Commissioner Murray, seconded by me.</v>

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Roll call please.

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<v 0>Commissioner Murray.</v>

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<v 8>Aye.</v>

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<v 0>President Slar.</v>

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<v 1>Aye.</v>

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02:48:22.110 --> 02:48:23.530

<v 0>Commissioner Williams.</v>

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02:48:23.630 --> 02:48:24.463

<v 1>Aye.</v>

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<v 0>Commissioner Hostler Caron.</v>

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02:48:27.230 --> 02:48:28.063

<v 8>Aye.</v>

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<v 0>Vice President Aleta.</v>

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<v 8>Aye.</v>

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02:48:32.040 --> 02:48:36.520

<v 1>Thank you. The motion passes unanimously. And so we're on now to, uh, 29 B,</v>

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which is Dr. Schumann's Marine Region Report.

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<v 27>All right. Good morning. Craig Schumann,</v>

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Marine Region Manager of Fish and Wildlife. A few quick updates. The first,

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the International Pacific Halibut Commission met in Victoria,

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British Columbia for their and virtually for their annual meeting.

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The work of Janu the week of January 23rd and 27th and determine fisheries

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harvest limits for the 2023 fishery.

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The 2023 California recreational quota will be 39,520 pounds,

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which is approximately the same quota amount as the last four years.

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The department is seeking input from the public to help to develop the

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recreational halibut season dates for 2023 and feedback or recommendations that

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may inform discussions on the development of the 2024 catch sharing plan.

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Anglers can share ideas with us via an online survey that was announced last

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week via news release. The survey will be available until this Sunday,

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February 12th, and the link to that survey can be found on our website.

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We will use the information gathered in this survey to develop season date

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recommendations to the National Marine Fishery Service.

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And then following publication of final federal regulations for Pacific halibut.

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We will work with the commission staff to ensure state regulations are admitted

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for consistency with federal regulations following the procedures in section

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1.95 for automatic conformance. Um,

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the next update is regarding recreational dungeness crab.

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Since late October, 2022,

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the department has conducted five risk assessments for the commercial and

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recreation recreational dungeness crab fisheries.

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The recreational dungeness crab fishery opened on November 5th, 2022

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statewide under a trap restriction due to elevated entanglement risk

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because blue whales and hump elk whales were broadly distributed across all fish

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and zones.

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The precautionary management approach was further warranted because of the high

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number of entanglements confirmed during 2022,

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a number of which were an unknown gear.

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The trap restriction was lifted in Northern California on November 28th,

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but stayed in place until January 14th for areas south of the Sonoma Mendocino

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02:50:40.790 --> 02:50:43.230

County line due to high abundance of hump got whales.

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The commercial fishery opened statewide on December 31st, 2022.

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The north was held for quality and that's on the south and is under a 50%

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trap reduction and a fleet advisory south at the Sonoma Mendocino County line.

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This resulted in the recreational fishing fleet having 53 days of exclusive

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fishing opportunity with hoop nets before the commercial fisheries made their

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first splash. Um, there was some comment earlier today, um,

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02:51:11.380 --> 02:51:14.580
from Mr. Osborne about this topic. Um,

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we are in discussions with the recreational fleet about this. We know, um,

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02:51:18.220 --> 02:51:19.580
there is some, um,

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02:51:19.580 --> 02:51:23.620
discomfort with the approach the department took and we're continuing to work

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02:51:23.620 --> 02:51:27.380
with them to, um, see if we could all do better next season.

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02:51:28.480 --> 02:51:32.020
And then finally, um, just a brief update on ocean salmon.

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02:51:32.020 --> 02:51:35.700
So I know yesterday you had an extensive discussion on in river salmon

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02:51:35.700 --> 02:51:40.560
fisheries. So those salmon do also swim out in the ocean, as you heard. Um,

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02:51:40.560 --> 02:51:44.280
ocean salmon stock forecast information will be presented at the department's

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02:51:44.280 --> 02:51:47.440
salmon informational meeting that will be held virtually on March 1st.

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02:51:48.050 --> 02:51:50.380
Salmon informational meeting Details, information,

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02:51:50.620 --> 02:51:53.940
materials and instructions for attendance will be published in advance of the

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02:51:53.940 --> 02:51:58.480
event on the department's Ocean salmon webpage. Ocean salmon,

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02:51:58.480 --> 02:52:01.960

fish and seasons will be determined by the Pacific Fishery Management Council

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over the next few months, considering the stock forecast industry preferences,

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02:52:06.930 --> 02:52:11.280

an updated federal guidance that will be issued for planning 2023 Fisheries,

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02:52:12.080 --> 02:52:15.070

as you heard yesterday under the in river Salmon agenda item,

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02:52:15.240 --> 02:52:19.270

we are expecting some pretty bad news about stock forecast for the Sacramento

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River fall Schnook based on very low numbers of returning fish to inland areas

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02:52:23.350 --> 02:52:26.630

this past fall and winter. At your December meeting,

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02:52:26.630 --> 02:52:30.390

an update was provided on the auto conformance process routinely used to amend

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02:52:30.390 --> 02:52:34.230

the state's recreational ocean salmon regulations for consistency with federal

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02:52:34.230 --> 02:52:36.580

regulations. Typically,

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02:52:36.580 --> 02:52:41.020

the ocean salmon sport fishery opens on Saturday, the first Saturday and April.

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02:52:41.340 --> 02:52:44.740

Title 14 regulations specifying opening date of Saturday,

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02:52:44.940 --> 02:52:49.100
April 1st, 2023 in all areas south of 40 10.

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02:52:49.550 --> 02:52:50.220
However,

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02:52:50.220 --> 02:52:53.980
the council will decide at its March meeting if changes to these previously

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02:52:53.980 --> 02:52:57.780
adopted opening dates are needed considering this year's stock forecast.

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02:52:57.900 --> 02:52:59.580
Following the March council meeting,

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02:52:59.580 --> 02:53:02.540
the department will work with commission staff on an automatic conformance

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02:53:02.540 --> 02:53:04.500
action to amend the regulations if needed.

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02:53:04.760 --> 02:53:07.540
And an update will be provided to you at your April meeting.

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02:53:08.820 --> 02:53:11.290
In addition to the department's salmon informational meeting,

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02:53:11.290 --> 02:53:15.530
opportunities to provide public input on ocean salmon fishing seasons are

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02:53:15.530 --> 02:53:16.890
available in person and,

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02:53:16.890 --> 02:53:21.610
and virtually on most days of the March and April council meetings and at public

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02:53:21.610 --> 02:53:26.450
and in public at council sponsored hearings in Santa Rosa on March 21st on all

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02:53:26.690 --> 02:53:28.290

those details are available on our website.

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02:53:30.930 --> 02:53:33.290

<v 1>Great. Uh, we have no speakers in this one, so it's really neat.</v>

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02:53:33.290 --> 02:53:35.170

Just questions for, uh, just.

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02:53:35.170 --> 02:53:38.170

<v 14>Wanna make a comment. So, Dr. Schumann, thank you so much for,</v>

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02:53:38.710 --> 02:53:42.850

for that update and in particular, the hard decision that you have to make on,

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02:53:43.570 --> 02:53:48.320

on the, um, you know, closing the fishery to protect,

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02:53:49.010 --> 02:53:53.880

um, and prevent, to prevent, sorry. Um, those entanglements, um,

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02:53:53.880 --> 02:53:58.000

that was weighing on me on the earlier item on,

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02:53:58.000 --> 02:54:02.080

on item 29. Uh, because, um,

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02:54:02.540 --> 02:54:05.520

you know, I, I do, I do support, um,

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02:54:05.540 --> 02:54:10.080

alternative and experimental, uh, gear,

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02:54:10.890 --> 02:54:15.790

but I hope, and I don't, I don't know this, but my hope is that we could,

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02:54:15.860 --> 02:54:18.270

I mean, we are, we're innovative. I mean, this is a,

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this is a state of innovation.

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02:54:20.380 --> 02:54:23.910

I don't know that the technology exists or will exist in the foreseeable future

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02:54:24.010 --> 02:54:28.760

for line list. Um, you know, traps. I mean,

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02:54:29.310 --> 02:54:29.800

I just,

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02:54:29.800 --> 02:54:33.920

I hope someone out there is listening and there's some nine year old kid who is

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thinking about this and comes up with some technology to do it. But you know,

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02:54:38.530 --> 02:54:42.720

it will alleviate the weight that you have to experience when you have to close

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02:54:42.720 --> 02:54:46.320

these fisheries for those reasons. Um, and, uh,

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02:54:46.320 --> 02:54:51.000

it'll create a more humane way to, to balance these, these issues. So,

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02:54:51.250 --> 02:54:54.160

um, anyway, that, I just wanted to share that and thank you for,

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02:54:54.160 --> 02:54:55.600

for making those hard decisions.

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02:54:58.000 --> 02:55:00.730

<v 1>Okay, so no other comments. This isn't an action item. Uh,</v>

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02:55:00.730 --> 02:55:03.360

and so we're on to item 29 C. Rachel,

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02:55:03.360 --> 02:55:05.400

can you call speakers for this tribal committee?

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02:55:06.870 --> 02:55:07.770

<v 2>Yes. Thank you.</v>

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02:55:07.840 --> 02:55:12.650

This is the call for public comment on item 29 C Tribal

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02:55:12.650 --> 02:55:16.090

Committee. If you would like to provide public comment on this item,

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02:55:16.090 --> 02:55:19.250

please raise your hand in Zoom or press star nine on your phone.

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02:55:19.630 --> 02:55:24.210

The queue will be open for three minutes. Please raise your hand no later than

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02:55:24.600 --> 02:55:29.170

11:44 AM to comment on item 29 C.

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02:55:29.650 --> 02:55:33.370

<v 1>Thank you, Rachel. Melissa, I believe you're kicking us off here.</v>

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02:55:42.380 --> 02:55:43.820

<v 2>Thank you President Slar,</v>

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02:55:45.580 --> 02:55:50.360

for those who were not, um, who did,

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02:55:50.360 --> 02:55:54.080

who weren't present yesterday or didn't watch yesterday's, uh,

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first day of the meeting, you may not have heard that. Uh,

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the commissioner's travel advisor and liaison Jug Striplin, uh,

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his last day was Tuesday with the commission, was truly, uh, a sad day for us,

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but it is an opportunity for him to advance his career and we

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don't want to hinder anyone's ability to, uh,

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02:56:15.050 --> 02:56:19.080

go off and do more great work. So we wish him the best. Um,

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02:56:19.420 --> 02:56:22.710

and I'm sure our paths will cross in the future.

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02:56:23.590 --> 02:56:27.700

So until we are able to fill that position, I will be working with, uh,

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02:56:28.130 --> 02:56:30.220

a tribal committee chair, Caron,

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02:56:30.220 --> 02:56:34.340

who was reassigned to the committee again yesterday. Uh,

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and I'll work with her on, um, on the, the tribal committee,

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but also recognize that, you know, in my, my capacity, my other job duties,

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02:56:42.780 --> 02:56:44.180

I will never be able to do it justice.

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02:56:44.430 --> 02:56:49.020

So I'm looking forward to having a new advisor on as quickly as possible. Um,

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however, we do have two, uh, existing advisors still with the commission,

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Carmen and Susan Ashcraft,

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who have kindly offered to assist as they are able.

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02:56:58.950 --> 02:57:03.700

So your last tribal committee meeting was held in San Diego on December

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13. Uh, you received a verbal report the following day at the commission meeting

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the staff summary.

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I wanna note that the staff summary for this agenda item indicates that the,

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the summary of the committee meeting would be in your supplemental handouts,

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which I'm noting it's not there <laugh>, but you may have noted as well.

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Um,

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so staff will be following up on that and making sure that you receive a copy as

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well as the public. So with regard to the committee meeting,

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I want to thank commission staff as well as, uh, our,

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02:57:35.590 --> 02:57:35.940

uh,

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02:57:35.940 --> 02:57:40.860

partners at the department for providing some really good updates on a range

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02:57:40.860 --> 02:57:44.740

of important issues and the opportunities of interest to tribes.

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And of course, uh,

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02:57:47.680 --> 02:57:51.800

our sincere thanks to the numerous tribal representatives who participated in

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02:57:51.800 --> 02:57:55.120

the committee meeting, both in person and remotely.

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The committee meeting included discussion on several substantive items,

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one of which was the work group on developing a tribal subsistence

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harvest definition. Uh, which was then also further discussed as you know,

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during your December commission meeting. During that meeting,

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the commission directed staff to prepare and send a letter to tribes in

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California to ascertain their perspective on the matter.

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That letter has been drafted and, uh,

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thanks to Chair Hostler Caron who has provided some edits to that.

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02:58:25.770 --> 02:58:29.480

So at this point I'm only awaiting an updated tribal mailing list, um,

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02:58:29.480 --> 02:58:33.400

which we have to obtain those every month because various tribes in California

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02:58:33.400 --> 02:58:36.720

have elections every month. So we need an updated list each month.

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So I'm just awaiting that.

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And then we can send the letter and then once we receive updates,

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um, which we expect in May,

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02:58:45.090 --> 02:58:47.320

we will provide you with feedback at your June meeting.

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02:58:50.430 --> 02:58:54.200

I know chair Hostler Caron probably has a few things that she'd like to

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contribute as well.

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02:59:00.020 --> 02:59:02.740
<v 8>Thank you Melissa. And, uh,</v>

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02:59:02.740 --> 02:59:06.820
I echo Melissa's comments regarding, uh,

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02:59:06.820 --> 02:59:09.700
the first tribal advisor, Chuck Striplin.

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We wish him well and um,

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02:59:12.390 --> 02:59:15.580
we will definitely miss him and his expertise,

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02:59:15.580 --> 02:59:20.460
but we will move forward and continue the great progress that has been

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02:59:20.460 --> 02:59:22.060
started. Um,

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02:59:23.300 --> 02:59:28.270
I want to recommend that we scaled

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02:59:28.270 --> 02:59:32.990
back a bit in our work plan for the April Tribal committee meeting.

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02:59:34.330 --> 02:59:38.560
Um, and I wanted to ask, uh,

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02:59:38.560 --> 02:59:41.760
Marine advisor, Susan Ashcraft, um,

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02:59:41.760 --> 02:59:46.160
if we have a substantial update on the, um,

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02:59:46.560 --> 02:59:49.480
coastal fishing communities. Um,

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02:59:49.490 --> 02:59:53.720

or is that something that could move into the next

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02:59:53.910 --> 02:59:56.800

tribal committee meeting? Thank you. Well,

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we are ex are expecting to have, um, uh,

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their final recommendation. Oh, great.

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It's contingent on what the M R C wants to move forward,

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but an update with that,

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that revised version would probably be wise to share with the trips during the

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committee. Great. I, I wasn't sure. Thank you Susan. Um,

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and the other thing we need to do is, uh,

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I would like to add a discussion on, uh, decatal management review.

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Um, uh,

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just getting the tri tribal representatives and, uh,

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any leaders there, uh, input on, on that document.

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03:00:34.990 --> 03:00:39.520
I know Becky would like that as well. So that's something we wanna add.

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03:00:39.980 --> 03:00:43.840
And then we also need to look at a date for the, uh,

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03:00:43.840 --> 03:00:45.320
annual tribal planning meeting.

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03:00:45.890 --> 03:00:50.460
So I'm just wondering if in the

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03:00:50.460 --> 03:00:54.870
essence of time and staffing,

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03:00:55.520 --> 03:00:56.353
um,

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03:00:57.150 --> 03:01:01.760
if there's things that we want to move to that August meeting,

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03:01:01.760 --> 03:01:02.593
Melissa?

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03:01:09.560 --> 03:01:13.110
<v 2>So in looking at the agenda, or not the agenda, I'm sorry,</v>

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03:01:13.110 --> 03:01:14.790
the committee work plan mm-hmm.

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03:01:14.830 --> 03:01:19.120
<affirmative> for the tribal committee for the, oops,

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03:01:20.340 --> 03:01:23.360
For the August. Cuz your next tribal committee meeting is in August,

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03:01:23.360 --> 03:01:25.080

which would be up in Fortuna. Mm-hmm. <affirmative>.

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03:01:25.450 --> 03:01:30.040

We do have an update on the justice, equity, diversity and inclusion plan.

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03:01:30.040 --> 03:01:31.040

Mm-hmm. <affirmative>, um,

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03:01:31.040 --> 03:01:35.280

that would be primarily from our deputy executive director,

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Rachel Ante, Uhuh <affirmative> since she's the lead for that.

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So she would be mostly managing that. We do have the tribal subsistence, uh,

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03:01:42.590 --> 03:01:44.720

work group listed, uh,

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03:01:44.720 --> 03:01:48.560

that subject listed that's going to be highly dependent upon the June meeting.

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03:01:49.330 --> 03:01:49.680

Uh,

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03:01:49.680 --> 03:01:52.720

so I think we have time to figure out whether or not that should be included.

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03:01:52.790 --> 03:01:55.640

Okay. And then the co-management roundtable discussion,

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03:01:55.640 --> 03:01:57.440

that's an ongoing discussion. Mm-hmm.

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<affirmative> that's held at every meeting. Doesn't have to be, it's,

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03:02:00.440 --> 03:02:04.240

it's optional, but it's certainly been one that has been fruitful. Mm-hmm.

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03:02:04.280 --> 03:02:08.560

<affirmative>. And depending on where we are in the

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03:02:08.820 --> 03:02:13.680

recruitment and hiring process, we may or may not have someone, uh,

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03:02:13.680 --> 03:02:18.200

who can help do the research and work with tribes to identify some subjects for

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03:02:18.200 --> 03:02:21.900

that. Um, so you may wanna consider, uh,

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03:02:21.900 --> 03:02:25.300

holding off on until June to decide whether or not to include that. Mm-hmm.

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03:02:25.340 --> 03:02:26.173

<affirmative>.

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03:02:27.590 --> 03:02:29.140

<v 8>We just wanna lighten the load a.</v>

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03:02:29.140 --> 03:02:32.780

<v 2>Little bit if possible. Yeah, exactly. For, for,</v>

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03:02:33.690 --> 03:02:35.590

for the April meeting, I, I

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03:02:37.210 --> 03:02:40.870

not sure that the tribal subsistence definition needs to be on that agenda.

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03:02:40.980 --> 03:02:42.190

Mm-hmm. <affirmative>, uh, again,

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03:02:42.190 --> 03:02:45.110

because the commission really hasn't provided feedback mm-hmm. <affirmative>;

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03:02:45.110 --> 03:02:48.230

I'm not gonna be able to work with that group to advance that document. Mm-hmm.

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03:02:48.270 --> 03:02:52.030

<affirmative>;, uh, I, Chuck was really playing the role of the mm-hmm.

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<affirmative>;, uh, editor and, you know, compiling information. Right. And,

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um, that's gonna be challenging. So I,

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I would say tribal's assistance could probably hold.

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<v 8>We can do a brief update mm-hmm. On that. Um, yeah,</v>

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and just to reiterate what Melissa said,

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we do have a dear tribal leader letter that should be going out sometime in the

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next week,

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and we'll be looking for that input from tribes on how to move forward with

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03:03:15.860 --> 03:03:17.120

subsistence harvest.

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03:03:17.130 --> 03:03:21.160

So I think that could be a very brief update and that.

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03:03:21.160 --> 03:03:23.920

<v 2>Would as opposed to a full discussion item. Mm-hmm. <affirmative>. Absolutely.</v>

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03:03:24.030 --> 03:03:24.780

Yeah.

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03:03:24.780 --> 03:03:25.200

<v 8>And,</v>

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and the other thing I wanted to bring up is Commissioner Williams is going to

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attend, if possible in April or August.

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And, uh, also, um,

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commissioner Murray would like to, and so we'll,

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we'll kind of play that by ear and look at schedules as well as, um,

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03:03:46.680 --> 03:03:51.680

president Scarlata and vice President, uh, Soletta.

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03:03:52.010 --> 03:03:53.080

So, um,

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we only have two more meetings this year and we'll just kind of do that

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03:03:58.570 --> 03:04:03.170

rotation, but I look forward to working with everybody and, uh,

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03:04:03.920 --> 03:04:08.530

appreciate your input and wisdom as we move through this. Um,

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03:04:09.100 --> 03:04:11.670

very excited about, uh,

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03:04:11.670 --> 03:04:16.470

the future of the tribal committee and subsistence harvest and all of the great

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03:04:16.470 --> 03:04:17.590

work that we are doing.

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03:04:19.620 --> 03:04:23.920

<v 2>Terrific. And maybe I could ask, uh, Dr. Schumann,</v>

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03:04:24.710 --> 03:04:26.760

I could put 'em on the spot for a moment that the,

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one of the other agenda items is the kelp and allergy harvest management

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regulations, updates, and, uh, potential recommendations and guidance.

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Is,

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is that an agenda item that we might be able to make a written update or

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is there more substantive discussion that will be ripe for April?

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03:04:44.820 --> 03:04:47.070

<v 27>Yeah, I think a written update for April is fine.</v>

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03:04:47.920 --> 03:04:51.030

<v 2>Perfect. Thank you. That'll simplify things as well.</v>

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And then it would be helpful at least for April, if,

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if there's any possibility of identifying who will be our visiting commissioner

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for sure.

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<v 8>Armes arm, Russel <laugh>.</v>

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03:05:05.830 --> 03:05:06.890

<v 2>Gro Shambo, maybe.</v>

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03:05:07.370 --> 03:05:09.410

<v 8><Laugh>, who wants to go to Fresno.</v>

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03:05:11.910 --> 03:05:12.400

Well.

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<v 2>I I know Commissioner Williams, you grew up in Bakersfield, so, and,</v>

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and I know you did express, in all seriousness,

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you did express an interest in going to the April meeting yesterday.

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So if you'd love to that. Yeah, that's perfect.

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Duly noted. Thank you.

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03:05:30.870 --> 03:05:32.960

<v 1>Okay. We have one speaker, Sherry, please.</v>

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<v 32>We have one speaker. President Square, that's Marilyn. Jasper.</v>

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Marilyn, go ahead please.

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03:05:41.780 --> 03:05:45.870

<v 33>Thank you. Marilyn Japer Public Coalition.</v>

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Um, it has come to our attention, um,

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or it's our understanding that there are some tribal

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slash state or, uh,

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governmental meetings that are being held, um,

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that are closed to the public, but are,

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are apparently open to tribal members.

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Um, we, we hope that is not true.

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Um, and basically that the Bagley Keen,

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uh, may cover how or why that's possible.

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Bottom line, if that's true, it creates a,

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a, a lack of openness and transparency,

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um, with both this commission and possibly the department.

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Um,

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we hope this commission will thoroughly review the legality of

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denying the public participation in tribal

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or any other such meetings. It, it seems to be, if it's happening,

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it seems it could easily set a precedent and, uh,

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we just do not wanna see that happen. Thank you.

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<v 1>Thank you for your call. Um, does anybody wanna respond to that? Um,</v>

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Mike, I like it looks like you're.

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<v 12>Well, I mean, I, I I'm not really prepared to respond to it other than that, uh,</v>

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I'm, I'm confident that my client is complying with the law.

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I I'm not sure what meetings she's alluding to, so.

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<v 1>That's my Yeah, and I think it's worth, I mean,</v>

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I guess what I would say to that, you know,

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in general is that AG Keen applies to commission members, uh,

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having more than majority meetings happen all the time between stakeholder

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groups and commission members, commission staff, department staff.

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And that is appropriate. Um, there's, there's, there's nothing wrong with that.

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Um, decisions are not to be made in private discussions can happen in private.

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And, and, and I think we, especially in this particular case,

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have to acknowledge and understand that these are sovereign nations that we're

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meeting with. Um, and that is slightly different than other stakeholders

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or not slightly.

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<v 2>Right. Um, and that's part of the discussion obviously,</v>

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that you'll have in June after we received that additional feedback from those

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tribal nations, those sovereign governments, uh,

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with regard to that informal work group. So if,

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if that's what it's in reference to,

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those that work group is composed of tribal nations,

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uh, and commission staff assisting them in that work that you've requested,

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that they, they take on. Um, but yes, we, this,

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this group of staff, I can tell you takes quite seriously the,

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the BAGLA Keen Act and our requirements under that and

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provide guidance to our commissioners on a regular basis on how to ensure that

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we remain in compliance.

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<v 1>Great. Thank you. Um, we do have a motion on the, for the tribal committee.
Uh,</v>

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um, are there any specific changes you want to put into the motion? Uh,

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commissioner er Harmon, I'll you make that one.

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<v 2>Almost.</v>

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<v 1>There. Okay. Take your time. We're almost there.</v>

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<v 2>Someone else make that motion.</v>

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<v 14>I'll make the motion. Sure. No problem. I'll move.</v>

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The commission approves the changes to the tribal committee work plan and

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approves the topics for the April 18th, 2023 tribal committee meeting as

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discussed today.

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<v 2>And I will second that motion. Thank.</v>

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<v 1>You. Okay. So motion made by Commissioner Williams,</v>

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seconded by Commissioner Hauser Commerce Roll call please.

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<v 32>Commissioner Williams.</v>

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<v 14>Aye.</v>

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<v 32>Commissioner Hoer Caron.</v>

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<v 2>Aye.</v>

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<v 32>Commissioner Murray.</v>

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<v 2>Aye.</v>

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<v 32>Vice President Salva Letta.</v>

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<v 33>Aye.</v>

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<v 32>President.</v>

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<v 1>Aye. Thank you. So, so we're on to 30,</v>

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which is commissioner and administrative items. We have three items, a, B, C,

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if, uh, Rachel one, we ask people to sign up for all three.

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<v 2>All right. This is the call for public comment on items 30 A,</v>

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30 B, and 30 C.

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That is legislation and other agency regulations, rule making,

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timetable updates, and future meetings and new business.

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If you would like to comment on any of these items, 30 A, B, or C,

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um, please raise your hand in zoom or press nine on your phone no later than

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<v 1>Okay, terrific. And, uh, so why don't we, um, we'll have Melissa go ahead with,</v>

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uh, uh, item A, please.

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<v 2>Thank you, president Lar. So, in your binder you have an update on legislation.</v>

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This update includes an exhibit, uh, uh,

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department report on legislation. Uh,

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very grateful to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for assisting us with our,

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uh, with tracking legislation. And, um,

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at the moment there is not a lot in that exhibit and there's not a lot in your

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staff summary because the legislature just convened in January for the newest,

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uh, two year session.

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I will note that the deadline for introducing bills is coming up on the

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17th of February.

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So we are seeing the beginnings of a flurry of activity in the last couple of

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weeks. So you will, uh, obviously have a much more detailed report in April.

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I wanted to note a couple of things, uh, that the commission had requested, uh,

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under letters of support for concepts and legislation,

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you had written a letter on drift gill nets, uh, that was sent to, uh, Congress.

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And, uh, that letter was, uh,

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specifically highlighting the Drift net Modernization and Bycatch Reduction

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Act, which ultimately was passed and signed by the president.

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So wanted to highlight that for you. And then under an other agency regulations,

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similarly, you had, uh,

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authorized us to send a letter to International Pacific Halibut Commission

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supporting a proposal from the Maka tribe to set a

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quota for the regulation area two A, so that, uh,

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we had some consistency here in California. And, uh,

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that letter was sent as well and is included as Exhibit four in your binder.

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<v 1>Thank you, Melissa. Uh, two comments. One is,</v>

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I think it's worth celebrating the, the Gill net pastor, the Bill gill net bill.

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Um, as so often happens, California leads and the nation follows.

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We were first to do that and it's, uh, it's terrific,

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terrific accomplishment by, uh, many,

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a group of our stakeholders shall work very hard on that with our support,

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so that's terrific. Um, and then secondly, um, you know,

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maybe it's stayed in the obvious, but this is a sec,

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a different day than when we talked about it yesterday.

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But there is a major piece of legislation that'll be moving through, uh,

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the Joshua Tree Act. And so, uh, um, well, I think, we'll,

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we'll obviously be tracking that and that'll be part of this discussion

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throughout the next four or five, six months. Mr. Murmur?

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<v 2>Yes, on the notion of, uh,</v>

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legislative calendar highlights,

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I just wanted to also mention that April 11th is California Ocean Day. Uh,

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that's a, uh, a lobby day,

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an advocacy day where hundreds of people will descend on the capitol to talk

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about ocean and coastal bills, uh, and other ocean issues.

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And, um,

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it's the first time it's been in person in three years because of covid.

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So it's kind of a big deal.

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And so I just wanted to flag it for anybody who's watching, um,

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sign up and join if you're inclined.

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<v 1>Great, thank you. Um,</v>

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there's no motion necessary and that was just informational. Um,

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and there's no speaker, so we can kind of go through these, uh, individually.

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So let's, uh, Rachel, will you take us through the, uh, rulemaking update?

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<v 2>Yes. Thank you.</v>

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So this item is to consider and potentially approve any changes to

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the commission's rulemaking timetable. There are a number of requests to,

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for changes both from the department and from commission staff. Uh,

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the details of those requests are outlined in your meeting binder, uh,

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in the staff summary in the memo from the department and in from

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and in the updated timetable.

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So I will not review the rationale and timeline for

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each rulemaking, uh,

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verbally because those are provided in your meeting materials. Um,

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but I will quickly review the changes.

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So there are requests to add a rulemaking for special hunt permits and draws.

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Add a rulemaking for litigate,

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mitigating risks for chronic wasting disease importation and movement,

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add Klamath river dams removal, sport fishing,

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adjust the timing for preexisting structures in marine protected areas,

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marine managed areas and special closures.

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Add inland sport fishing updates,

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add wildlife rehabilitation updates,

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and move the commercial take of Pacific herring, uh,

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lepar bait nets, rulemaking from to be determined, um,

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to be scheduled with not, um, notice in June, 2023. Thank.

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<v 1>You. Great. Terrific. Rachel, any, uh, questions or comments on that?
Melissa,</v>

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please?

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<v 2>Yes,</v>

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and my apologies to Deputy Executive Director ante because she didn't receive

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this information in advance, but we do have some additional changes.

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These are really minor. They're, they're not significant for this discussion,

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but just to note for the public, um,

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that there's three additional things under the special hunts permit and draws.

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There's been some changes to the section numbers. It's, um,

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we're adding section seven 15.5 and amending section

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7 0 2 7 16 is going to be deleted from that, uh,

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amendment process. And then under mitigating risks for chronic waste,

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chronic wasting disease, importation and movement, um,

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we're gonna add section 6 81 and seven 14.

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And then under the count dam removal, we're going to add section 8 0 2,

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um, in addition to the changes that are already proposed for 7.4.

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So I just wanted to note those for anyone who might be listening and paying

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attention to what section members are.

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<v 1>Changing. Perfect. Thank you, <laugh>.</v>

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Does anybody have any comments or questions on that? Uh, if not,

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I'll I'll make the motion if it's okay. Um, I move that we,

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that the commission approves the proposed changes to the rule making timetable

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as discussed today. Second motion made by me,

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seconded by Commissioner Williams. Roll call please.

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<v 0>President Slar.</v>

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<v 1>Aye.</v>

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<v 0>Commissioner Williams?</v>

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<v 1>Aye.</v>

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<v 0>Commissioner Murray.</v>

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<v 2>Aye.</v>

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<v 0>Commissioner host Caron.</v>

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<v 2>Aye.</v>

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<v 0>Vice President Zile.</v>

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<v 34>Aye.</v>

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<v 1>Motion passes unanimously. And we're on to our last item, which is C,</v>

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future meetings. And Melissa, please. Oh, I'm sorry. Uh, we don't,

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we don't need to not speakers.

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We don't need to announce speakers cuz we already did for the whole group and

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there were.

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<v 2>No speakers. Great. Thank you.</v>

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So your next commission meeting is scheduled for April, 1920, uh,

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somewhere in the Fresno Bakersfield area.

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The potential items for this agen for that agenda are in Exhibit one. Uh,

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noting again that the president of the commission has the ability to add agenda

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items at any time if something arises. Um, for instance,

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we sometimes receive decisions from the Office of Administrative Hearings.

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Those need to be added to the agenda. Um, but we can't remove things. So,

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uh, at this point in time, I don't have additional items to highlight, uh,

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beyond what we have already.

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And so would look forward a motion from the commission to adopt and just

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amend or may approve those items.

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<v 1>Yeah. Just one question.</v>

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We did have discussion about how we're gonna discuss in over the next several

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meetings, the Joshua Tree. Do we need anything on the agenda for April?

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We don't. Okay. Just wanna confirm that so I didn't. Excellent. Okay.

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Well if there's any, any other changes anybody wants,

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I'll happy to make a motion. Um,

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the commission approves the draft agenda items for the April 19th, 2019 and 2023

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commission meeting as amended at during this meeting.

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03:17:58.340 --> 03:17:59.173

<v 2>I will. Second.</v>

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03:17:59.780 --> 03:18:03.470

<v 1>Motion made by me, seconded by Commissioner Hostler Caron roll call please.</v>

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<v 0>President Slar.</v>

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03:18:05.570 --> 03:18:06.290

<v 1>Aye.</v>

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03:18:06.290 --> 03:18:08.070

<v 0>Commissioner Hostler Caron.</v>

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03:18:08.330 --> 03:18:08.890

<v 2>Aye.</v>

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03:18:08.890 --> 03:18:10.310

<v 0>Commissioner Williams?</v>

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03:18:10.370 --> 03:18:11.130

<v 1>Aye.</v>

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03:18:11.130 --> 03:18:12.390

<v 0>Commissioner Murray.</v>

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03:18:13.060 --> 03:18:13.893

<v 2>Aye. Hi.</v>

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<v 0>Vice President Devita.</v>

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<v 34>Hi.</v>

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<v 1>Terrific. The motion ca passes unanimously and just, uh,</v>

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look forward to seeing you all in April and to the folks who are gonna be in,

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uh, in Monterey in March for the,

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both the RRC and the Taketo Management Review.

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So we're looking forward to all that and see y Allall soon. Thank you.

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And Melissa, do you have a final comment?

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<v 2>Yes. Just one last thing quickly to highlight. Um,</v>

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I'm hoping that we'll see some of you folks at our falconry demonstration this

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afternoon at Conaway Ranch.

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And if you don't have those details and want to join us,

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they are available on the website, on the commission's meeting page.

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And for the rest of us,

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we are meeting at Conaway Ranch no later than three o'clock, please.

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<v 20>Terrific. The meeting is adjourned.</v>