

## MARINE PLANNING

The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Ad Hoc Marine Planning Committee (MPC) met online April 30, 2026, to discuss several topics relevant to Council-managed fisheries and coastal fishing communities. These included the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's West Coast oil and gas leasing activities, deep-sea mineral mining on the high seas as well as within the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone, the Ocean Rainforest kelp farming project, marine carbon dioxide removal efforts, state and tribal updates, a potential comment letter template for use in quick turnaround comment situations, and a brief update on the Pacific Fishing Effort Mapping Project.

These issues are described in the MPC's report (D.2.a, MPC Report 1) as well as recommendations for Council consideration. The Council will receive a briefing on the MPC report and should provide guidance as appropriate.

### **Council Tasks:**

#### **1. Provide Guidance on Future Comment Opportunities.**

#### Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item D.2.a, MPC Report 1.
2. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

#### Agenda Order:

#### D.2 Marine Planning

- a. Report of the Marine Planning Committee
- b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate

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