

Update on the Review of Commercial Harvest of Marine Algae Regulations



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Outline

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Background

Phase One: Kelp, Adopted in 2014

Phase Two: Edible seaweed, agar-bearing, and kelp

Broad overhaul

Management strategies

Phase Three: Edible seaweed, agar-bearing, and kelp

License fees and royalty rates

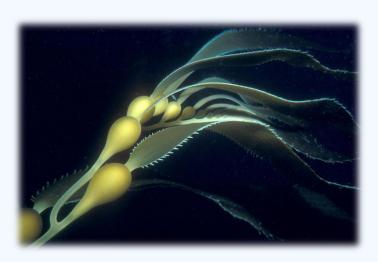


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Potential Regulatory Changes and Challenges

- 1. Regulatory language cleanup and consistency
- 2. Revise the Commercial Kelp Harvest License
- 3. Consider harvest methods, limits, and seasons

Challenges:

- Staff resources and capacity
- Recent kelp loss and recovery efforts



Timeline and Next Steps

- March 2018: Marine Resources Committee (MRC)
- April, June, Dec 2018: InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council
- Feb, June 2019: Tribal Resources Committee (TRC)
- ~ July 2019: Commercial permittee survey
- Summer/Fall 2019: Outreach activities
- Oct 2019: TRC Update
- Nov 2019: MRC Update
- Dec 2019: Commission Notice Hearing

