



## **MLMA Master Plan Amendment Process Tribal and Stakeholder Review of Initial Draft of the Master Plan Amendment Instructions to Submit Public Comment**

The Marine Life Management Act (MLMA), California's primary fisheries management law, directs the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to develop a Master Plan to guide its implementation.

The original Master Plan, adopted in 2001, was largely focused on guidance for the development of Fishery Management Plans. The amended Master Plan will replace the current Master Plan, and presents an opportunity to consider the full range of the MLMA's objectives and identify additional tools and strategies that will help achieve its vision of healthy ecosystems, sustainable fisheries and fishing communities, and transparent and strategic management.

CDFW is requesting tribal and stakeholder review and feedback on an initial draft of the 2018 Master Plan by **November 9, 2017 at 5:00pm PST**.

The initial draft amendment is available electronically for download:  
<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/MLMA/Master-Plan>. Comments may be sent by mail, email, or fax:

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Comments will also be received in-person during the Marine Resource Committee meeting on November 9, 2017. See additional details: <http://fgc.ca.gov/meetings/2017/>

Marine Resources Committee  
Thursday, November 9, 2017  
Marina Branch Public Library  
190 Seaside Circle,  
Marina, CA 93933

When submitting written/verbal comments for consideration by CDFW, please be as specific as you can and provide suggestions to address your comments or concerns. When applicable, please provide **page number (and/or figure or table number)** for each comment.

Please note during your review that the amended Master Plan is not prescriptive but rather provides a new framework to guide California state fisheries management efforts. Full application of this framework will require additional resources and a collaborative effort among CDFW, the California Fish and Game Commission, tribes, stakeholders, and the public.

Thank you for your interest in reviewing the initial draft of the 2018 Master Plan and providing CDFW with constructive feedback and recommendations. Your comments will inform the development of the final draft that will be considered by the Fish and Game Commission in early 2018. We look forward to receiving your input.

For more information about the MLMA Master Plan Amendment process, including timelines, FAQs, and other resources, visit <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/MLMA>.