



Now Available for Tribal and Stakeholder Review and Public Comment: Initial Draft of the Amended Master Plan (2018 Master Plan)

Over the past 18 months, the Department has worked with tribes, stakeholders, and partners to amend the Marine Life Management Act (MLMA) Master Plan for Fisheries. This culmination of hard work, creative thinking, and valuable input has led to the development of an initial draft of the amended Master Plan (2018 Master Plan), now available to the public:
<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/MLMA/Master-Plan#457711418-upcoming-events>.

**Request for Tribal and Stakeholder Review
Initial Draft of the Master Plan Amendment (2018 Master Plan)
Submit comments by November 9, 2017 at 5:00pm PST**

The initial draft and instructions are posted on the MLMA Master Plan web page under '[Upcoming Events](#)'.

Written comments may be sent by mail, email, or fax, and verbal comments delivered in-person during the [Marine Resource Committee meeting](#) on November 9, 2017.

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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.

As a reminder, the amended Master Plan will replace the current Master Plan, which was adopted in 2001 and largely focused on guidance for the development of Fishery Management Plans. The 2018 Master Plan 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.

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. It is intended to act as a roadmap and toolbox for implementation, providing guidance and direction. Full application of this

framework will require sufficient resources and a collaborative effort among CDFW, the California Fish and Game Commission, tribes, stakeholders, and the public.

We are grateful for the support and feedback the ocean community has provided us thus far and look forward to receiving your input on the initial draft of the 2018 Master Plan. Please check out the recently updated Master Plan Amendment [timeline](#) which also outlines the general timing for the Fish and Game Commission process.

For more information about the MLMA Master Plan Amendment process in general, including summaries from recent stakeholder discussions, please contact us at MLMA@wildlife.ca.gov or visit <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/MLMA/Master-Plan>.