



Update on the Review of Commercial Harvest of Marine Algae Regulations



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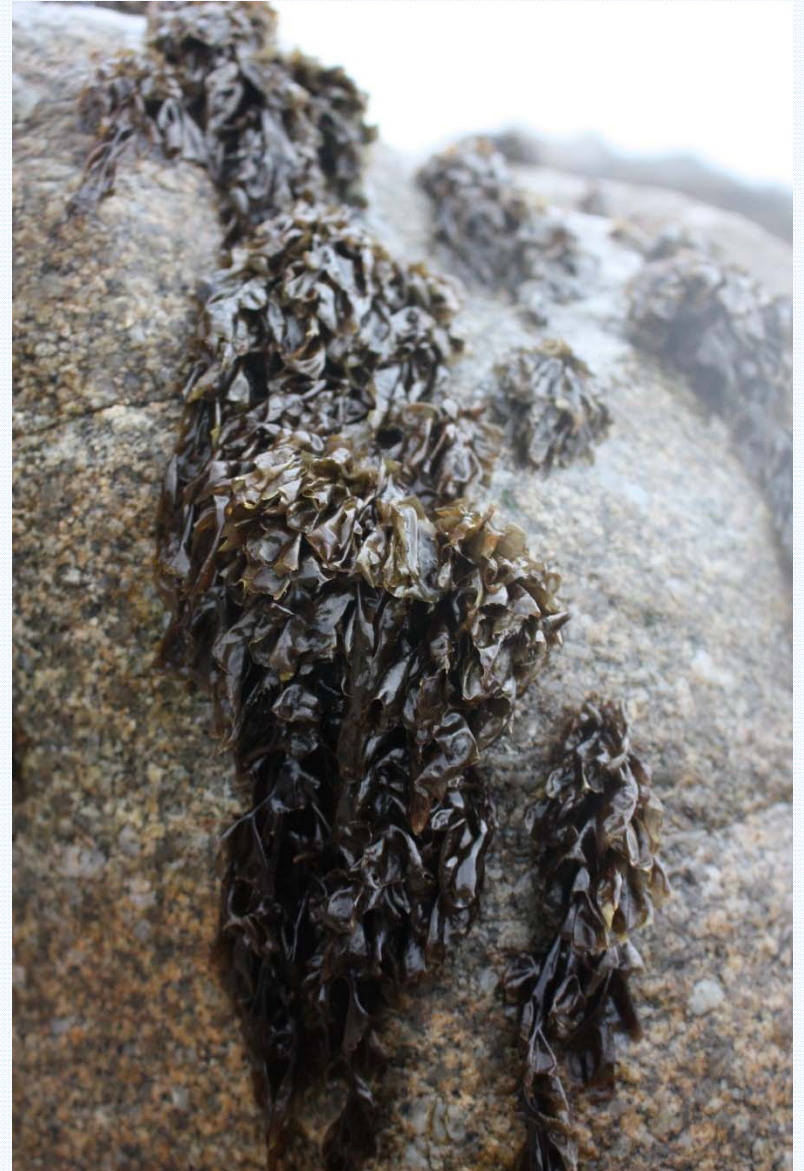


Purpose

- Background
- Identified potential changes
- Outreach
- Where we are now
- Next steps

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Background

Phase One: *Kelp*

- Administrative kelp bed boundaries
- Harvest plans
- Editorial changes

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

- Management policies
- Harvest methods and seasons

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

- License fees
- Royalty rates



Potential Regulation Updates Identified

Regulation language

- Correct inaccurate references
- Update language
- Combine edible seaweed and agarweed sections

Harvest methods

Commercial Kelp Harvest License

- Incorporate drying permit
- List individuals harvesting under license
- List species to be collected
- Use of harvest
- Move license reference in Title 14



Potential Regulation Updates – Items to Consider

Edible species (sea palm and bull kelp)

- Consideration of life history
- Ecosystem needs
- Potential harvest seasons
- Harvest methods
- Sea palm and bull kelp
 - Harvest limits

Bull kelp closures

Challenges

- CEQA costs
- Time



Outreach

Letters

- Harvesters, Tribal Governments, Researchers, NGO's

Presentations

- Marine Resources Committee
- Tribal Committee
- InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council

Updates

- Marine Resources Committee
- Tribal Committee

Government-to-Government

- United Pomo Nations Council



Next Steps

- Continue consideration of potential amendments
- Determine CEQA compliance
- Continue engagement with researchers, commercial harvesters, Tribal governments, NGO's



sea palm

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Thank You



Questions?

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