



Update on the Review of Commercial Harvest of Marine Algae Regulations



Marine Resources Committee Meeting
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Outline

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- Timeline and Next Steps



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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



Thank You ◆ **Questions?**

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