



Kelp Restoration and Management Plan (KRMP) Community Working Group Participants Call for Nominations

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), in partnership with the Ocean Protection Council (OPC), seeks nominations for representatives to serve on the Kelp Restoration and Management Plan (KRMP) Community Working Group. These members will form two subcommittees: bull kelp and giant kelp. Nominations are sought to represent the following sectors:

**Please submit
Online
Application Form
by 5 PM PDT
June 9, 2023.**

- California Tribes (e.g., leadership or designated staff, federally and non-federally recognized, traditional and cultural practitioners)
- Commercial harvesters (e.g., kelp harvesters, urchin divers)
- Local businesses (e.g., tourism, dive shops, tackle shops, restaurants, etc.)
- Recreational users (e.g., anglers, divers, underwater photographers)
- Non-governmental organizations (e.g., fishing, environmental)
- Academic and research institutions
- State and federal partners (e.g., National Marine Sanctuaries, State Parks)
- And other interested members of the ocean community

Nomination Submission Process

Nominations should be submitted via this [online application form](#) by **5:00 PM PDT on Friday, June 9, 2023**. CDFW and OPC will review nominations and make selections based on the criteria and expectations outlined below. KRMP Community Working Group member selections are expected to be made in Summer 2023.

KRMP Background and Charge of the KRMP Community Working Group

CDFW and OPC are developing a statewide, adaptive ecosystem-based KRMP for bull kelp and giant kelp that will guide the state's efforts to manage, protect, and restore kelp forests in California waters. To successfully develop the KRMP and ensure it reflects the best available science and community perspectives, CDFW and OPC will collaborate to create a Community Working Group. We welcome you to circulate information about the Community Working Group call for nominations to all interested parties. Please use this document and the [Marine Management News](#) blog announcement.



The KRMP Community Working Group is an informal advisory body that seeks to provide Tribes, stakeholders, and interested members of the public with the opportunity to inform the development of the KRMP. The goals of the KRMP Community Working Group are to:

- Advise on and inform the development of the KRMP, including providing feedback on KRMP drafts and sharing community perspectives, priorities, and concerns to be considered in the KRMP.
- Share information about the KRMP and its progress with communities, including helping to identify communications channels, strategies, target audiences, known barriers, etc.

KRMP Community Working Group Selection Criteria and Expectations

In appointing KRMP Community Working Group participants, CDFW and OPC may consider professional expertise or experience, diversity of perspectives, and ability to represent peers, work collaboratively and seek consensus. KRMP Community Working Group participants must have an active email address and phone number and the ability to access meetings through virtual platforms when needed. Members are expected to review materials before meetings, share their individual and community-informed insights and perspectives, inform their constituency(ies) of the process and provide feedback from their constituency(ies) during the KRMP Community Working Group meetings, adhere to a code of conduct and expectations to act in good faith towards other stakeholders and community members in public statements, provide feedback on documents and maintain communication with the facilitation team, agencies, and other participants as needed.

Meeting Schedule and Commitment

KRMP Community Working Group participants are requested to participate in up to four conference calls (~four hours each) and one hybrid meeting (~1 to 1.5 days) over two years between 2023 - 2025. Nominal stipends to support participants' time and travel will be available.

If you have questions about the KRMP Community Working Group or the KRMP process, please contact CDFW at kelp@wildlife.ca.gov.