



Red Abalone Recovery Plan Call for Applications: Community Working Group

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has developed a process to create a statewide recovery plan for red abalone (*Haliotis rufescens*). The Red Abalone Recovery Plan (Plan) will use a science-based approach to support recovery of the population to sustainable levels. The Plan will facilitate a robust, adaptive, climate ready approach to improve the red abalone population in the face of changing ocean conditions.

CDFW seeks applications for representatives to serve on the Red Abalone Recovery Plan Community Working Group who represent the following sectors:

- California tribes
- Former recreational abalone fishers
- Former commercial abalone fishers
- Abalone conservation
- Aquaculture
- Non-governmental organizations
- Others with interest in red abalone restoration

Application Submission Process

Applications should be submitted via this [online application](#) by **5pm Friday, April 5**. CDFW will review applications and make selections in May.

Background and Charge of the Community Working Group

The 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 Plan. The goal of the Community Working Group is to advise and inform the development of the Plan, including providing feedback on drafts and sharing community perspectives, priorities, and concerns.

Community Working Group Selection Criteria and Expectations

In appointing Community Working Group participants, CDFW may consider:

- Expertise or experience
- Diversity of perspectives
- Geographic location/regional knowledge
- Ability to represent peers
- Willingness to work collaboratively and seek consensus

Community Working Group participants must have an active email address and phone number and the ability to access meetings through Microsoft Teams when needed. Members will be expected to:

- Adhere to a code of conduct and expectations to act in good faith towards other stakeholders and community members in public statements. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in expulsion from the group.
- Review materials before meetings.
- Share their individual and community-informed insights and perspectives.

- Inform their constituency of the process and provide feedback from their constituency during the Community Working Group meetings.
- Provide feedback on documents and maintain communication with the Department and other participants as needed.

Meeting Schedule and Commitment

Development of the Plan is anticipated to take up to three years (2024-2026). The meeting schedule will vary throughout Plan development, but CDFW anticipates hosting more frequent meetings (i.e., monthly) during the first year to address priority topics. Additional meetings of smaller subgroups may be conducted if necessary. Members are requested to attend as many meetings as possible. Members may be asked to review documents and provide comments between meetings.

If you have questions about the Community Working Group or the Plan's process, please contact CDFW at Abalone@wildlife.ca.gov.