

Staff Summary for April 17-18, 2024

9A. Tribal Committee (TC)**Today's Item**Information Action

Receive summary and consider approving recommendations from the April 16, 2024 committee meeting. Discuss referred topics and consider revisions to topics and timing.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

- Previous tribal committee meeting April 16, 2024; TC
- **Today consider approving any tribal committee recommendations** **April 17-18, 2024**
- Next tribal committee meeting August 13, 2024; TC

Background

TC works under Commission direction to set and accomplish its work plan. Today, the Commission will receive a report on the previous TC meeting and any recommendations, as well as provide direction for any referred topics and revisions to TC topics and timing.

Previous Committee Meeting

TC met on April 16 in San Jose, with options for webinar and phone participation. Official minutes (video) will be posted next week on the [Commission's YouTube page](#) with a link also available on the Commission's meeting page at [2024 Meetings \(ca.gov\)](#). Discussions included:

1. *Co-management roundtable*: Discussed tribal co-management initiatives and projects planned or underway in collaboration with public agencies and California tribes. Tribal representatives shared their co-management interests and experiences, including co-management between the Yurok Tribe and California State Parks at the Chah-pek-w O' Ket'-toh "Stone Lagoon" Visitor Center.
2. *Annual tribal planning meeting*: Discussed updates on priorities identified at the July 20, 2022 tribal planning meeting, held annually pursuant to the Commission's Tribal Consultation Policy, and continued discussions about 2024 meeting planning.
3. *Commission policies review*: Received update on planning and coordination for review of Commission policies, with five policies currently under review (code of conduct, fish planting in youth camps, youth fishing programs, research, and naming installations).
4. *Tribal subsistence definition and related management mechanisms*: Received and discussed outcomes from the December 2023 Tribal Committee and Commission meetings discussions about how the tribal subsistence definition workgroup will advance its efforts in the near future.
5. *Marine protected area (MPA) regulation change petition evaluation process*: Received and discussed approach to reviewing and evaluating petitions for MPA regulation changes following the decadal management review of the MPA network and management program, as proposed by the Department and recommended by the Commission Marine Resources Committee.

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In addition to the primary topics, staff and agencies provided updates to TC:

- *The Department Tribal Liaison* provided an update on the Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act implementation.
- *The Department Law Enforcement Division* presented 2023 MPA enforcement statistics.
- *Department Wildlife and Fisheries Division* provided an update on multiple activities within the division.
- *Department Marine Region* provided an update on red abalone recovery plan development and commercial sea palm harvest regulations.
- *Commission staff* provided updates on development of a Commission justice, equity, diversity and inclusion plan, and Commission rulemakings, regulation change petitions, and other pending actions.

Committee Work Plan

Topics that have been referred from the Commission to TC are displayed within a work plan to assist with scheduling and tracking (Exhibit 1). Proposed changes to the work plan will be presented verbally during today's meeting.

Significant Public Comments (N/A)**Recommendation**

Commission staff: Any recommendations from TC will be presented verbally during today's meeting.

Exhibits

1. [TC work plan, updated April 11, 2024](#)

Motion

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission approves the recommendations from the April 16, 2024 Tribal Committee meeting, as discussed today. Further, the Commission approves changes to the Tribal Committee work plan as recommended by the Committee and discussed today.

California Fish and Game Commission Tribal Committee (TC) Work Plan

Updated April 4, 2024

Proposed changes to topics/timing are shown in blue underline or ~~strike-out~~ font.

Topic / Goal	Type / Lead	Dec 2023	Apr 2024	Aug 2024
CFGFC justice, equity, diversity and inclusion plan	CFGFC Project	X	X	<u>X</u>
Commission Tribal Consultation Policy (begin discussions when tribal advisor and liaison is hired)	CFGFC Policy			<u>X</u>
Tribal subsistence definition and related management mechanisms	TC Project	X	X	
Co-management roundtable discussion	TC Project	X	X	<u>X</u>
Coastal fishing communities policy <u>implementation</u>	MRC Project	X/R		<u>X</u>
Sheep, deer, antelope, trout, abalone, kelp/seaweed: Updates and guidance (timing as appropriate)	CDFW	X	X	<u>X</u>
Annual tribal planning meeting		X	X	<u>X</u>
California Natural Resources Agency		X		<u>X</u>
OPC – MPA Statewide Leadership Team; Tribal Marine Stewards Network	OPC	X	X	<u>X</u>
CDFW – Possible items include: - Marine protected areas <u>(MPA)</u> decadal management review, <u>MPA petitions</u> - Drought/wildfire impacts and state response - Climate adaptation, mitigation, science - Statewide kelp and abalone recovery efforts - Proposition 64 (cannabis) implementation - Other items as identified by CDFW	CDFW	X	X	<u>X</u>
Cross-pollination with MRC and WRC: Identify tribal concerns and common themes with MRC and WRC	CFGFC Committees	X	X	<u>X</u>
Coastal Fishing Communities Project updates	MRC Project		X	<u>X</u>
CFGFC regulatory and non-regulatory updates	CFGFC staff	X	X	<u>X</u>

Key: X = Discussion scheduled X/R = Recommendation developed and moved to CFGFC

CFGFC = California Fish and Game Commission

MRC = CFGFC's Marine Resources Committee

CDFW = California Department of Fish and Wildlife

WRC = CFGFC's Wildlife Resources Committee

OPC = California Ocean Protection Council