

Staff Summary for December 11-12, 2024

11A. Tribal Committee (TC)**Today's Item**Information Action

Receive summary and consider approving recommendations from the December 10, 2024 committee meeting. Discuss referred topics and consider revisions to topics and timing.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

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| • Previous tribal committee meeting | December 10, 2024; TC |
| • Today consider approving any committee recommendations | December 11-12, 2024 |
| • Next tribal committee meeting | April 15, 2025; 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 December 10 in Sacramento, with options for webinar and phone participation. Official minutes (video) will be posted in the next week on the [Commission's YouTube page](#) with a link also available on the Commission's meeting page (fgc.ca.gov/Meetings/2024).

Discussion topics 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 and agencies with co-management agreements were invited to share their interests and experiences.
2. *Commission policies review*: Received an update on planning and coordination for review of Commission policies. Tribal input was requested on five of the policies (code of conduct, fish planting in youth camps, youth fishing programs, research, and naming installations), with naming installations scheduled for potential adoption (today, under Agenda Item 17, Commission Policies).
3. *California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) draft tribal consultation policy*: Received an update and discussed the CNRA draft tribal consultation policy that is currently available for public comment and tribal consultation through January 15, 2025.
4. *Application for new aquaculture lease*: Received a presentation and discussed the San Andreas Shellfish Company's application for a new state water bottom lease for aquaculture purposes in Tomales Bay.
5. *Annual tribal planning meeting*: Discussed timing and format for the next annual tribal planning meeting.
6. *Tribal subsistence definition and related management mechanisms*: Discussed next steps regarding the tribal subsistence definition workgroup.

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7. In addition to the primary topics, staff and agency updates were given by the Ocean Protection Council, Department, and staff.
- *Department Tribal Liaison*: Upcoming tribal listening sessions, grant opportunities, and Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act implementation.
 - *Department Law Enforcement Division*: verbal update on enforcement activities.
 - *Department Wildlife and Fisheries Division*: Striped bass slot limits, draft deer conservation management plan, and western burrowing owl status review under the California Endangered Species Act.
 - *Department Marine Region*: Marine protected area petition evaluation process, market squid fishery management plan and regulations, and recreational crab gear regulations.
 - *Commission staff*: Wildlife Resources Committee; Marine Resources Committee; 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). Any further proposed changes to the work plan will be presented orally during today's meeting. Given the vacancy in the Commission tribal advisor and liaison position, staff does not recommend adding any new topics to the work plan.

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

Commission staff: Any recommendations from TC will be presented verbally during today's meeting. Approve TC recommendations and any changes to the work plan discussed today.

Exhibits

1. [TC work plan, updated December 2, 2024](#)

Motion

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission approves the recommendations from the December 10, 2024 Tribal Committee meeting, and approves changes to the work plan as discussed today.

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

Updated December 2, 2024

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

Topic / Goal	Type / Lead	Aug 2024	Dec 2024	Apr 2025
CFGC justice, equity, diversity and inclusion plan	CFGC Project	X	X	<u>X</u>
Commission Tribal Consultation Policy	CFGC Policy	X	X	<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>
San Andreas Shellfish Company state water bottom lease application for aquaculture purposes	CFGC		X	
Review of all Commission policies	CFGC Project		X	
Coastal Fishing Communities Policy implementation	MRC Project	X		
Management plans for sheep, deer, antelope, trout, abalone, kelp/seaweed: Updates and guidance (timing as appropriate)	CDFW	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	
Annual tribal planning meeting	CFGC Project	X	X	<u>X</u>
California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA)	CNRA	X	<u>X</u>	
California Ocean Protection Council (OPC)	OPC	X	X	<u>X</u>
CDFW – Possible items include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marine protected area (MPA) <u>decadal management review</u>, MPA petitions - <u>Species management plans (sheep, deer, elk, antelope, bear, trout, etc.)</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	CFGC Committees	X	X	<u>X</u>
Coastal Fishing Communities Project updates	MRC Project	X		
CFGC regulatory and non-regulatory updates	CFGC staff	X	X	<u>X</u>

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

CFGC = California Fish and Game Commission

CDFW = California Department of Fish and Wildlife

MRC = CFGC Marine Resources Committee

WRC = CFGC Wildlife Resources Committee