

# **Kelp Restoration and Management Plan**

## **Community Working Group**

### **Meeting #5 Agenda**

Thursday, May 22, 2025 | 8:30am-4:00pm

Room 410, Justice Joseph Rattigan Building, 50 D St, Santa Rosa, CA

#### **Meeting Goals**

- Deepen the Community Working Group's (CWG) understanding of the current kelp landscape and explore future opportunities in expertise, education, outreach, and citizen science.
- Refine and align draft recommendations, identify initial CWG-supported Kelp Restoration and Management Plan (KRMP) recommendations per CWG Charter guidelines, and note additional ideas for future exploration.

#### **Intended Meeting Outcomes**

- Develop a list of prioritized draft recommendations for the KRMP, supported by the CWG, including, but not limited to, restoration, harvest, ecosystem-based management, community engagement, co-management, and research coordination and adaptive management.
- Develop a list of kelp-focused interested entities (i.e., non-governmental organizations, private companies, communities) across California that can strengthen the state's understanding of existing networks and connections in the coastal kelp sphere.

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#### **Welcome, Introductions, and Community Building**

*Confirm meeting goals and intentions and walk through today's agenda.*

#### **Recap CWG and SAC Meeting**

*Reflect on key insights from dialogue with the SAC and identify outcomes to inform CWG discussions.*

#### **Discussion & Interactive Exercise: Prioritize Management Actions Based on Kelp Health**

*Building on the discussion from the prior day, discuss, identify, and prioritize management strategies based on kelp forest health ("thriving," "fine," "compromised," "depleted") through interactive exercises.*

#### **Lunch**

*Tribal representatives are invited to convene privately to discuss Tribal-specific recommendations.*

### **Explore KRMP Recommendations**

*Discuss, develop, refine, and potentially vote on recommendations per CWG Charter guidelines. Topics may include, but will not be limited to, Ecosystem-based Management, Harvest, Restoration, and Community Engagement. Tribal-specific considerations will be explored in the discussions. Draft recommendations that do not meet Charter criteria will be revised or tabled for future consideration.*

### **Looking Ahead and Adjourn**

*Review key takeaways, actionable next steps for finalizing recommendations, and opportunities for ongoing communication and engagement.*

### **Available Resources**

- [CWG Charter](#)
- [CWG and SAC Meeting Agendas and Summaries](#)