

Staff Summary for August 13-14, 2025

23A. Tribal Committee (TC)**Today's Item**Information ☐Action ☒

Receive summary and consider approving recommendations from the August 12, 2025 Committee meeting. Discuss referred topics and consider revisions to topics and timing.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

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| • Previous TC meeting | August 12, 2025; TC |
| • Today, consider approving TC recommendations | August 13-14, 2025 |
| • Next TC meeting | December 9, 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, provide direction for any referred topics and revisions to TC work plan topics and timing, and consider approving the next TC meeting agenda topics.

Previous Committee Meeting

TC met in Sacramento on August 12, with Zoom and phone options for agency partners and the public. Official meeting minutes will be posted on the [Commission's YouTube page](#) next week; a link will also be available on the Commission's meetings page at fgc.ca.gov/meetings.

TC received updates on standing meeting agenda items, including species management plans, committee cross-pollination, staff and other agency actions, Commission rulemakings, and future agenda topics. In addition, TC discussed six topics:

- *Annual tribal planning meeting.* Received update and discussed timing for the Commission's annual tribal planning meeting.
- *Marine Protected Area Petitions.* Received and discussed the Marine Resources Committee recommendation to the Commission related to the Department's proposed MPA petition evaluation framework, discussed the potential grouping of petitioned actions for future review and discussion by bioregion, and discussed how the committee would like to address MPA petitions and define tribally-focused MPA petitions.
- *Red Abalone Statewide Restoration Plan.* Received and discussed the Department update on statewide red abalone restoration planning.
- *Co-Management Roundtable.* Discussed tribal co-management initiatives and projects planned or underway in collaboration with public agencies and California tribes. Tribal representatives are invited to share their co-management interests and experiences.
- *Tribal Subsistence Definition.* Discussed the process for developing a tribal subsistence definition.
- *Commission Tribal Consultation Policy.* Received an update on the California Natural Resources Agency revised draft tribal consultation policy and associated draft tribal

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consultation best practices guide that are nearing completion and began a discussion about the Commission Tribal Consultation Policy.

Committee Work Plan

Topics referred by 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.

Committee Recommendations

Recommendations from TC will be presented verbally during today's meeting.

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

Commission staff: Approve TC recommendations and any changes to the work plan discussed today.

Committee: Approve the TC recommendations from the August 12, 2025 TC meeting.

Exhibits

1. [TC work plan, updated August 1, 2025](#)

Motion

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission approves the Tribal Committee recommendations from the August 12, 2025 Tribal Committee meeting, and approves changes to the work plan as discussed today.

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

Updated August 1, 2025

Topic / Goal	Type / Lead	May 2025	Aug 2025	Dec 2025
CFGF justice, equity, diversity and inclusion plan	CFGF Project	X	X	X
Commission Tribal Consultation Policy	CFGF Policy	X	X	
Tribal subsistence definition and related management mechanisms	TC Project	X	X	X
Co-management roundtable discussion	TC Project	X	X	X
Santa Barbara Sea Ranch state water bottom lease application for aquaculture purposes	CFGF			
San Andreas Shellfish Company state water bottom lease application for aquaculture purposes	CFGF			
Review of all Commission policies: <i>Naming Installations Policy</i>	CFGF Project	X		
Coastal Fishing Communities Policy implementation	MRC Project			
Annual tribal planning meeting	CFGF Project	X	X	X
California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA)	CNRA			
California Ocean Protection Council (OPC)	OPC	X	X	X
CDFW – Possible items include:	CDFW			X
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marine protected area petitions - Species management plans - Drought/wildfire impacts and state response - Climate adaptation, mitigation, science - Statewide kelp and abalone recovery efforts - Proposition 64 (cannabis) implementation 		X X	X X X	
Cross-pollination with MRC and WRC: Identify tribal concerns and common themes with MRC and WRC	CFGF Committees	X	X	X
Coastal Fishing Communities Project updates	MRC Project			
CFGF regulatory and non-regulatory updates	CFGF staff	X	X	X

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

CFGF = California Fish and Game Commission

MRC = CFGF Marine Resources Committee

CDFW = California Department of Fish and Wildlife

WRC = CFGF Wildlife Resources Committee