

Staff Summary for June 17-18, 2026

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

Discuss referred topics and consider revisions to topics and timing. Consider approving draft agenda topics for the next committee meeting to be held August 11, 2026.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

- Previous TC meeting April 14, 2026; TC
- **Today, consider approving next TC meeting agenda topics** **June 17-18, 2026**
- Next TC meeting August 11, 2026; TC

Background

TC works under Commission direction to set and accomplish its work plan.

Committee Work Plan

Topics referred by the Commission to TC are displayed in a work plan to assist with scheduling and tracking (Exhibit 1). The updated work plan includes approved changes made by the Commission in April. Given the loss of the Commission's tribal advisor and liaison position, staff does not recommend adding any new topics to the TC work plan at this time.

Next Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2026 in Sacramento, with public remote participation options via webinar and phone.

Discussion Topics

In addition to standing agenda items (i.e., staff and other agency actions, Commission rulemakings, committee cross-pollination, future agenda topics), four discussion topics are proposed for the August TC meeting:

1. *Tribally Led or Co-Led Marine Protected Area (MPA) Petition Evaluations.* The Commission is expected to receive three reports at its August 12-13 meeting related to MPA petitions: Department evaluations of the 5 tribally led or co-led MPA petitions; California Ocean Protection Council (OPC) evaluation and recommendations related to the 15 pending MPA petitions; and Department, OPC, and staff equity review of the 15 pending MPA petitions that was not completed within the original MPA petition evaluation framework. Dependent upon timing of receipt, there may be an opportunity at the TC meeting to discuss the evaluations for the 5 tribally led or co-led petitions.
2. *Commission Tribal Consultation Policy.* Discuss potential changes to the Commission's adopted policy in the context of the new California Natural Resources Agency Tribal Consultation Policy and associated tribal consultation best practices guide.

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3. *Tribal Subsistence Definition*. Receive and discuss an update from the tribal subsistence definition workgroup on progress in expanding participation in the workgroup and developing a definition.
4. *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.

Committee meetings are recorded and later posted to the [Commission's YouTube page](#) as the official meeting minutes; a link to the video is also always available on the Commission's meetings page at fgc.ca.gov/meetings.

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

Commission staff: Approve the changes to the work plan as proposed in Exhibit 1. Approve the draft agenda topics for the August 11, 2026 TC meeting.

Exhibits

1. [TC work plan](#), updated June 11, 2026

Motion

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission approves the proposed changes to the work plan and approves the topics for the August 11, 2026 Tribal Committee meeting, as discussed today.

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

Updated June 11, 2026

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

Topic / Goal	Type / Lead	Apr 2026	Aug 2026	<u>Dec</u> <u>2026</u>
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	<u>X</u>
Co-management roundtable discussion	TC Project	X	X	<u>X</u>
Tribally led or co-led marine protected area (MPA) petition evaluations	CFGC	X	<u>X</u>	
San Andreas Shellfish Company state water bottom lease application for aquaculture purposes	CFGC			
Coastal Fishing Communities Policy implementation	MRC Project			
Annual tribal planning meeting	CFGC Project	X		
California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA)	CNRA			
California Ocean Protection Council (OPC)	OPC	X	X	<u>X</u>
CDFW – Possible items include:	CDFW			
<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	<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			
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

MRC = CFGC Marine Resources Committee

WRC = CFGC Wildlife Resources Committee

CDFW = California Department of Fish and Wildlife