

Staff Summary for October 13-16, 2026

24A. Tribal Committee (TC)**Today's Item****Information** ☒**Action** ☐

Discuss referred topics and consider revisions to topics and timing. Consider approving draft agenda topics for next committee meeting to be held December 14, 2026.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

- Previous TC meeting August 11, 2026; TC
- **Today, consider approving any changes to the December meeting agenda topics** **October 13-16, 2026**
- Next TC meeting December 14, 2026; TC

Background

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

Committee Work Plan

Topics that have been referred from the Commission to TC are displayed within a work plan for scheduling and tracking (Exhibit 1). The updated work plan reflects direction provided at the August 2026 Commission meeting and a proposed update to the timing of the *Commission JEDI Plan*. Staff has been unable to advance the Commission's justice, equity, diversity and inclusion (JEDI) plan since the last TC meeting, as a result of insufficient staff resources to meet workload demand, including a significant commitment to a marine protected area petition process.

Next Committee Meeting

The next TC meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2026 in Sacramento, with public remote participation options via webinar and phone. Note that TC meetings are normally held on Tuesdays; however, due to the shift of the Commission meeting dates in December, the TC meeting is on a Monday.

Standing TC meeting agenda items include a co-management roundtable, committee cross-pollination, staff and other agency updates, status of any species management plans under review or development, Commission rulemakings, and future agenda topics.

In addition to standing agenda items, the TC work plan identifies three discussion topics for the next TC meeting: the Commission Tribal Consultation Policy, a potential tribal subsistence definition, and the Commission Coastal Fishing Communities Project.

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

Commission staff: Approve the change to the work plan as proposed in Exhibit 1. Approve the draft agenda topics for the December 14, 2026 meeting.

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Exhibits

1. [TC work plan](#), updated September 30, 2026

Motion

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission approves the change to the work plan and approves the topics for the December 14, 2026 Tribal Committee meeting, as discussed today.

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

Updated September 30, 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	Dec 2026
CFGF justice, equity, diversity and inclusion plan	CFGF Project	X	X	X
Commission Tribal Consultation Policy	CFGF Policy	X	X	X
Tribal subsistence definition and related management mechanisms	TC Project	X	X	X
Co-management roundtable discussion	TC Project	X	X	X
Tribally led or co-led marine protected area (MPA) petition evaluations	CFGF	X	X	
San Andreas Shellfish Company state water bottom lease application for aquaculture purposes	CFGF			
Coastal Fishing Communities Policy implementation	MRC Project			
Annual tribal planning meeting	CFGF Project	X		
California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA)	CNRA			
California Ocean Protection Council (OPC)	OPC	X	X	X
CDFW – Possible items include:	CDFW			
- Marine protected areas - 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
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			X
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

WRC = CFGF Wildlife Resources Committee

CDFW = California Department of Fish and Wildlife