Tribal Beneficial Uses: California Update

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What are Tribal Beneficial Uses?

- Group of beneficial uses that can help protect activities specific to Native American cultures and their uses of California waters, including the consumption of non-commercial fish or shellfish.

- Comprised of:
  - Tribal Subsistence Fishing (T-SUB)
  - Tribal Tradition and Culture (CUL)
  - *Subsistence Fishing (SUB)
## Regulatory Process for Tribal Beneficial Uses

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*Steps 1 and 3 can be done at the same time*
Region 1 – North Coast

- **Step 1:** Adopt TBU definition(s) into the Basin Plan

- **Upcoming Meeting/Key Dates:**
  None Scheduled

- **Action Step:**
  Submit support letter to adopt TBU definitions

- **Tribal Coordinator:**
  Cody.Walker@waterboards.ca.gov
  (707) 576-2642

- **Region 1 has previous beneficial uses that protect Native American Culture and Subsistence Fishing**
Region 2 – San Francisco Bay

➢ **Step 2:** Gather data for designations
   (completed Step 0; plan to do Steps 1 & 3 as one process)

• **Upcoming Meeting/Key Dates:**
  - **Early March:** TBD

• **Action Step:**
  - Send a letter to Sami Harper with interest

• **Tribal Coordinator:**
  - [Samantha.Harper@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Samantha.Harper@waterboards.ca.gov)
  - (510) 622-2415

• **5 tribes submitted support for TBUs on the Triennial Review, 0 tribes attended Triennial Review hearing**
Region 3 – Central Coast

- **Step 0:** Adopt a triennial review with TBU designations listed as a priority project
  - **Upcoming Meeting/Key Dates:**
    - **2024:** Next Triennial Review
  - **Action Step:**
    Submit support letter to prioritize TBUs in Triennial Review
  - **Tribal Coordinator:**
    - Angela.Schroeter@waterboards.ca.gov
    - (805) 542-4644
  - 0 tribes submitted support for TBUs on the 2021 Triennial Review, or attended Triennial Review workshop
Region 4 – Los Angeles

**Step 1:** Adopt TBU definition(s) into the Basin Plan

- **Upcoming Meeting/Key Dates:**
  - **Feb 17, 5pm:** Comments on Basin Plan Amendment due
  - **March 10, 9am:** Board Hearing

- **Action Step:**
  - Submit support comments to adopt TBU definitions
  - Attend Board Hearing to voice support

- **Tribal Coordinator:**
  - [Susana.Lagudis@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Susana.Lagudis@waterboards.ca.gov)
  - (213) 576-6694

- 2 tribes and 41 attendees participated in TBU September 2021 public workshop
Region 5 – Central Valley

**Step 1 & 2:** Adopt TBU definition(s) into the Basin Plan & Gather data for designations

- **Upcoming Meeting/Key Dates:**
  - Feb 17 and 18, 9am: Board Hearing
  - April/May TBD: Tribal Update Meeting

- **Action Step:**
  Submit letters to request TBU designations

- **Tribal Coordinator:**
  - [Robert.LHeureux@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Robert.LHeureux@waterboards.ca.gov)
  - (916) 464-4736

- **5 support letters received for the proposed Basin Plan Amendment**
Region 6 – Lahontan

- **Step 2:** Gather data for designations (completed Step 1 in 2020)

  - **Upcoming Meeting/Key Dates:**
    - **March 9-10:** Triennial Review hearing
  
  - **Action Step:**
    - Attend Triennial Review hearing
    - Attend future Tribal Summit
  
  - **Tribal Coordinator:**
    - Daniel.McClure@waterboards.ca.gov
    - (530) 542-5443

  - 2 support letters received for Triennial Review TBU project, met with interested tribes regarding Triennial Review
Step 1: Adopt TBU definition(s) into the Basin Plan

- Upcoming Meeting/Key Dates: None Scheduled
- Action Step: Submit support letter to adopt TBU definitions
- Tribal Coordinator: Maria.Davydova-Flores@waterboards.ca.gov (760) 776-8947
- 2 tribes submitted support letters for Triennial Review
Region 8 – Santa Ana

- **Step 1:** Adopt TBU definition(s) into the Basin Plan
  - Upcoming Meeting/Key Dates:
    - **2022 TBD:** Triennial Review start
  - **Action Step:**
    - Submit support letter to adopt TBU definitions
  - **Tribal Coordinator:**
    - Claudia.Tenorio@waterboards.ca.gov
    - (951) 782-4963
  - **3 tribes participated in March 2021 workshop**
Region 9 – San Diego

- **Step 2:** Gather data for designations
  - **Upcoming Meeting/Key Dates:** None Scheduled
  - **Action Step:** Submit letters to request TBU designations
  - **Tribal Coordinator:** Cynthia.Gorham@waterboards.ca.gov (619) 521-3921
  - 6 tribes participated in August 2021 summit
Division of Water Quality – Ocean Plan

Step 1: Adopt TBU definition(s) into the Ocean Plan

- Upcoming Meeting/Key Dates: None Scheduled
- Action Step: Submit support letter to adopt TBU definitions
- Tribal Coordinator: [Daniel.Ellis@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Daniel.Ellis@waterboards.ca.gov)
  (916) 322-7787
- 12 tribes attended 2019 Ocean Plan Review tribal outreach meeting
Resources and Contacts

Tribal Affairs Website: waterboards.ca.gov/tribal_affairs

Tribal Beneficial Uses Website: waterboards.ca.gov/tribal_affairs/beneficial_uses.html

Tribal Coordinators Contact Information: waterboards.ca.gov/tribal_affairs/tribal_contacts.html

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Questions?