

WHY TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT MATTERS WITH THE WEST COAST OCEAN PARTNERSHIP

Marine spatial planning

Climate Change

Sea-level Rise

Ocean acidification

Non-federally recognized tribal engagement

West Coast Ocean Partnership
Strategic Framework April 2016

The WCOP is a Tribal,
Federal and State
forum fostering
dialogue on Ocean
Health That:

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL PLANNING
BODY, WASHINGTON, OREGON, &
CALIFORNIA

- Improves understanding of regional ocean health issues and respect for shared regional priorities.

- Addresses shared regional opportunities by connecting people, information, approaches and resources.

- Builds upon existing resources

- Informs Policy, planning and management

- ▶ The West Coast RPB is a partnership of federally-recognized tribes, the states of Washington, Oregon and California, and federal agencies focused on implementing the U.S. National Ocean Policy and engaging around marine planning and other tools to effectively address existing and future uses of the region's oceans and coasts.

--Early project notification:

enhanced coordination between government entities to enhance early notification for offshore projects and uses.

-- Core data maintenance:

ensuring effective long-term data maintenance and sharing between governmental partners to aid marine planning and ocean management.

-- Identifying and addressing data gaps:

finding critical data gaps for existing and emerging ocean uses and defining an approach to address them to benefit current and future marine planning.

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL PLANNING BODY

- ▶ • The Caucus discussed identifying key qualifications for tribal representatives for potential RPB Co-Leads and WCOP Co-Chairs. Meagan is writing a preliminary draft of these qualifications and share with the Caucus group.
- ▶ • The Caucus discussed the potential for having multiple Co-Leads for tribal representation to the RPB, and possibly also the WCOP, and how best to define those. This could be by sub-region, by state, or some other definition. The group will continue discussion on this, and it may be different for RPB and WCOP.
- ▶ • The last item the Caucus discussed was how to define a process for electing Co-Leads or Co-Chairs. One question that came up was whether tribal governments need to be official signatories to the RPB in order to select a Co-Lead. The group will likely wait until more tribal governments are official signatories to the RPB charter before deciding on Co-Leads, which may push a formal decision to later in the year.
- ▶ • The conversation among the Caucus around defining preferences on sub-regions within the RPB is continuing. There may be a need for an RPB-specific Tribal Caucus call to discuss this topic directly.
- ▶ • Funding for tribal engagement in the RPB regarding Co-Leads is still a priority issue for the Caucus. The group suggests looking into potential opportunities for tribal support in this area, including the Udall Foundation and potentially inviting them to a future Tribal Caucus call.

EMERGING WEST COAST TRIBAL CAUCUS

Survey Results

- # of people interested in attending: 21. That said, I think it would be safe to plan for 20-50 people. I'm sure more folks will express interest once the date/location are finalized and word gets out that there is some travel support.
- # of people needing travel support: 16. Again, I think it would be safe to estimate travel support for 20-50 people. If we need to due to budget constraints, I can also request/inform folks that there is only travel support for X amount of representatives per tribe.
- # people with access to other sources of travel support: 8.
- Timeframe: 2nd or 3rd week of April
- Location preference: central California. I think the preference might be due to the geographical location of the folks who did fill out the survey. That said, I think that either the Bay area or Portland would be great locations. I'm not sure if either of those are cheaper and/or easier to access, or if they are approximately the same cost in terms of travel support funds and venues. I will mention this again on the next Tribal Caucus call, Feb. 23rd, and see if folks on the line have a verbal preference. If there is none, I say we just go with the location that is most efficient and cost effective for everyone. Don/Dana- do either of you have any preference or knowledge of which area would be easiest to host such an event?

IN PERSON WEST COAST TRIBAL CAUCUS

Sub-regional representation and coordination

Co Lead and Co Chair election process

▶ Next Steps

- ▶ Host next conference call on Thursday, February 23rd, from 10:30am-12:00am, where I will try to get a consensus from folks on an early agenda for the event as well as other details as mentioned above.
- ▶ Work with Don to begin selecting a venue and aligning lodging room blocks etc.
- ▶ Start notifying folks, both via the Tribal Caucus list and other tribal gatherings, that the event will be held on __ date in __ location and that there is __ amount of travel funds available.
- ▶ Continue to collect nominations for the Tribal Co-Lead/Co-Chair. The list of nominations should hopefully be finalized by March 15th. I will then send out the list for everyone's review and knowledge so that they may discuss and finalize their official votes before the in-person meeting.

▶ Support Services:

- ▶ Task 1: Support
- ▶ Task 2: Tribal coordination support for the WC RPB designated Coordinator
- ▶ Task 3: Development of Outreach Materials as required by Tribal Co-Lead and sub-regional Tribal Co-Lead(s) to the West Coast RPB
- ▶ Task 4: Meeting Planning, logistics, and facilitation as required by Tribal Co-Lead and sub-regional Tribal Co-Lead(s) to the West Coast RPB

NEXT STEPS AND FUTURE SUPPORT

State & FED priority issues

- ▶ The stakeholder perspectives consulted to help inform development of this draft Plan include:
 - ▶ • Local coastal communities
 - ▶ • Non-consumptive recreation and conservation
 - ▶ • Maritime industry
 - ▶ • Marine renewable energy
 - ▶ • Shipping
 - ▶ • Submarine cable industry
 - ▶ • Tribal government
 - ▶ - Commercial and recreational fishing

California Coastal Tribes

- ▶ The Coastal Heritage of California
- ▶ The Ancient Trade Routes
- ▶ Mapping Traditional Use Areas
- ▶ Traditional Ecological Knowledge
- ▶ Cultural resources
- ▶ Food and Energy Security
- ▶ Intergovernmental Engagement

THE ADDED MUTUAL VALUE OF TRIBAL
ENGAGEMENT

Ocean Protection Council opc.ca.gov

- ▶ Issue 1: Improving the Use and Sharing of Scientific and Geospatial Information
- ▶ Issue 2: Identifying High Priority Management Information Needs
- ▶ Issue 3: Developing Strategies—and Building Institutional Capacity—to Incorporate Scientific Information into Management Decisions
- ▶ Issue 4: Impacts to Coastal Communities by Storms, Erosion, and Sea-Level Rise
- ▶ Issue 5: Ecosystem Impacts of the Changing Climate
- ▶ Issue 6: Supporting Sustainable Fisheries Management
- ▶ Issue 7: Sustainable Seafood
- ▶ Issue 8: Leveraging Investments and Realizing Benefits of the State's Marine Protected Areas
- ▶ Issue 9: Downstream Impacts
- ▶ Issue 10: Marine Debris
- ▶ Issue 11: Sediment Management
- ▶ Issue 12: Desalination
- ▶ Issue 13: Marine Renewable Energy
- ▶ Issue 14: Offshore Aquaculture

Coastal Commission coastal.ca.gov

- ▶ Our Mission
Protecting & Enhancing California's Coast
- ▶ The Commission is committed to protecting and enhancing California's coast and ocean for present and future generations. It does so through careful planning and regulation of environmentally-sustainable development, rigorous use of science, strong public participation, education, and effective intergovernmental coordination.
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2 EXISTING STATE ENTITIES /PROCESSES



California STATE LANDS Commission

- ▶ The Commission embraces and promotes collaboration and partnership with federal, state, regional, local, and academic agencies and organizations. Through the collective efforts of our staff and partners, the Commission is better positioned to be effective in protecting California's natural resources and ensuring sustainable development and appropriate use of public trust lands and resources. Successful partnerships also better positions the Commission to address new challenges, such as sea level rise and climate change.
- ▶ Collaboration and Partnerships

- ▶ California Coastal Commission resources
- ▶ The Local Coastal Program Local Assistance Grant Program provides funds to support local governments in completing or updating Local Coastal Programs (LCP) consistent with the California Coastal Act, with special emphasis on planning for sea-level rise and climate change. The Coastal Commission has awarded two rounds of LCP Local Assistance grants to local governments, including grants to 11 local governments in Fiscal Year 2013/2014 for the first round of grants and grants to 12 local governments in Fiscal Year 2014/2015 for the second round of grants. For a summary of the funded grant projects, see below.
- ▶ For more information on the grant program, please contact [Kelsey Ducklow](#) if you are in Northern California (Del Norte through San Luis Obispo counties), and [Carey Batha](#) if you are in Southern California (Santa Barbara through San Diego counties). General inquiries may be directed to LCPGrantProgram@coastal.ca.gov

CALIFORNIA STATE ENTITIES INVOLVED

- ▶ California Climate Change Symposium 2017 is the premier forum for the sharing of cutting-edge research addressing the impacts of climate change on the state. This research informs the state's strategies and policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to develop programs to safeguard California from a changing climate. California Climate Change Symposium 2017 is convened by California Natural Resources Agency, California Environmental Protection Agency, and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.
- ▶ The 2017 symposium will feature preliminary reports from *California's Fourth Climate Change Assessment*, a status report on the state's *Climate Change Research Plan*, as well as presentations on emerging research.
- ▶ **Science and Policy: Ocean Acidification, Hypoxia, and California's Ocean Future**
- ▶ **Sea Level Rise**
- ▶ **Closing panel: Addressing Climate Resilience Through Local Leadership**

ABOUT CALIFORNIA CLIMATE CHANGE SYMPOSIUM 2017 ANOTHER PROCESS

- ▶ In Update 2005 of the California Water Plan (Water Plan), dedicated outreach resulted in Tribal representation on the **Public Advisory Committee**. One of the recommendations, from Update 2005, called for increasing Tribal involvement in statewide, regional, and local water planning. Update 2009 involved the convening of a Tribal Communications Committee to advise the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) on how to better contact, and communicate with, the more than 160 Native American Tribes in California. The California Tribal Water Summit (TWS) was organized with a goal of creating a roadmap with strategies for preserving Native water rights and providing for the sustainable management of California's sacred waters

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TRIBAL WATER SUMMIT

Intergovernmental coordination

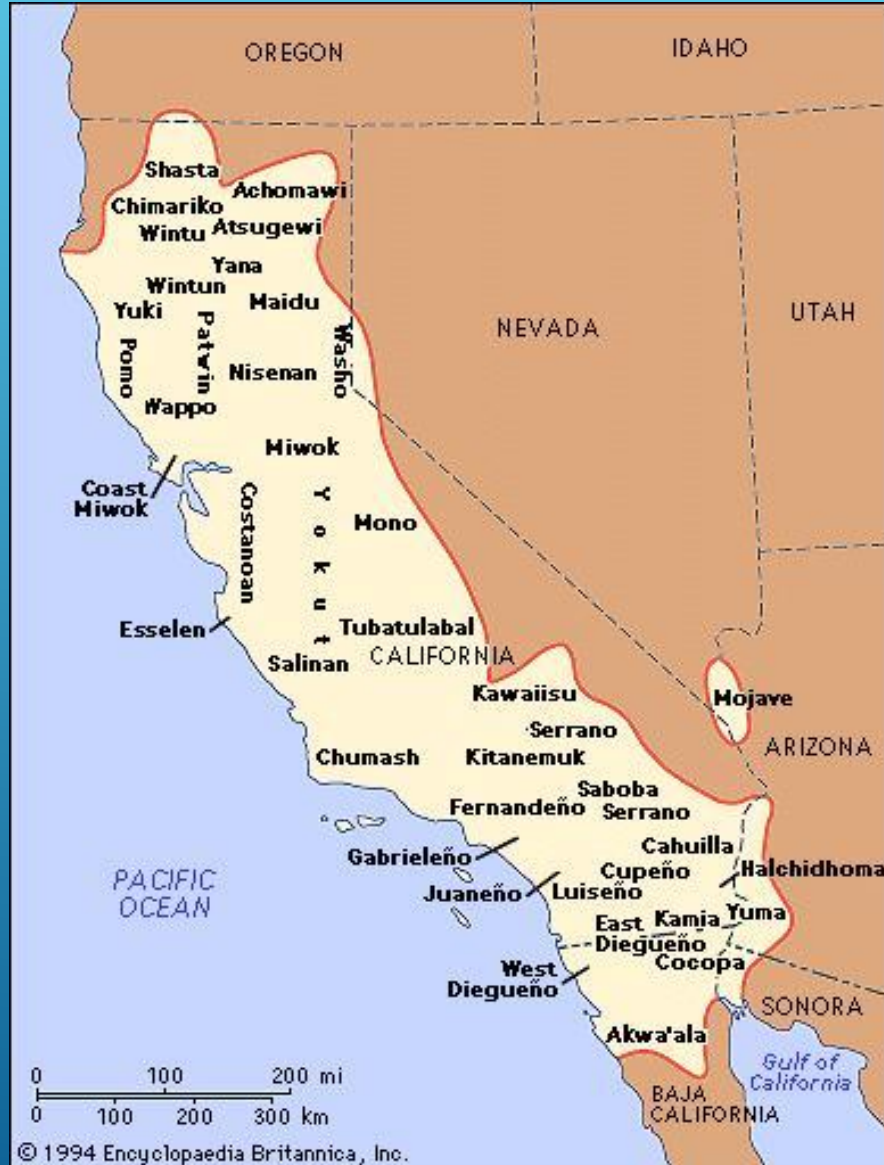
- ▶ Preparing for Tribal Consultation
- ▶ Take initiative to understand tribal sovereignty and why tribes have this special legal designation as independent sovereign nations Not an ethnic group or a special district. Tribal sovereignty training on CalEPA website for FREE. <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Tribal/Training/default.htm>

Inter-Tribal Coordination

- ▶ **Inter-Tribal Council Of California**
- ▶ Established in 1968, Inter-Tribal Council of California, Inc. (ITCC) is a statewide association of 47 tribes in California. ITCC is governed by a General Council comprised of tribal representatives designated by resolutions of tribal councils. The General Council elects the members of the Board of Directors who are responsible for over-sight of ITCC.
- ▶ ITCC carries on a legacy of uniting tribal people in California standing together with respect for each other, caring for our families and communities, building for future generations, and by keeping our traditions and cultural practices alive and prospering

FUTURE ENGAGEMENT AND COLLABORATION

Map made in 1994, what would today's look like?



COASTAL FUTURES?