

## California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative

### Summary of Outreach Effort to Tribes and Tribal Communities in the MLPA North Coast Study Region

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This document summarizes many of the outreach efforts made through the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) Initiative planning process specifically to north coast tribes and tribal communities from August 2009 to January 2011.

Type of Outreach	Details
Held Tribal Informational Session	8/27/09: First meeting with north coast "interest group" held with tribes and tribal communities. 37 letters sent; follow-up phone calls to all tribal contacts. 15 representatives attended from seven tribes/tribal communities.
Participated in Tribal Coalition Meetings	10/29/09 & 1/8/10: California Department of Fish and game (DFG) and MLPA Initiative staff, including DFG Deputy Director Sonke Mastrup, attend internal tribal meetings upon invitation.
MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team (SAT) Established SAT Tribal Work Group	1/21/10: Opportunity for SAT members to engage directly with members of north coast tribes and tribal communities. Most meetings were held in conjunction with SAT meetings, in-person. Meetings were open to all tribal members.
Appointed Tribal Representatives to the MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group	1/27/10: Seven tribal representatives appointed to the regional stakeholder group, representing the Smith River Rancheria, Elk Valley Rancheria, Yurok Tribe, Trinidad Rancheria, Hopland Band of Pomo Indians, Noyo River Indian Community, and California Indian Heritage Council.
Established a SAT Tribal Work Group Listserv	3/22/10: Used for email correspondence; included 55 tribal members, together with key MLPA Initiative staff and SAT members.
Appointed Tribal Representatives to the MLPA Statewide Interests group (SIG)	Two tribal representatives appointed to the SIG, representing the Wiyot Tribe, Bear River of Rohnerville Rancheria.
Created "California Tribes and Tribal Communities Appendix" for the North Coast Regional Profile	4/1/10: Information presented to the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF).
Helped Organize Meeting between DFG and California Tribes and Tribal Communities	4/9/10: Prompted by BRTF recommendation, DFG meets with tribes and tribal communities in Sacramento, with approximately 80 tribal representatives in attendance.

<p>Met with North Coast Tribes and Tribal communities</p>	<p>Over 30 in-person meetings with over 20 north coast tribes and tribal communities. These in-person meetings included MLPA Initiative staff and DFG senior staff, as well as outreach conducted by University of California, Santa Barbara graduate students under the supervision of Dr. Satie Airamé.</p> <p>Hundreds of emails to and phone calls with members of north coast tribes and tribal communities conducted over the course of the north coast planning process; ongoing conversations continue to date.</p>
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