

MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group
Motion Regarding State of California Recognition of a
Traditional Tribal Use Category within
Marine Protected Areas under the Marine Life Protection Act
Adopted August 31, 2010

Motion

By this formal, approved motion, the MLPAL North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (NCRSG) requests that the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force advise and strongly urge the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) and the California Fish and Game Commission (F&GC) to formally adopt a special category of tribal uses within marine protected areas (MPAs) in order to protect and preserve the traditional cultural practices and heritage of California Indian tribes and tribal communities, and to develop co-management arrangements between tribes and tribal communities and the State of California.

The NCRSG proposes that the following language be included in the MPA regulations:
“All California Indian Tribal traditional, non-commercial fishing, gathering, and harvesting for subsistence, ceremonial or stewardship purposes shall be uses that are exercised by the members of California Indian tribes and tribal communities.”