

STAFF SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 24-25, 2016

9. TRIBAL COMMITTEE**Today's Item****Information** **Action**

Discuss and provide direction regarding agenda topics for the October 18, 2016 Tribal Committee (TC) meeting in Eureka. Receive update on TC work plan and draft timeline. Discuss and approve new topics for TC review.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

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| • Most recent TC meeting | Jun 21, 2016; Tribal, Bakersfield |
| • TC recommendations approved | Jun 22-23, 2016; Bakersfield |
| • Receive update and approve agenda topics | August 24-25, 2016; Folsom |
| • Next TC meeting | Oct 18, 2016; Tribal, Eureka |

Background

Updates: In Jun, FGC approved several TC recommendations. Updates on these recommendations include: (1) to encourage Ocean Protection Council (OPC) to seek tribal government representation on the Marine Protected Area (MPA) Statewide Leadership Team (SLT); and (2) to explore legislation to formalize the TC; and (3) to work on co-management definitions and strategies through a workgroup.

- (1) In regard to the MPA SLT, OPC staff has worked with the SLT on a letter to send to tribes inviting tribal government representation on the SLT; the draft letter is nearly finalized for distribution.
- (2) A workgroup meeting was scheduled for Aug 23 in Sacramento. Updates on topics for discussion include:
 - a. Discuss next steps to formalize the Tribal Committee in Statute:
FGC staff is developing a budget change proposal (BCP) for a tribal advisor and to statutorialy create the tribal committee in law.
 - b. Discuss steps to define co-management and to work toward possible co-management agreements between DFW and tribes:
FGC, DFW staff, and tribal leaders to discuss defintions and concerns with the tribes on co-management and a process to move forward.

Potential Oct 18, 2016 agenda items:

- Elk management
 - Update on elk management plan
 - Status of AB 1792 Elk tags: federally recognized indian tribes
- Co-management definitions and strategies: Workgroup progress update
- Legislation to formalize Tribal Committee: Update on progress

Significant Public Comments (N/A)

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Recommendation

FGC staff: Receive report on the Aug 23 workgroup meeting and approve any recommendations from that meeting; approve list of draft agenda topics for Oct TC.

Exhibits (N/A)

Motion/Direction

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission approves the agenda topic(s) _____ for the October 24-15, 2016 Tribal Committee meeting.