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Introduction to the Marine Life Management Act Master Plan Amendment

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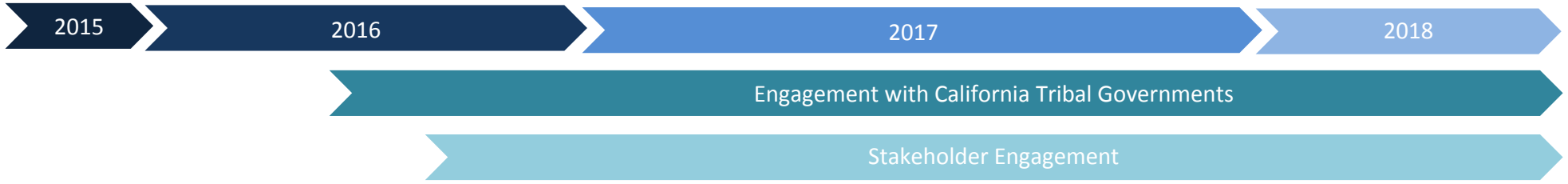
Marine Life Management Act (MLMA) Master Plan

- Provides a framework for ecosystem-based fisheries management
 - Based on best-available science and involvement of tribes and stakeholders
- Master Plan adopted in 2001, roadmap that guides MLMA application
 - Update will reflect advancements in management tools, changing ocean conditions, stakeholder priorities



Goals: MLMA Master Plan Amendment Process

- Enhance **resource stewardship and sustainability** of fisheries
- Elevate **ecosystem health in decision-making**
- Help promote more **efficient, effective, and streamlined** fisheries management
- Establish a **clear pathway** for improving the management of individual fisheries
- Set **clear expectations** for managers and the public
- Foster **transparency and flexibility** in fisheries management with tribes, stakeholders, and interested members of the public



Phase I: Build Knowledge

Gather Information

Tribal Engagement Initiated

Stakeholder Engagement Initiated

Draft Amended Framework for MLMA-Based Management

Phase II: Amend Master Plan

Tribal Discussions

Stakeholder Discussions

Prepare Draft Master Plan Amendment

Late 2017

Submit Draft Master Plan to Fish and Game Commission

Phase III: Review and Possible Adoption

Adoption of Amended MLMA Master Plan

Timeline Updated: July 2016



Engaging with Tribal Governments

- Invitation for tribal consultation, June 2016 letter
- Series of discussions open to tribes and interested stakeholders
- Ongoing updates to the MRC
- Maintain an open line of communication with Tribal Committee



Including Tribes in Amended Master Plan

- Opportunities to include tribes as part of the amended Master Plan
- Existing tribal engagement process as starting place
- Welcome review and input from tribes and native communities



Seeking Guidance from Tribal Committee

- How to best engage with the Tribal Committee between now and June 2017?
- Suggestions on successfully engaging tribes in the process?



For more information:

<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/MLMA>

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