

TRIBAL CONSULTATION GUIDING PRINCIPLES



The Commission seeks to establish and maintain a respectful and effective means of communicating and consulting with Tribes and will seek in good faith to:



1) COMMUNICATE & CONSULT

Communicate and consult with Tribes and seek tribal input regarding the identification of potential issues, possible means of addressing those issues, and appropriate actions, if any, to be taken by the Commission.

Assess the potential impact of proposed Commission Actions on Tribal Interests and ensure, to the maximum extent feasible, that tribal concerns are considered before such Actions are taken.

2) ASSESS POTENTIAL IMPACT

3) PROVIDE TIMELY & USEFUL INFORMATION

Provide timely and useful information relating to such proposed Actions that may affect Tribal Interests.

Communicate with and engage with Tribes at the earliest possible stage in the review and decision-making processes.

4) ENGAGE EARLY

5) RESPECTFUL COMMUNICATION

Communicate with Tribes in a manner that is considerate and respectful.

Provide Tribes with meaningful opportunities to respond and participate in decision making processes that affect Tribal Interests.

6) MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENT

7) ACKNOWLEDGE & RESPECT TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

Acknowledge and respect Tribal Cultural Resources regardless of whether those resources are located on or off Tribal lands.

Acknowledge and respect both the confidential nature of information concerning cultural practices, traditions, beliefs, tribal histories, and Tribal lands, and legal protections of the confidentiality of certain tribal cultural information.

8) ACKNOWLEDGE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF INFORMATION

9) ENCOURAGE COLLABORATION & COOPERATION

Encourage collaborative and cooperative relationships with Tribes in matters affecting coastal resources.

Acknowledge and seek ways to accommodate the limited financial and staffing resources of Tribes and the Commission to ensure effective communication and consultation, including taking advantage of any joint consultation opportunities.

10) ACKNOWLEDGE LIMITED CAPACITY

11) IDENTIFY PROCEDURAL IMPEDIMENTS

Identify and recommend means to remove procedural impediments to working directly and effectively with Tribes.

To treat the resource(s) with culturally appropriate dignity by taking into account the tribal cultural values and meaning of the resource to the consulting California Native American Tribe.

12) CULTURAL COMPETENCY