Timeline for Beneficial Use Definition Development

Letter Requesting Beneficial Use Definitions
July 2013

- Tribal Summit
  Water Board Chair commits to Beneficial Use Definition Development
  Nov. 2013

Beneficial Uses Listening Sessions

Letters of Support received from Tribes and Stakeholders

Tribal
- Cultural Consumption
- Cultural Ceremonial

Other
- Subsistence Fish

RTOC Update
May 14, 2015

- Rename Tribal Definitions
  - Cultural Consumption: California Indian Tribal Traditional and Cultural Use
  - Cultural Ceremonial: California Indian Tribal Subsistence Use
  May 21, 2015

Outreach
- Water Board Regional Offices updated Sept. 2015
- Tribal Working Group Meeting (Dec. – Jan 2016)
- Lyris list update (Jan. 11, 2016)

Proposed Resolution to Water Board for Adoption
Feb. 2016

Public Input Process
- Tribal
- Public

45 Day Notice
Begins the Public Comment Period

Board consideration of adopting definitions into Statewide Plan
April 2017

Regional Water Boards designation of waters with Beneficial Use
(Future)
Potential definitions as proposed by Tribes

**California Indian Tribal Traditional and Cultural Use:** Uses of water that supports the cultural, spiritual and traditional rights and lifeways of California Indian Tribes. This includes but is not limited to: fishing, gathering, and safe consumption of traditional foods and materials, as defined by California Indian Tribes, for subsistence, cultural, spiritual, ceremonial and navigational activities associated with such uses.

**California Indian Tribal Subsistence Fishing Use:** Uses of water that supports the gathering and distribution of natural aquatic resources, including fish and shellfish, to meet traditional food needs of California Tribal individuals, households and communities for personal, family and community consumption, and for traditional and/or ceremonial purposes.

**Subsistence Fishing:** Uses of water that support the non-commercial catching or gathering of natural aquatic resources, including fish and shellfish, by individuals for the personal consumption by individuals and their households or communities, to meet fundamental needs for sustenance due to cultural tradition, lack of personal economic resources, or both.