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## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

**TO:** Interested Persons

**FROM:** Dr. LB Nye  
Section Chief, Regional Programs

**DATE:** September 9, 2021

**SUBJECT:** NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER NON-REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO ADD THREE NEW BENEFICIAL USE DEFINITIONS - TRIBAL TRADITION AND CULTURE (CUL), TRIBAL SUBSISTENCE FISHING (T-SUB), AND SUBSISTENCE FISHING (SUB) TO THE BASIN PLAN

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board) will hold a public meeting to discuss a proposed non-regulatory amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region (Basin Plan) to add three new beneficial use definitions - tribal tradition and culture (CUL), tribal subsistence fishing (T- SUB), and subsistence fishing (SUB). The aim of this meeting is to discuss the proposed Basin Plan amendment and to receive stakeholder input on the proposed amendment. The public meeting is scheduled on:

**September 23, 2021**  
**Time: 1-3pm**  
**Video and Teleconference Workshop**  
No physical workshop location

The Los Angeles Water Board intends to conduct this workshop in a virtual/teleconference environment only.

### I. BACKGROUND

The Los Angeles Water Board's Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) contains the water quality standards for the coastal watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties in the Los Angeles Region. Chapter 2 of the Basin Plan contains beneficial uses that form the cornerstone of water quality protection in the region. Beneficial uses are mandated for all waterbodies within the state under the California Water Code. Since the first iteration of the Basin Plan in 1975, 25 beneficial uses have been identified by the Los Angeles Basin Plan.

On May 2, 2017, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted Resolution No. 2017-0027, which approved Part 2 of the Quality Control Plan for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California—Tribal and Subsistence Fishing Beneficial Uses and Mercury Provisions”. The provisions define the tribal tradition and culture (CUL), tribal subsistence fishing (T-SUB), and subsistence fishing (SUB) beneficial uses that should be used by Regional Water Quality Control Board, including Los Angeles Water Board.

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The proposed amendment to the Basin Plan will add three new beneficial use definitions to Chapter 2 of the Basin Plan: tribal tradition and culture (CUL), tribal subsistence fishing (T-SUB), and subsistence fishing (SUB). The proposed amendment is non-regulatory in nature and is intended to provide the more current information.

## II. HOW TO REGISTER AND JOIN THE MEETING

Please register for this workshop via the Zoom registration link:

[https://waterboards.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwocu-orDovE9FIUzGM8meOxS6NWRJ\\_bsx6](https://waterboards.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwocu-orDovE9FIUzGM8meOxS6NWRJ_bsx6)

In the Zoom registration form, please fill out your name, email and organization. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the workshop.

Please join the Zoom Meeting at least 5 minutes before the meeting start time to resolve any technical issues.

## III. FUTURE NOTIFICATIONS

Any person desiring to receive future notices from the Los Angeles Water Board regarding the proposed amendment must sign up for the Los Angeles Water Board's Lyris list at: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/reg4\\_subscribe.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg4_subscribe.html)

## IV. LOS ANGELES WATER BOARD STAFF CONTACTS

For additional information regarding this proposed action, please contact Dr. Stefani Daryanto at [Stefani.Daryanto@Waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Stefani.Daryanto@Waterboards.ca.gov) or 213-576-6763.