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North Coast Native Protectors Tribal Marine Collaborative Newsletter



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My Mother

by Merry Kate Lowry

My mother, Leslie Zondervan-Droz, has practiced plant medicine for my whole life but as a child I didn't understand that it was a spiritual practice or Indigenous science. It was just something we did, and often required work and patience. Now as an adult, I'm amazed at what she knows, her passion for learning, and her connection to the Plant People.

[Click here for the video link](#)

- Bay Delta Project Scoping Mtg State Water Board
Thursday, May 18th, 10AM

- Tomol Paddle
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Tuesday, June 6th

- 11th Inter-Tribal Environmental Youth Camp Out
Fort Bragg, CA
Tue- Fri June 20th-23rd

Eyes on Policy Change

AB-756 Department of Transportation:
contaminated stormwater runoff
AB 1284 Tribal ancestral lands and waters



North Coast Native Protectors Tribal Marine Collaborative

Indigenous Voices are Heard: The Tribal Marine Collaborative brought over 20 Indigenous people, from Del Norte County to San Diego County, to Marine Protected Area management events.

Monterey, CA March 16, 2023



*March 14, 2023 TMC members at the MPA Collaborative
Network MPA Day*

North Coast Native Protectors (NCNP), a Native-managed non-profit was founded in 2019 with a mission to promote clean water, healthy oceans, and Tribal management. The NCNP established a statewide Tribal Marine Collaborative (TMC), which serves as a platform for Tribes, indigenous people across California and allies across Turtle Island; to come together to share challenges and successes, network, and find solutions towards a sustainable future for all.

The MPA Collaborative Network, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the California Fish and Game Commission hosted events on March 14th-16th in Monterey, CA to discuss the management of California's 124 marine protected areas.

California MPAs comprise the largest ecologically-connected network of its kind in the world, which includes estuaries, intertidal zones, rocky reefs, kelp forests, soft marine bottoms and submarine canyons. The California Marine Protected Area (MPA) Collaborative Network was established 2012 to empower diverse communities to engage in marine protected area stewardship for a healthy ocean. The network includes 124 MPAs and 14 MPA Collaboratives throughout the coastline of California, all of which fall within the boundaries of federal, state and locally recognized California indigenous tribes.

TMC is building relationships throughout the state with tribal leaders, MPA Collaborative Network, Fish & Game Commission, UC and CSU School systems and local community members to create an engaged and holistic future for marine management in California. There is an increasing awareness of the need to collaborate with Indigenous peoples and support Indigenous leadership; as a vital key to healthy and sustainable coastal/marine management. TMC's first step was to pay respect and recognize their role as guests within the traditional lands of the Esselen Nation (Ohlone Costanoan), now known as Monterey, and was welcomed by Chairwoman Louise Ramirez.

TMC is currently gearing up for the Tribal Water Summit in Sacramento on April 11-13, participation in this summit will help inform policy makers for California water policy and advance issues of equity, access and incorporation of Traditional Ecological Knowledge in the California State Water Plan (water.ca.gov). With gratitude tribally funded by 7th Generation Fund and California Tribal Fund; First Nations Development Institute. If you are interested in learning or supporting the work that TMC does, check out the website tribalmarinecollaborative.org.

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March 14th MPA Network Collaborative/TMC Debrief



*TMC debriefing meeting
(above) Ruthie Maloney and
Priscella Kinney at MPA
Collaborative Day (R)*



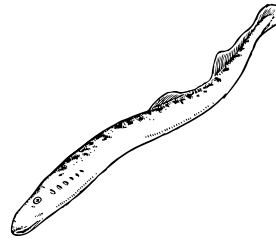
TMC members: Kate Lowry,
Olivia Munoz, Catherine
Buchanan, Nikcole Whipple,
and Marion Frye (L).



March 16th 2023, Fish & Game Commission Management Decadal Management Review Forum



Ruthie Maloney - Yurok/Navajo,
Followed by Spenser Jaimes - Šmuwič Chumash and
Olivia Munoz - Mohawk



Teddie Moorehead, Yurok,
Tolowa, Ch'miriko, Big Lagoon
Rancheria and Seminole;
Followed by Jessa Calderon -
Chumash/Tongva/Yoeme



Gabrielle Crowe - Gabrielleno-
Shoshone, Catherine
Buchanan - Elk Valley
Rancheria



Spenser Jaimes - Šmuwič Chumash leading the line to provide public
comment





North Coast Native Protectors Tribal Marine Collaborative

Tribal Nations, Federal, State and Local agencies come together to create pathways towards sustainable water management and preserving Tribal Water Rights in California

Sacramento, CA April 10, 2023



Chairwoman Louise Rameriez, Eseleen,
Catherine Buchanan, Elk Valley R,
Chairwoman Quirina Geary, Tamien Nation,
Anecita Augustine, Tribal Policy Advisor, DWR,
, Nikcole Whipple, Nadia,

The Tribal Marine Collaborative attended the fourth Tribal Water Summit in Sacramento on April 11 – 13 2023, hosted by the The Department of Water Resources (DWR). Tribal representatives throughout the state, along with federal, state, and local agencies came to gather and discuss California water issues, on-going preservation of tribal water rights and creating sustainable management of California's sacred waters

The DWR's role is to manage California's water resources, systems, and infrastructure, including the State Water Project (SWP), in a responsible and sustainable way. The DWR has committed to a Tribal Policy which states that; *open, inclusive and regular communication with tribal governments and communities*. The Tribal Policy Advisor, Anecita Agustinez is the central point of coordinated communication and consultation with California Native American tribes to ensure proactive and meaningful consultation.

TMC outreached for the Tribal Water Summit, and was able to gain more participation from Tribal Leaders and Cultural Bearers throughout the state. In attendance was Chairwoman Louise Ramirez of the Esselen Nation and Chairwoman Quirina Geary of the Tamien Nation; both which are near the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta project which provides the water supply to 27 Million residents and Agricultural Industry. The many uniquely affected Indigenous nations and communities, can tell generations long perspectives of water mismanagement and diversions. This knowledge and perspective can inform California State policies to support Tribal Leadership, protect Tribal water rights and including TEK(Traditional Ecological Knowledge) practices throughout the state.

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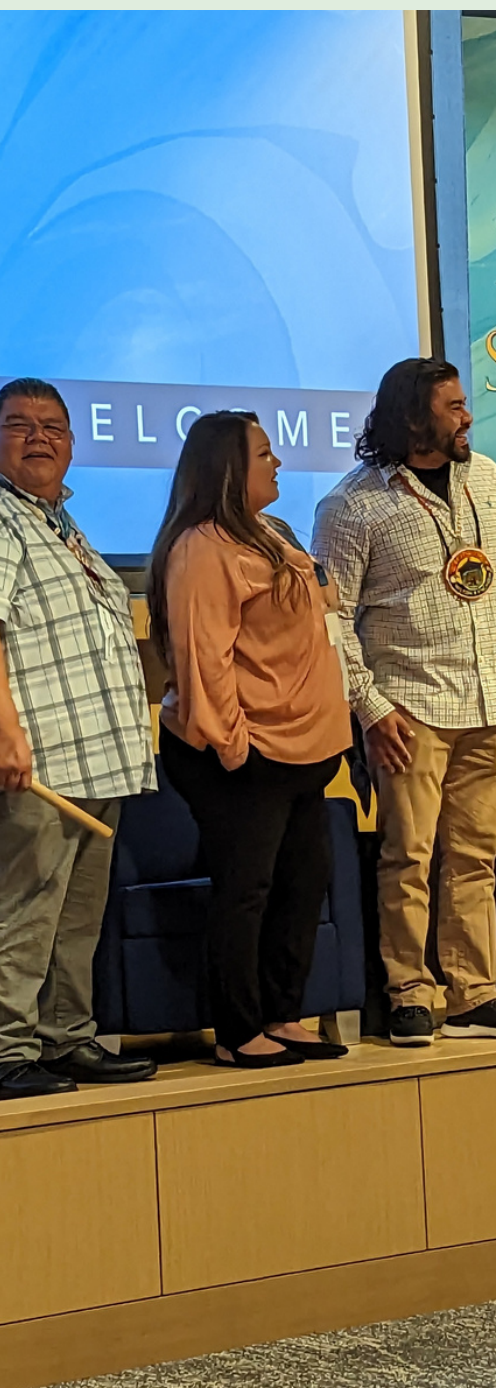
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4th California Tribal Water Summit

North Coast Native Protectors



Mission: to promote
clean water, healthy
oceans, and Tribal
management

Join us for our 7th convening
and committee meetings

TRIBAL MARINE COLLABORATIVE

General Meeting

May 25th, 11am-12:30pm

hybrid TBA and Zoom

*The TMC will meet to debrief from recent events
(marine protected area events, Tribal Water Summit,
MARINe annual meeting and more. There will also be
a special guest to share about the upcoming June 6th
Salmon Action Day)*



Save the Date! Upcoming Virtual Committee Meetings
(Zoom links to come)

Strategic Planning Committee
May 11th: 10-11:30am

Grants Committee
May 18th: 10-11:30am

*May General Meeting
Registration*
bit.ly/tmcmeetingmay

Check out Our New Website! tribalmarinecollaborative.org

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The TMC Newsletter features announcements from Northern, Southern, Central Coastal Indigenous Communities, Rancherias, Colonies and Reservations. Events and announcements may also extend into the Great Basin and High Desert regions of California. If you are interested in sharing an event or announcement contact

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CA Fish & Game Commission Mtg

- ***Wildlife Resources Monterey/Santa Cruz***

MAY 17TH ZOOM

[Agenda](#), [Meetings Docs](#), to [Join](#)

- ***Cal EPA Headquarters Bld., Coastal Hearing Room***

1001 I St, 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

JUNE 14-15

[Agenda](#), [Meeting Docs](#), to [Join](#)

- ***Marine Resources - Sonoma/San Francisco Bay***

JULY 20TH

Agenda TBA

Tribal

River Lodge Conference Center
1800 Riverwalk Drive
Fortuna, CA 95540

AUGUST 21

Agenda TBA

SAVE THE DATE



Photo of the WindFloat Atlantic project courtesy of Principle Power/Ocean Winds

On With the Wind: Toward 25 GW of Offshore Wind Energy in California

Presented by California Energy Commission
Interactive Workshop in collaboration with the US Department of Energy

MONDAY MAY 8, 2023 | 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM | California Natural Resources Agency Building (or via Zoom)

California Offshore Wind Energy Symposium

The California Energy Commission (CEC) cordially invites you to an offshore wind energy symposium, featuring a U.S. Department of Energy Interactive Workshop, to discuss the efforts necessary to advance floating offshore wind, learn about the international experience, and identify what it will take to make the first floating offshore wind projects successful.

The symposium starts with an interactive workshop presented in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Energy on the Floating Offshore Wind Shot with topic focused breakout sessions providing an opportunity for participants to provide feedback on floating offshore wind R&D, transmission, and development needs.

During the symposium, state and federal leaders, along with the winners of the [BOEM PACW-1 lease auction](#) will discuss

the key challenges ahead with developing floating offshore wind in California and share perspectives and immediate priorities to responsibly developing an offshore wind industry.

The symposium is a free and public event but due to building capacity limitations we strongly urge you to RSVP in advance to attend in-person: <https://www.energy.ca.gov/OSWSymposium>

Please note that this symposium takes place immediately before the start of the [Pacific Offshore Wind Summit 2023](#). The timing of both events were coordinated but the symposium and Pacific Offshore Wind Summit 2023 are unrelated.

The event will also be available on Zoom with meeting details made available closer to the symposium. For more information, visit the CEC event page <https://www.energy.ca.gov/OSWSymposium>

For questions about the meeting contact:

- Offshorewind@energy.ca.gov or Elizabeth Barminski, Offshore Wind Federal Programs and Outreach Liaison, CEC Elizabeth.Barminski@energy.ca.gov

For media related questions contact:

- MediaOffice@energy.ca.gov



Integrating Environmental Justice into Water Resource Management



Watershed Academy Webcast Wednesday, May, 3, 2023

3:00 – 5:00 PM Eastern

2:00 – 4:00 CST • 1:00 – 3:00 MST • 12:00 – 2:00 PST • 11:00 – 1:00 AK • 9:00 – 11:00 HAST

During this webcast you'll hear from states, universities, and NGO's that are working to integrate environmental justice into watershed and water quality management. Join us to learn more about using data for the prioritization of environmental justice work, collective impact campaigns for watershed health, empowering community members to combat climate change impacts, and the connection between flooding and housing accessibility.

Presentations will focus on specific projects as well as bigger picture thinking on how various entities are proactively including environmental justice in their work.

Speakers

- **Sara Schwartz**, US EPA
- **Kwame Owusu Daaku**, **Monica Woodruff**, University of West Florida
- **Quinn Carr**, **Amy Adrihan**, **José Luis Villaseñor**, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
- **Joe Fitzgerald**, Milwaukee Water Commons
- **Alicia Lehrer**, **Jenny Mercado**, Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council

Register in advance
at EPA's Watershed Academy:

<https://www.epa.gov/watershedacademy/integrating-environmental-justice-water-resource-management-webcast>

SAVE THE DATE

June 6th, 2023

DAY OF ACTION

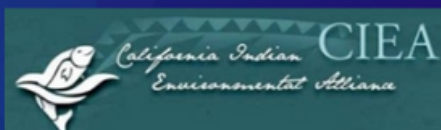
FOR CALIFORNIA WATER JUSTICE & SALMON

Sacramento, California

It is time to protect our water & all people.

Full schedule to be announced

Sponsored by the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Winnemem Wintu Tribe, Hoopa Valley Tribe, Sogorea Te Land Trust, Save California Salmon, Restore the Delta, Golden Gate Salmon Association, California Indian Environmental Alliance, Little Manila Rising, Indigenous Justice, San Francisco Baykeeper, North Coast Native Protectors, Sierra Club, and others. Full schedule and additional sponsor to come. Follow our social media. Check californiasalmon.org or contact Info@californiasalmon.org to volunteer, plan an event, or donate.



ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY

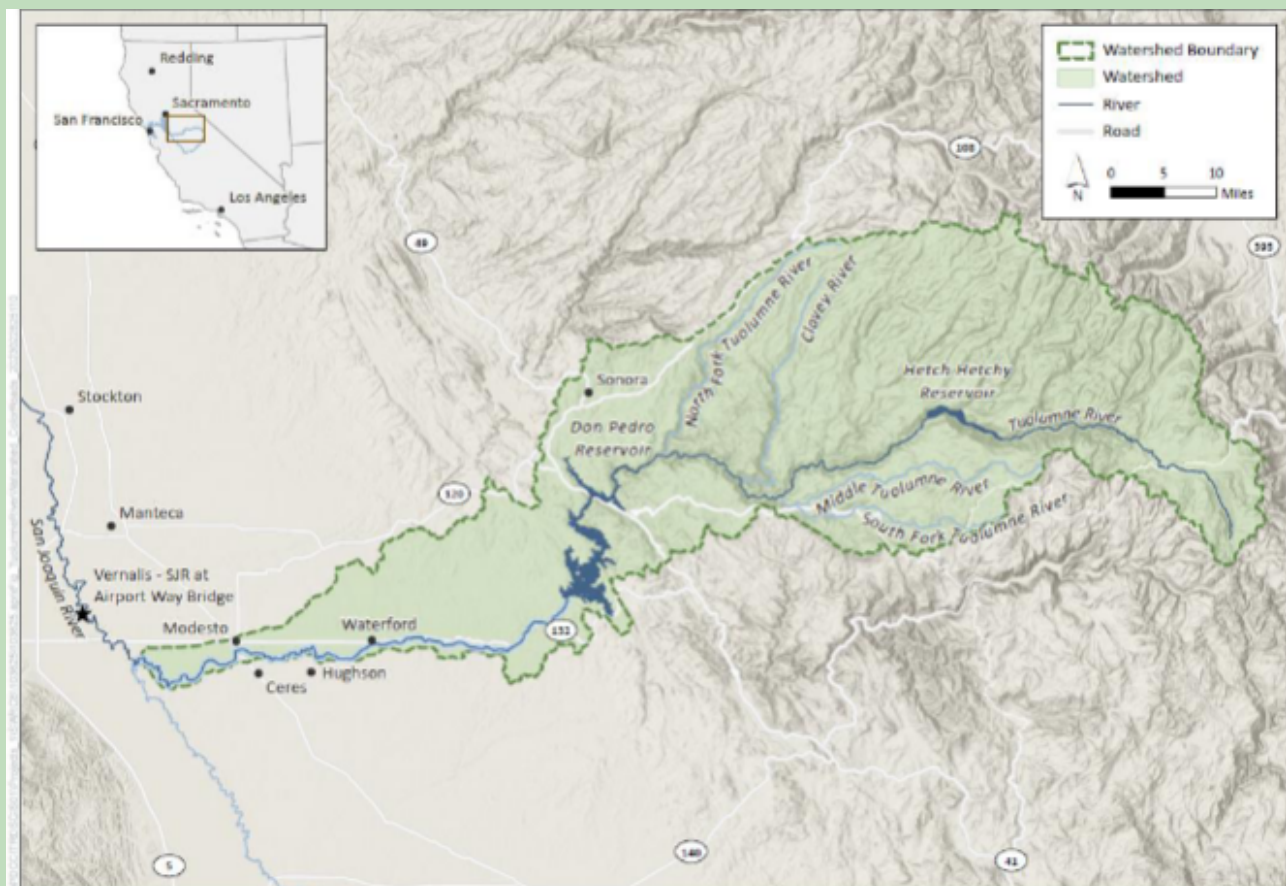
Bay Delta Project

Notice of Preparation of Environmental Documentation and Scoping Meeting- Tuolumne River Voluntary Agreement

The State Water Board will also hold a scoping meeting scheduled for
MAY 18, 2023, 10:00AM

PDT (remote only) to receive oral comments.

Notice, Agenda TBA



Project Location: Tuolumne River Watershed (green area on map) as well as the Lower San Joaquin River (LSJR) and through the Bay-Delta. The project area also covers areas receiving water exported from the Tuolumne River watershed, LSJR, and Bay-Delta that could be impacted by implementation of the Tuolumne River Voluntary Agreement.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

11th INTER-TRIBAL ENVIRONMENTAL YOUTH CAMPOUT

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION
CULTURAL ACTIVITIES
RECREATIONAL GAMES
TRADITIONAL FOODS

FORT BRAGG, CA
JUNE 20-23, 2023
TUESDAY - FRIDAY

for information: Potter Valley Tribe 707.462.1213



Open Invitation to All Interested Lake, Mendocino and Sonoma Tribes

The 11th Inter-Tribal Environmental Youth Campout will be held **Tuesday through Friday**, June 20-23, 2023 at Noyo-bida Ranch in beautiful Fort Bragg, California. The event provides a safe atmosphere for native youth and is intended to be inclusive of the larger tribal community. All tribes are invited to sponsor native youth and/or families to participate and make the event a success!

Tribal youth will participate in a combination of workshops and presentations including topics on the environment, culture, health and wellness, and education. Fun team-building games and activities will be mixed in throughout the week and provide a great opportunity for native youth to make connections and build relationships.

Tribes interested in signing up for the event or for more information, please contact Potter Valley Tribe at 707-462-1213 or by email at waterresources@pottervalleytribe.com or pytepadirector@pottervalleytribe.com. Tribal representatives who would like to participate, provide a workshop or coordinate an activity are invited to attend the planning meetings via Zoom, or at the Potter Valley Tribal Office located at 2251 South State Street, Ukiah CA (or other locations to be announced).

We appreciate your support and look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

The MLSTEP Inter-Tribal Environmental Youth Campout Planning Team

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA



UC DAVIS

Coastal and Marine Sciences Institute



Kelp Restoration as an Integrated Socio-Ecological System (Kelp RISES),

FRIDAY, MAY 12

12:00PM-2:00PM

ZOOM

RSVP HERE

Indigenous Leadership serving in Orange County MPA Council's Racial, Indigenous & Social Justice Committee

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



Tina Calderon who works for Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous People as the Director of Ocean Protectors Program, was nominated for and has accepted the Co-Chair position for the Orange County Marine Protected Area Council's Racial, Indigenous & Social Justice Committee along with Crystal Cove's Jen Mendez.

OCMPAC's purpose is to support effective local management, stewardship, and community engagement of and within Orange County's MPAs and marine and coastal ecosystems through multi-sector collaborative efforts. OCMPAC's vision is thriving Orange County Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and marine and coastal ecosystems that inspire ongoing effective management and conservation and are valued by and welcoming to all members of our local community.

The Racial, Indigenous & Social Justice Committee works to educate member organizations about access issues and unfair treatment faced by BIPOC peoples and create strategies for equity and inclusion where our BIPOC community may access the beaches and feel safe. This may include organizing with underserved communities, providing transportation and educating them about the need to protect MPAs. Another goal is to make sure Indigenous folks not only have safe access to the beaches but are able to practice traditional cultural harvesting and gathering without harassment, so long as they are following local laws.

[For more updates and to learn more about Sacred Places Institute, click here](#)



TOMOL PADDLE SCHEDULE 2023

4/23 - West Beach 7/30 - West Beach
5/7 - West Beach 8/3 - Paddlers Gathering
5/21 - West Beach 8/10-8/13 - Tomol Crossing
6/4 - Village Hop
6/18 - West Beach
7/2 - West Beach

*Paddle schedule subject to
change due to weather
Please confirm with Tomol Captains*

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



Grants to look at right now!

[2023 Title II Grant Program – Tribal](#)

[Clean California Local Grant Program](#)

[Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Grant Program](#)

[Federal Transit Administration \(FTA\) Section 5310 \(Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities\)](#)

[Funding Opportunities for Tribal Communities from Prop 64 State Cannabis Tax Revenues](#)

FUNDING FOR YOUTH, COMMUNITY & LAND

For more information, please contact Tona Miranda, Youth Forward Tribal Liaison and Policy Advocate, at tona@youth-forward.org



We respectfully request tribal consultations and written public comments be held and sent by

MAY 5, 2023.

Requests for consultations and written comments can be sent via email to tribalaffairs@resources.ca.gov with the subject line "Tribal Nature-Based Solutions."

Eyes on

POLICY CHANGE

AB-756 Department of Transportation: contaminated stormwater runoff: salmon and steelhead trout bearing surface waters

Author: **Member Papan**

"This bill would require Caltrans to address its stormwater runoff to prevent 6PPD (the tire chemical that kills Salmon/Steelhead). The exciting part about the bill is the biofiltration required to address 6PPD would also address pollutants like MICROPLASTICS, heavy metals, oil, grease, etc."

*Sean Bothwell | Executive Director
California Coastkeeper Alliance*

AB 1284 Tribal ancestral lands and waters: cogovernance and comanagement agreements

Author: **Member Ramos**

Text from the Bill itself, as is only mentions Federally recognized tribes in regards to cogovernance and comanagement of natural resources.

AB 1284 as amended by Ramos. Tribal ancestral lands and waters. Waters: cogovernance and comanagement agreements. Existing law governs various interactions between the state and federally recognized Native American tribes within the state. Existing law encourages and authorizes all state agencies, as defined, to cooperate with federally recognized California Indian tribes on matters of economic development and improvement for the tribes

Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Collaborative Network, has a mission to empower diverse communities to engage in marine protected area stewardship for a healthy ocean.

To learn more check out the website!

www.mpacollaborative.org



Merry Kate Lowry & Woman conducting beach survey at Trinidad, Humboldt County



Ruthie Maloney conducting a beach study at False Klamath Cove as a part of the Del Norte County MPA Watch 2022

MPA Watch is a network of programs that support healthy oceans through community science by collecting human use data in and around our protected areas

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<https://mpawatch.org/>

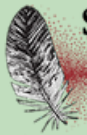
**INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF OUR GRANT OR STRATEGIC
PLANNING COMMITTEE?**

INTERESTED IN PRESENTING OR HOSTING?

HAVE AN EVENT AND/OR ANNOUNCEMENT TO SHARE?

Contact Priscella Kinney - prosekinney@gmail.com

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