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The Basin Plan of the Los Angeles Region encompasses nine (9) coastal watersheds within the Los Angeles and Ventura Counties

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Tribal Tradition and Culture (CUL)

Uses of water that support the cultural, spiritual, ceremonial, or traditional rights or lifeways of California Native American Tribes including, but not limited to: navigation, ceremonies, or fishing, gathering, or consumption of natural aquatic resources, including fish, shellfish, vegetation, and materials.

Tribal Subsistence Fishing (T-SUB)

Uses of water involving the non-commercial catching or gathering of natural aquatic resources, including fish and shellfish, for consumption by individuals, households, or communities of California Native American Tribes to meet needs for sustenance.

Subsistence Fishing (SUB)

Uses of water involving the non-commercial catching or gathering of natural aquatic resources, including fish and shellfish, for consumption by individuals, households, or communities, to meet needs for sustenance.

How Tribes can partner with the Regional Board in the Basin Planning process

- Provide verbal and/or written comments on TBU designation
- Identify past and present tribal activities (beneficial uses) within and adjacent to streams
- Specify stream reaches where each use occurs or has occurred
- Collect data/information/documentation in support of these uses
- Provide input/share concerns throughout the designation process
- Ask for information and request clarification as needed

