

Karuk Tribe Comments from Sept 8 Science Working Group

Under section 7 (integrate sciences from all sources), add a subheading for traditional ecological knowledge (TEK)

Under section 8 (partnerships), add a subheading for Tribes

Note that in some areas, the Klamath Basin for example, the local tribes have a significant capacity for research and data collection by ah classically trained staff scientists. Additionally, the tribes are able to integrate western science and traditional ecological knowledge, often finding that the two use different methods to reach similar conclusions

Increasingly, policy makers at the federal level are appreciating the validity and practicality of using TEK in management decisions (see <http://www.fws.gov/nativeamerican/TEK.html>)

After what I would consider a debacle with MLPA development which failed to adequately consult with tribes or integrate TEK into the process, CA should consider changing course.

As for having tangible documentation of TEK, many Tribes such as Karuk, have written Integrated Resource Management Plans or similar documents describing TEK. The Karuk's IRMP, which we refer to as a Ecological Resource Management Plan, is here: http://www.karuk.us/karuk2/images/docs/dnr/ECRMP_6-15-10_doc.pdf

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