



**Protecting and Revitalizing
Kelp & Seaweed
And
Tribal Traditional Lifeways**

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A Consortium of 10 Federally Recognized Tribes**

KELP AND SEAWEED ("MARINE ALGAE")

ENDANGERED FROM

- OVERHARVESTING
- CLIMATE CHANGE
- WARMING WATERS
- POLLUTION
- PURPLE URCHINS

NECESSARY FOR

- OCEAN HEALTH
- TRIBAL LIFEWAYS
- OTHER SPECIES
- CARBON SINKING
- WATER & AIR
QUALITY

Tribal Marine & Coastal Connections

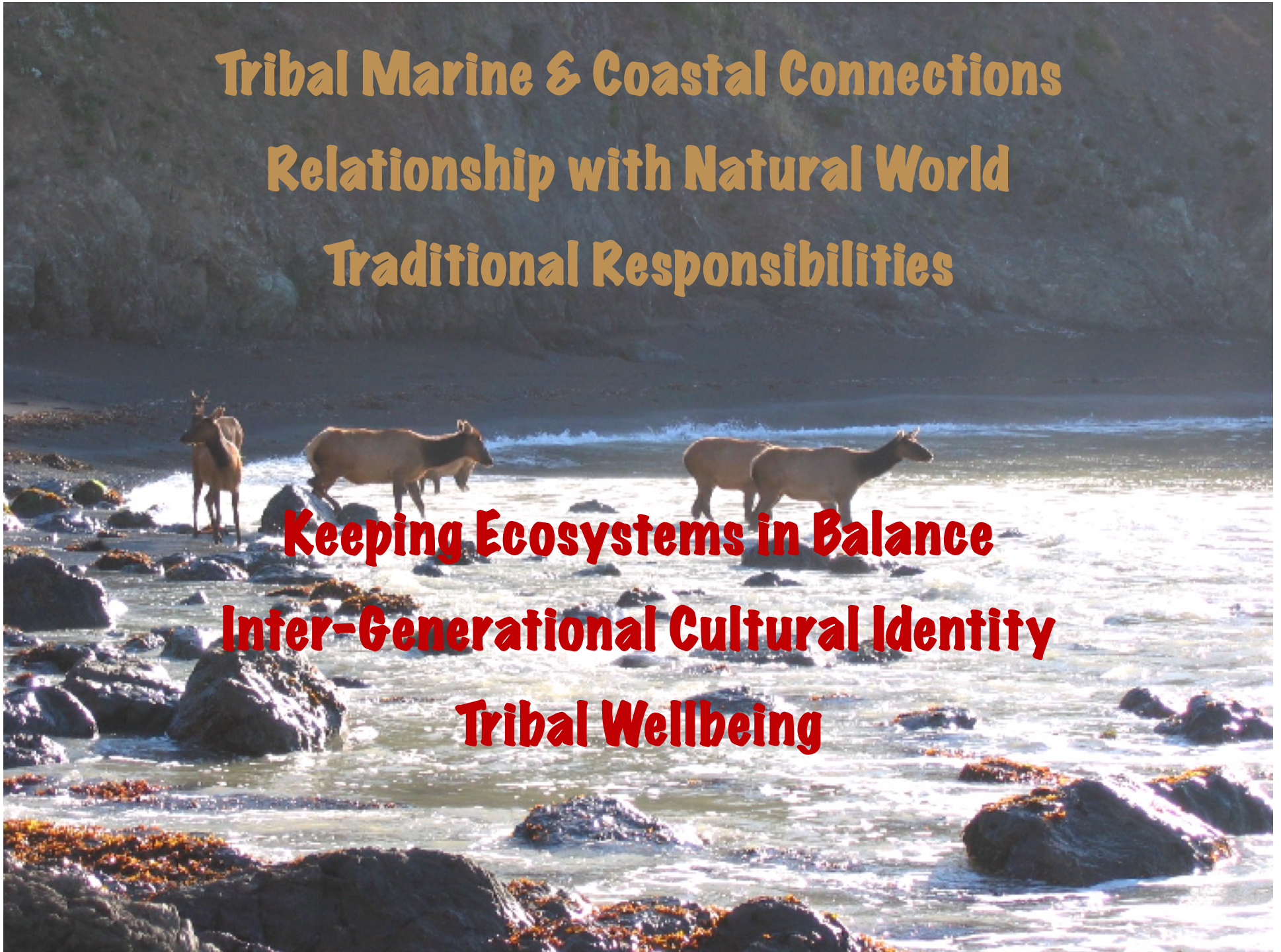
Relationship with Natural World

Traditional Responsibilities

Keeping Ecosystems in Balance

Inter-Generational Cultural Identity

Tribal Wellbeing



Management and Statutory Solutions Needed to:

- ✦ **Respect the Inherent Rights of Nature**
- ✦ **Protect and Facilitate Restoration of Kelp & Seaweed**
- ✦ **Stop Commercial & Recreational Over-Harvesting**
- ✦ **Address Tribal Seaweed & Kelp Gathering Needs and Rights**
- ✦ **Promote Ecosystem Balance and Environmental Justice**

North Coast Tribes' Traditional Lifeways

- ✦ Respect for Nature's Many Inter-Connections
- ✦ Responsibility for Maintaining the Balance
- ✦ Vital Ceremonial Ways & Teachings
Emphasize Importance of Kelp & Seaweed
- ✦ Understand & Honor Role of Kelp & Seaweed:
Healthy Ecosystems & Habitat for Keystone
Species (Abalone, Finfish, etc.)
- ✦ Tribal Traditional Marine Practices:
Necessary to the Tribes' Ways of Life and
Crucial for Ecosystem Health

Sovereign Tribal Nations

- ✦ **Original Stewards of Lands and Waters**
- ✦ **Vitally Connected to Marine & Coastal Ecosystems for Thousands of Years**
- ✦ **Inherent Powers of Self-Government**
- ✦ **Authority to Hold G2G Consultations**
- ✦ **Not Merely “Public Stakeholders”**
- ✦ **Important Partners in Co-Management**



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