



# Fact Sheet

## **Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP) Bioaccumulation Monitoring Program**

### **Tribally-centered Fish Consumption Application**



#### **Application Overview**

The [State of California's Bioaccumulation Monitoring Program](#) (Program) was established in 2006 with a mission to conduct comprehensive, statewide monitoring to assess whether fish and shellfish found in California's streams, lakes, and coastal areas are safe to eat. The Program is implemented by the State Water Resources Control Board's [Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program](#) (SWAMP).

The Program, in partnership with the San Francisco Estuary Institute (SFEI), is in the early phases of developing an interactive and user-friendly application that includes and contextualizes bioaccumulation monitoring data, thresholds, advisories, and guidance associated with fish consumption and human health. The application will be tailored to the needs of California Tribal users who consume fish for subsistence and/or cultural purposes.

The Program and SFEI will be using the [application that provides culturally tailored fish consumption guidelines for the Anishinaabe](#) (Ojibwe and associated Great Lakes Tribes) as inspiration and plan on engaging and working with California Native American Tribes and Tribal Organizations to inform the development of the application.



## Tribal Engagement

### Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC)

The purpose of this Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) is to help inform and/or co-create application materials to ensure they are relevant to Tribal and subsistence consumers of fish and shellfish in California. TAC members will be asked to provide guidance related to application development decisions, features, and functionality as well as supporting the early review of the application when it is available.

The goal is to assemble the TAC and begin meeting by October 2025. The frequency and format of TAC meetings will depend on TAC members' interest and availability.

### Tribal Engagement

We welcome feedback from California Tribal Governments or Tribal Organizations who are not able to join the TAC. Program staff will be available to attend and/or present about the application development and review efforts, and receive feedback at broader Tribal meetings, upon request.

## Proposed Timeline

**2025:** Develop application work plan (by Jun); assemble TAC, begin meeting (by Dec)

**2026:** Develop draft of the application (by Jun); application review and feedback (by Dec)

**2027:** Finalize application and materials, deliver demonstrations of the application

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