

Virtual 30x30 Workshop 5 of 8



Pathways to 30x30: #4 and #7

This workshop highlights two specific conservation mechanisms from the Pathways to 30x30 document:

- #4 – Enhancing Existing Lands & Coastal Waters
- #7 – Strengthening Government Coordination

Join us to learn about how to use these two pathways in your biodiversity, equity, and climate resilience work.

Thursday, August 24, 2023
10 - 11:30 am | Zoom Webinar



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Presentation Abstracts

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**GENEVA E.B.
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Pathway #7 - Coordinating with California Native American Tribes

California Native American tribes have played a central role in stewarding nature and safeguarding biodiversity since time immemorial. Tribes, having persisted from the state-sanctioned historical wrongs committed against them, have maintained relationships with, and knowledges of, California's lands, coastal waters, and freshwater systems. Tribal connection, ownership, stewardship, and uses of ancestral lands are central not only to tribal identity and sovereignty, but also biodiversity protection and ecosystem function. It is essential to develop meaningful partnerships with California Native American tribes to meet the goals of 30x30. Meaningful partnerships with tribes in this space can take many forms – including ancestral land return – and will be discussed as it relates to Pathway #7 (Strengthening Government Coordination) during the workshop.



**SANDY
Aylesworth**

Pathway #4 - California's Marine Protected Areas

Sandy Aylesworth will describe how ocean stakeholders such as recreators, businesses, NGOs, and students can participate in identifying candidate areas for 30x30 conservation decisions. She will provide background on the creation of California's Marine Protected Area (MPA) network and how the network's current 10-year review process could lead to new MPAs under 30x30. Sandy will also share the Natural Resources Defense Council's perspective on how California could strengthen protections in the state's many National Marine Sanctuaries as one of its pathways to achieving 30x30 in coastal water. Visit <https://bit.ly/46MxCYJ> to learn more.





Presenter Biographies

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**GENEVA E.B.
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California Natural Resources Agency

Geneva Thompson joined the California Natural Resources Agency in June 2021 as the Assistant Secretary for Tribal Affairs. In this role, Geneva cultivates and ensures the participation and inclusion of tribal governments and communities within the work of the California Natural Resources Agency. She recently served as Associate General Counsel for the Yurok Tribe, where she practiced environmental and cultural resource law and represented the Yurok Tribe in tribal, state, and federal forums. She also served as Staff Attorney for the Wishtoyo Foundation, and clerked with the Department of Justice Indian Resource Section, the Natural Resources Defense Council, Earthjustice, and the Tribal Law and Policy Institute. Geneva is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation and enjoys beading, gardening, and hiking with her spouse in state and national parks.



**SANDY
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Sandy Aylesworth advocates to combat illegal fishing and for responsible offshore wind development. Prior to joining NRDC, she worked at the U.S. Department of State and was a Knauss Marine Policy Fellow at National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs. Aylesworth's first career was as a captain and mate, where she became familiar with the oceans on voyages in French Polynesia, Baja, the United States, and the Caribbean. She worked as a marine technician for the U.S. Antarctic Program on seven oceanographic cruises. Aylesworth has a master's in environmental management from the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies and a 500 Ton Ocean Master's license.