

Collaboration Meetings with Alaska Tribal Governments



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MEETING SCHEDULE

Collaboration with Alaska Tribal Governments

Our meeting schedule is a work in progress; please check back to see future meetings posted
Click on the flyer to view the date, time and location of our Tribal Collaboration meetings

-  Bethel
[Meeting flyer link](#) Friday, April 13, 2012
-  Nome
[Meeting flyer link](#) Friday, April 27, 2012
-  Ketchikan
[Southern Southeast]
[Meeting flyer link](#) Friday, May 4, 2012
-  Tazlina
[Meeting flyer link](#) Friday, August 3, 2012
-  Juneau
[Northern Southeast]
[Meeting flyer link](#) Thursday, August 9, 2012
-  Kodiak
[Meeting flyer link](#) Friday, September 21, 2012
-  Fairbanks
[Meeting flyer link](#) Friday, August 9, 2013





TRIBAL COLLABORATION

Bethel, Alaska ■ April 13, 2012

I Introduction

II Rural Housing

III Utilities

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Background

Executive Order 13175

*Implemented by President Barack Obama
in November 2009.*



Purpose, “. . .to establish regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with tribal officials in the development of Federal policies that have tribal implications, to strengthen the United States government-to-government relationships with Indian tribes, and to reduce the imposition of unfunded mandates upon Indian tribes . . .”

Section 3(a), “Agencies shall respect Indian tribal self-government and sovereignty, honor tribal treaty and other rights, and strive to meet the responsibilities that arise from the unique legal relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribal governments.”

Goals

Acknowledge and respect Tribes and their government-to-government relationship with the federal government.

Solicit input from Tribes on how federal agencies can better serve Tribal communities.

Inform Tribes regarding federal programs that can assist their communities.



Rural Housing



Key Agencies:



Single Family Loans and Grants



Rural Housing Loans (USDA)

Rural Repair and Rehabilitation Loan and Grant (USDA)

Mutual Self-Help Loans (USDA)

Rural Housing Site Loans (USDA)

Single Family Loans and Grants (continued)

NAHASDA Indian Housing Block Grant (HUD)

Indian Community Development Block Grant (HUD)

Community Development Block Grant – (HUD – administered by DCCED)

Housing Choice Voucher & Veterans Administration Supportive Housing Programs (HUD – Administered by AHFC)



Multi-Family, Special Population Housing Loans & Grants



Rural Rental Housing (USDA)

Housing Preservation Grants (USDA)

Rental Assistance Program (USDA)

Public Housing Capital Fund (HUD – administered by AHFC)

Section 202 Housing Program (HUD)

Section 811 Housing Program (HUD)

Loan Guarantee Programs

NAHASDA Title VI (HUD)

NAHASDA Section 184 (HUD)

FHA (HUD)

Multi Family (HUD)



Utilities



Key Agencies:



Energy Programs



RUS Electric Program (USDA RD)

Repowering Assistance Program (USDA)

**Bioenergy Program for Advanced Biofuels Payments to
Advanced Biofuel Producers (USDA RD)**

**Rural Energy for America Program Grants & Loans (REAP)
(USDA RD)**

Rural Economic Development Loan And Grant (REDLG)

Strategic Technical Assistance Response Team (DOE)

Woody Biomass Programs (USFS)

Hydropower Program (USFS)

Denali Commission Programs

Telecommunication Programs

Satellite Program (USDA RD)

Broadband Initiative Program (USDA RD)

Community Connect Broadband Program (USDA RD)

Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program (DLT) (USDA RD)



Water, Sewer & Sanitation Programs



Community Facilities Loans and Grants (USDA RD)

Individual Water and Waste Grants (USDA RD)

Solid Waste Programs (Denali Commission)

Rural Alaska Village Grant program (RAVG) (USDA RD)

Community & Economic Development



Key Agencies:



Business Development Programs

Business Programs (USDA RD)

Business and Industry (B&I) Guaranteed Loans (USDA RD)

Intermediary Relending Program (IRP) (USDA RD)

Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program (RBEG)

Local Technical Assistance (EDA)

Planning Program (EDA)

Capital (SBA)

Counseling (SBA)

Contracting (SBA)



Planning Programs

Technical Assistance

CEDS / Feasibility Studies

Economic Adjustment, Public Works & Economic Development

Community Facilities Programs

Community Facilities Loans and Grants (USDA RD)

Rural Community Development Initiative (USDA RD)



Land & Resources



Key Agencies:



Planning & Management Programs

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) (NRCS)



Hardened Trail in Hooper Bay

Forest Thinning with Sealaska and Shaan Seet



Planning & Management Programs (continued)

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) (NRCS)



*Reindeer Management
on Nunivak Island*

*High Tunnel (Frame)
in Kwethluk*



Growing Example

Planning & Management Programs (continued)

Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) (NRCS)



*Willow Tipping
for Moose
Habitat with
Choggiung Ltd.*

Planning & Management Programs (continued)

Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA) (NRCS)

Conservation Security Program (CSP) (NRCS)

Farm & Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP) (NRCS)

Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) (NRCS)

Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) (NRCS)

Snow and Soil Survey (NRCS)

Subsistence Hunting and Fishing (USFS)

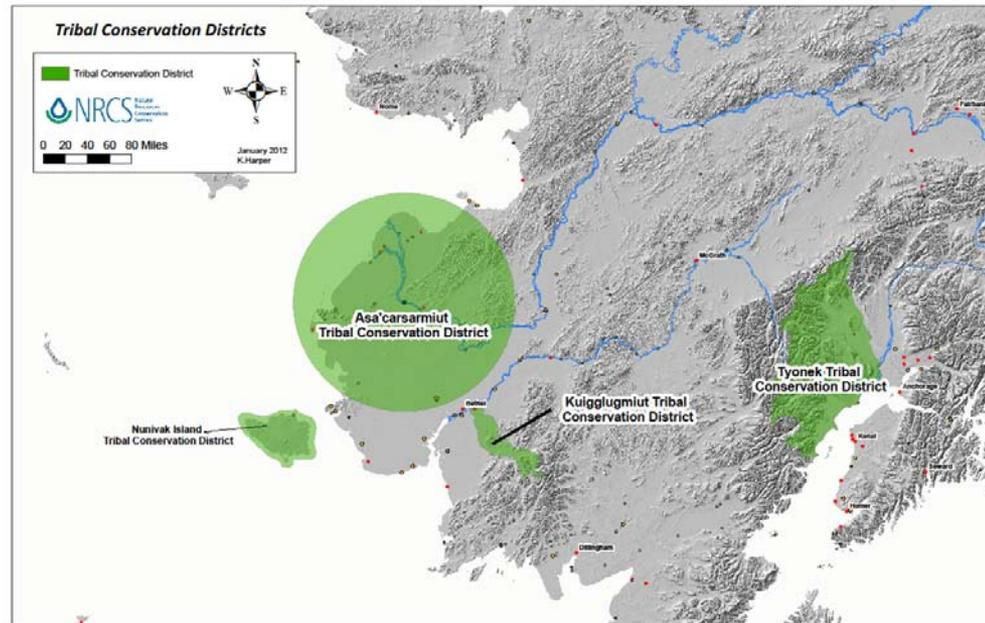
Ecosystem planning (USFS)

Technology Development (USFS)

Technical Assistance (USFS)

Planning & Management Programs (continued)

Tribal Conservation Districts (NRCS)



Forest Health Programs

Forest Health Management & Monitoring (USFS)

Pesticide Use Management (USFS)

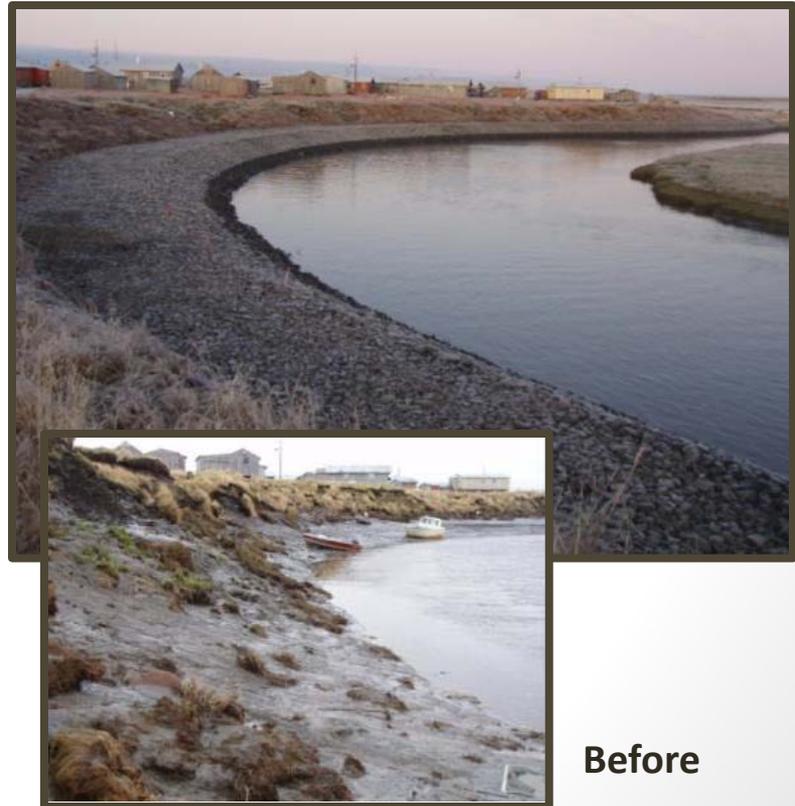
Special Programs

Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP) (NRCS)



*Ice Jam Emergency Response
in Stevens Village*

Watershed & River Protection in Kongiganak



Before

Food Production, Availability & Nutrition



Key Agencies:



Agricultural/Food Production Programs

Reimbursement Transportation Cost Payment Program for Geographically Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers (FSA)

Farm Loan Programs (FSA)

Farm Disaster Programs (FSA)

Risk Management (RMA and FSA)

- **Crop Insurance (RMA)**
- **Noninsured Crop Disaster Program (FSA)**
- **Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program (FSA)**

Food Assistance Programs

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) (FNS)

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) (FNS)

Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) (FNS)

Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) (FNS)

Food Assistance for Disaster Relief (FNS)

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (FNS)

Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) (FNS)

Nutrition Programs

Team Nutrition (FNS)



Children/Schools Programs

Eat Smart Play Hard (FNS)

National School Lunch Program (NSLP) (FNS)

School Breakfast Program (SBP) (FNS)

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FNS)

Special Milk Program (SMP) (FNS)

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) (FNS)

State Processing Program (FNS)



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USDA Announces Collaboration Meetings with Alaska Tribal Governments

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, October 18, 2011 – USDA-Rural Development Alaska State Director Jim Nordlund today announced that several federal agencies are organizing statewide collaboration meetings with Alaska tribal governments. The collaboration will involve 12-18 meetings held over the next eleven months. This effort is in response to a memorandum signed by President Obama directing federal agencies to engage in regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with tribal officials.

There are 229 federally recognized tribes in Alaska and nearly all coincide with rural villages. The USDA led plan involves face-to-face collaboration meetings with the acknowledged leader or single point of contact for each tribe. The meetings will be held in local communities and will involve a conversation with several tribal leaders in an area that is geographically distinct and culturally homogenous.

“Collaboration with 229 tribes in their local areas is a large undertaking, but we feel this is the best way to understand the needs of Native communities and to seek their advice,” said Nordlund. “Through these meetings we hope to strengthen the government-to-government relationship between tribal leaders and the federal government; provide an overview, by topic, of certain federal programs that have an effect on tribes; and engage in constructive dialogue, respond to questions and solicit ideas regarding federal programs,” added Nordlund.

The consultation discussions will be focused on five topics:

- food production, availability and nutrition,
- rural housing,
- land management (NRCS and Forest Service),
- rural utilities (electric, telecom, solid waste, sewer and water)
- rural economic and community development.

Five USDA agencies will participate in the meetings, including Rural Development, Farm Service Agency, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), Forest Service, and Food and Nutrition Service. Additionally, five other federal agencies with similar programs will be represented, including: Department of Housing and Urban Development, Small Business Administration, Economic Development Administration, Department of Energy and the Denali Commission.

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USDA Farm Service Agency Executive State Director Danny Consenstein said, “Food security is a big issue in our rural areas. Not only are fish and game important, but growing more local produce can create jobs, healthier food, and more self-sufficient communities. I’m excited to talk with and learn from tribal leaders about this important topic.”

"I look forward to participating in the collaborations and hearing directly from tribal leaders about what they need and expect from federal agencies. It will be an opportunity to explain our programs and the assistance we can provide," said Bob Jones, State Conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The Alaska Inter-Tribal Council (AITC) will be coordinating the logistics for the meetings. The places and dates for the meeting will be determined by the tribes in consultation with AITC.

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Forest Service

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/r10>

Natural Resources Conservation Service

<http://www.ak.nrcs.usda.gov>

Food & Nutrition Service

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cga/contacts/fieldoffices/Alaska.htm>

U.S. Small Business Administration

<http://www.sba.gov/about-offices-content/2/2821>

Denali Commission

<http://www.denali.gov>

U.S. Department of Energy
National Renewable Energy Laboratory

<http://www.netl.doe.gov>

U.S. Department of Commerce
Economic Development Administration

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Collaboration Meetings with Alaska Tribal Governments Blogs – Live Links

August 31, 2012 - USDA Participates in a Tribal Collaboration Meeting in Rural Alaska
[USDA Blog Report](#)

May 25, 2012 - USDA Tribal Collaboration Meetings Continue in Southeast Alaska
[USDA Blog Report](#)

May 17, 2012 - USDA Hosts Tribal Collaboration Meeting in Nome, Alaska
[USDA Blog Report](#)

April 25, 2012 - USDA Holds First Tribal Collaboration Meeting with Alaska Tribal Governments
[USDA Blog Report](#)

September 26, 2012 - USDA, Other Federal Partners, Meet with Tribal Leaders at Alaska Capital
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