



Summary of Tribal Consultation Efforts (Executive Order 13175)

Executive Order 13175 (November 2000) entitled “Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments” requires federal agencies to have an accountable process to assure opportunities for meaningful and timely input by tribal officials in the development of regulatory policies on matters that have tribal implications and strengthen the government-to-government relationship with federally recognized Indian tribes.

Efforts were taken to provide tribal governments near the proposed pre-authorization area with information about the project and to seek input on a government-to-government basis. An initial letter outlining the project and inviting tribal consultation was sent in September 2013 by both mail and email to 76 tribes located in response subareas in proximity to the areas covered by the proposed pre-authorization area. Follow-up emails were sent to tribes in October 2013 with copies of the letters inviting tribal consultation on the project and participation in hub meetings.

Informational meetings were offered in accordance with EO 13175 as part of the tribal consultation process in King Salmon, Anchorage (2 meetings), Kodiak, Valdez, and Unalaska. Additionally, an opportunity was offered for Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) corporations to have consultation with the ARRT as provided for by P.L. 108-11 Section 161 and P.L. 108-447 Section 518.

A second invitation to consult was sent by mail to tribes in late December 2013, outlining previous hub meetings and providing an additional opportunity for tribal consultation meetings in Anchorage at the Alaska Forum on the Environment meeting in February 2014 in order to provide an opportunity for tribes to discuss issues with their councils if desired before providing input.

More than 60 representatives from 39 federally recognized tribes throughout Alaska participated in the tribal consultation process, this participation included the following activities: informational meetings and meetings with the project team and senior government officials, and one-on-one meetings with tribal government officials. During these meetings discussion took place regarding the merits, concerns, and issues pertaining to dispersant use and other response tactics.

The ARRT recognizes that tribal governments may have an interest in the pre-authorization process regardless of their location due to their way of life and therefore included meetings in settings where statewide participation was anticipated. Of the 39 tribes who engaged in the tribal consultation process, 18 were from tribes in contingency subareas near the proposed dispersant authorization zone. All 39 tribes who engaged in the meetings were offered additional opportunities for further tribal consultation. 153 comments were received from 18 tribes regarding the project, and responses to comments and questions have been provided to all tribes who engaged in the tribal consultation process on this project.

Tribes who participated in the project tribal consultation process include:

Tribe Name	Meeting Location	Inside or Outside of Pre-Authorization Zone
Cheesh-Na Tribe	Anchorage	Inside Proposed Zone
Chikaloon Tribe	Anchorage	Inside Proposed Zone
Chignik Lagoon	Anchorage	Inside Proposed Zone
Kenaitze Indian Tribe	Anchorage	Inside Proposed Zone
Nanwalek IRA Council	Anchorage	Inside Proposed Zone
Native Village of Afognak	Kodiak	Inside Proposed Zone
Native Village of Port Lions	Kodiak	Inside Proposed Zone
Native Village of Eyak	Valdez	Inside Proposed Zone
Native Village of Old Harbor	Kodiak	Inside Proposed Zone
New Stuyahok Traditional Council	Anchorage	Inside Proposed Zone
Nondalton	Anchorage	Inside Proposed Zone
Ouzinkie Tribal Council	Kodiak	Inside Proposed Zone
Port Graham Village Council	Anchorage	Inside Proposed Zone
Qawalangin Tribe of Unalaska	Anchorage & Unalaska	Inside Proposed Zone
Qayan Tayagungin Tribe (Sand Point)	Anchorage	Inside Proposed Zone
Seldovia Village Tribe	Anchorage	Inside Proposed Zone
Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak	Kodiak	Inside Proposed Zone

Tatitlek IRA	Valdez & Anchorage	Inside Proposed Zone
Angoon Community Association	Anchorage	Outside of Proposed Zone
Aniak Traditional Council	Anchorage	Outside of Proposed Zone
Atmautluak	Anchorage	Outside of Proposed Zone
Buckland IRA Council	Anchorage	Outside of Proposed Zone
Chalkyitsik Village Council	Anchorage	Outside of Proposed Zone
Chinik Eskimo Council	Anchorage	Outside of Proposed Zone
Chuathbaluk Traditional Council	Anchorage	Outside of Proposed Zone
Deering IRA	Anchorage	Outside of Proposed Zone
Inupiat Community of Arctic Slope (ICAS)	Anchorage	Outside of Proposed Zone
Native Village of Barrow	Anchorage	Outside of Proposed Zone
Iqurmiut Traditional Council	Anchorage	Outside of Proposed Zone
Native Village of Goodnews Bay	Anchorage	Outside of Proposed Zone
Native Village of Mekoryuk	Anchorage	Outside of Proposed Zone
Native Village of Noatak	Anchorage	Outside of Proposed Zone
Native Village of Shishmaref	Anchorage	Outside of Proposed Zone
Nome Eskimo Community	Anchorage	Outside of Proposed Zone
Noorvik Native Community	Anchorage	Outside of Proposed Zone
Organized Village of Kasaan	Anchorage	Outside of Proposed Zone
Tuluksak	Anchorage	Outside of Proposed Zone
Yakutat Tlingit Tribe	Anchorage	Outside of Proposed Zone