



***Draft Agenda***  
***Tribal/Interior Budget Council***  
***Land, Water, and Natural Resources Subcommittee***  
***November 4, 2020***  
**Virtual**  
**12:00 – 2:30 p.m. EST**

**Register at:** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/686125352640675340>

1. Introduction and Invocation
2. New/Old Business
3. Tribal Leader Discussion
4. Discussion on Proposals before the TIBC Full Committee
5. Adjourn

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**Land, Water, and Natural Resources Subcommittee August 2020 Action Items**

***Land into Trust.*** – Tribal leaders expressed frustration over issues with land into trust, generally, and especially for health clinics, sacred lands, and ceremonial areas.

- Tribal leaders ask, ‘why is the administration holding up land into trust applications in Alaska when a law was passed allowing Alaska tribes to take land into trust?’

***Office of Subsistence Management Moved to Indian Affairs.*** – Tribal leaders ask that the Office of Subsistence Management in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service be moved into the Indian Affairs Budget.

- Tribal leaders note that funding gets sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) for subsistence management and that the overhead of their operations drastically diminishes the available funding that gets sent out to rural Alaska and to Tribes.
- Tribal leaders are concerned that interests in FWS favor States over working with Tribes.
- IA representatives note that there are two funding sources for Alaska Subsistence programs: one with BIA and one with FWS.
  - Tribal leaders expressed that they would rather that money go to a BIA Regional Office to administer the program.
  - Tribal leaders replied that their interest is in both funding lines, improving Tribal/Federal partnerships at FWS, and in IA support to encourage FWS to use subsistence funds to support Tribal partnerships and not to supplement other refuge management funding received by FWS.
  - Tribal leaders argue that a change in funding disbursement and administration of subsistence management funding could increase the amount of funding that makes it way to Tribes by reducing bureaucratic inefficiencies and improving Tribal/Federal partnerships in subsistence management.

TAAMS Reporting Timeliness and Consistency. – Tribal leaders express concern that they are not receiving reports of information from TAAMS in a timely and consistent manner.

- Tribal leaders would like access to TAAMS, even if the tribe has not contracted or compacted the requisite services from the BIA.

Natural Resources Facilities Construction/Operation & Maintenance. – Tribal leaders would like to further discuss Natural Resources facilities construction and operations and maintenance needs at the next meeting.

Better Interagency Partnerships. – Tribal leaders ask that IA facilitate better interagency partnerships between tribal governments, the Forestry Service, Forestry and Wildland fire programs within DOI, Fish and Wildlife Services, and Indian Affairs.

- Tribal leaders seek better co-management of resources and respect for tribal ecological knowledge and program capacity.

Water Issues During Next Meeting. – Tribal leaders note the importance of water issues and would like to discuss water issues as part of the next meeting.

Supporting Indigenous Food Sources. – Tribal leaders ask Indian Affairs if there are any programs that support indigenous food sources within Indian Affairs and seek further discussion on this topic.

Supporting Treaty Rights, Treaty Negotiations, and Treaty Rights Protection. – Tribal leaders express support for treaty negotiations and treaty rights protection for all Tribes, including the ongoing Columbia River Treaty negotiations, which affect 15 Tribes in the Northwest.