

Trust Commission Reflections

And Action Items

Meeting in Seattle, WA
February 12/13, 2013

Themes from Day 1 and Reflections about Site Visit

Continue to be mindful of not just DOI but more broadly to interagency issues e.g. USDA, DOJ

Focus more on the mechanics that tribes need to take on things – would like to hear exactly what it would take for tribes to accomplish these goals (helps Commission make its recommendations)

Site visit- understanding historical perspective essential to the turning point at Nisqually – events in 1950s; making use of USDA grants/loans; economic activities the tribe is undertaking.

Number of concrete recommendations from Day 1; meaningful to tribes; helps id issues, successes and barriers to be attuned to with mgmt consultant

- Look at larger picture with other federal agencies.
- Look at improving, empowering tribes, self-determination (important for Commission to look at the tribal aspect of the trust relationship)
- Funding—limited funds for service delivery, inherent inequities in funding
- Self-determination – exciting to see economic and cultural initiatives at Nisqually

- Youth outreach: heard appreciation from youth that their input is being sought
- Self-determination- significance of accessing regional director
- Historical context of self-determination started in 1968, tribes have/are moving forward,
- Trust principles need to be integrated into trust reform discussions.

- Information helps Commissioner thinking
- When tribes solve own issues, role of fed gov't in assisting tribe
- In some ways self-determination is limited by paperwork, bureaucratic requirements. How can bureaucracy help move self-determination forward? And keep pace with interests of tribes?
- Engagement of youth in tribal activities is good.

Reflections and Themes continued

- As Commissioners, need to get draft statements out, and get input and at some point make a decision.

Action Items

- Revise draft Federal trust responsibility statement and conflicts of interest protocols
 - Edits on documents and in meeting notes.
 - Refer to materials submitted from public comments
 - Release updated drafts at next meeting before end of year (April 28-29 or in June)
 - Lizzie: provide information on other federal agency disclosure policies and timeframe for requests for independent counsel
- Draft principles related to federal trust

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- Circulate revised drafts to Indian Country
 - Include in Commission outreach materials
 - Post on website for comment
 - Mailing to tribal leaders? With request for comment by xx date certain.
 - Make use of social media to get information out (Nedra for guidance)
 - Look to tribal organizations, NCAI to disseminate

Action Items

- Post on Commission website information about management consultant tasks, products, timeline
- Confirm upcoming outreach activities (e.g. Dr Zah for April Empowerment conference at Haskell)
- Commission staff and facilitation team coordinate with USET and Commission re April meeting preparations
- Chair Sharp outreach to ITMA, send dates to facilitation team

The Commission's 2013 meeting schedule is:

- ❖ February 12-13, Seattle, WA
- ❖ April 29-30, Tennessee (coordinating with USET)
- ❖ June 6-7, Oklahoma City, OK
- ❖ August 18-19, Anchorage, AK
- ❖ October 8, 2.00-4.00 Central public webinar
- ❖ November 12-13, Central CA
- ❖ December , TBD, Washington DC

THANK you all for sharing your insights, wisdom
and perspectives with the Commission