

## **SUMMARY of 2016 ANNUAL REVIEW OF TRIBAL/ANCSA CONSULTATIONS PROCESS**

Page 9 of the Tribal Consultation Policy, states: Annually, the Consultation workgroup, OSM Native Liaison, land managers, and ISC should assess the effectiveness of the Tribal Consultation Policy and the implementation guidelines. The workgroup will report to the Board at its annual winter/spring meeting.

Updated Aug thru Oct 2016 Positive comments since adopted Feb 23, 2015:

- Improved awareness and assistance in Regulatory and Special Action processes
- Awareness of all the divisions within OSM is increasing
- Other tribal Liaisons from other agencies working relationships growing
- Tribes knowing contact persons in the OSM staff is improving
- Greater attendance in tribal and ANCSA consultations
- Increasing number of consultations
- Communication efforts on proposals from Tribes including feds and state are growing
- Coordination Division working with RITs improving outreach efforts
- Calls from tribes to OSM staff are increasing
- Awareness of federal subsistence processes, programs and tribes relationships are growing
- Some tribes and corporations are satisfied for now with Tribal Consultation process
- Most RACs are very supportive of the consultation process
- Second Chief of Nenana is impressed with the process

Improvements suggested:

- There needs to be improved options for outreach by possibly having a PUBLIC NOTICE on the subsistence web-page (Info is shared)
- Email is not always effective outreach for tribes, maybe snail-mail should be reconsidered (we use all available outreach resources, getting better)

- Fax numbers do not always work because of the weak signals in rural Alaska, should follow up by phone calls (its normal procedure)
- Tribes and corporations need to be aware of notices, maybe post up in post offices and community centers and having contact persons to distribute (ongoing efforts)
- OSM documents language is difficult to understand, should be made easier for tribes to understand (ongoing efforts)
- Tribes would like to have a better relationship with government officials (ongoing efforts)
- Consult with all leadership, balance all members at the table, include your youth during your RAC meetings. (increased effort supported by RACs)
- Need to coordinate and communicate with regional non-profits more (ongoing)

#### DURING REVIEW PROCESS: 2015

##### ISC comments from:

- BIA; make sure all transcripts and summaries from consultation are shared when requested with all participants.
- NPS; Under the TRAINING paragraph; concerned that the long list of training requirements wasn't realistic and suggest that they be listed as courses that could be taken to satisfy training objectives.
- Consultation workgroup: External Affairs; With increased Tribal/ANCSA consultation sessions conducted in the past couple of years, very positive feedback, the process is being used and tribes and corporations are in full support, at this stage I see no changes needed this year.
- TCC; it seems to be working, tribes are being heard.
- Workgroup member Nome; it's a living document so if needed changes we just need to make adjustments to be even more effective.
- Chief Gary from Chickaloon says so far its working.