



Region 10 Tribal Operations Committee

Monthly Conference Call

Thursday, February 16, 2017

12:00 pm (Alaska)

1:00 pm (Pacific)

2:00pm (Mountain)

Conference Call Number & Code

Dial-in Number: (641) 715-0700

Toll free: (844) 844-0065

Access Code: 993885

ATTENDANCE

NTOC Billy Maines- Alaska Position 2, Willie Frank- WWA/WOR, Chris Price- Alaska Position 1 Alternate, Tom Robinson- Alaska Position 1 (Absent EWA/EOR/Idaho reps)

RTOC Noelle Saluskin- EWA, Shallee Baker- WWA, Lance Whitwell- Alaska Position 3, Dean Adams- OR (Absent AK Position 1, AK Position 2, Idaho reps)

EPA Michelle Pirzadeh- Acting RA, Joyce Kelly- Chief of Staff/Regional Administrator’s Division (RAD) Director, Ann Williamson- RAD Associate Director, JR Herbst- Acting TTAU Manager, Lisa Castanon

SUPPORT STAFF Randi Madison- Communications Specialist, Rick Eichstaedt- Policy Analyst, Michelle Davis, EPA

Meeting called to order at 1:40 pm Pacific when Lance Whitwell called in, creating a quorum of the RTOC members.

ACTION ITEMS

Randi Madison

1. Follow up on scheduling TLS and Operations Guidance committee meetings. Operations Guidance revision on hold until after TLS and TLS Planning Committee Meeting will be 11 AM Tuesday Feb. 21. (and every consecutive Tuesday at noon Pacific until the Summit)
2. Send out website for review and promotional items to committee.

1:00 PST Reserved for Tribal Caucus

Tribal Consortium Business & Open Discussion

- Approval of November, December and January consortium minutes postponed.

1:30 PST All TOC & EPA Members Join

I. Opening Remarks & Roll Call

- Approval of this Agenda

II. Old Business

- Approval of November, December and January minutes: Lance Whitwell motioned to approve the November and December meeting minutes Shallee Seconded, All approved
- Summary of Alaska Forum on the Environment

III. New Business

1. RTOC Tribal Chair/Co-chair Updates

- Tribal Environmental Leader's Summit – establish 4 storytellers (AK, ID, OR, WA) Dean Adams, OR – Lee Juan, ID – Elizabeth, WA -
- Review draft March meeting agenda
- Announced an alternate switch, Chris Price will be Tom Robinson's alternate for NTOC and Brian Holter, Jr. will be Ray's alternate for RTOC. Debra Lekanof will be Willie Frank III's alternate for NTOC WWA/WOR.
- Discuss Daniel Ellanak Award for 2018. Daniel's wife Katherine would like to continue the award and may have funding available through the Ouzinkie tribe for next year.

2. RTOC Policy Analyst Updates

- Rules for dealing with waste under CERCLA for hard rock mining. Executive Order: if new rules proposed, need to take away 2 existing rules. This will move forward in some way. Comment period closes March 13, info on EPA consultation website.
- Comment period opening for Toxic Substances Control Act: Procedures - inactive reporting rule. Is this subject to new rulemaking? In general, the Executive Orders are a little unclear on proposed rulemakings that were proposed prior to the new Administration.

3. EPA Updates

Michelle Pirzadeh, R10 Acting Regional Administrator

- Signing the letter to appoint Billy Maines as the temporary member of the EELC.
- Next TEK workshop scheduled for March 6, 2017.
- Scott Pruitt was confirmed as the new EPA Administrator beginning next week.
- Sr. Tribal Policy Advisor position is on hold: Executive Branch hiring freeze enacted until OMB and EPA provides a plan to the President regarding attrition and
- EPA is still under budget resolution for FY17, intention to develop a President's budget for FY18.

Joyce Kelly, R10 Director/Chief of Staff

- Stacy Murphy was selected for the TTAU Manager position and will begin in late April.

4. Communications Specialist Update

- Seek to complete airfare purchases by Mon. Feb 24 for March meeting
- Schedule meeting for Operations Guidance revision, or seek to postpone until after TLS.
- Schedule a TLS Planning Committee Meeting 11 AM Tuesday Feb. 21.

IV. Upcoming Events

- RTOC In-Person Meeting: March 27-28 in Port Gamble, WA hosted by the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe
- Tribal Environmental Leader's Summit: March 29-31, 2017 in Suquamish, WA

V. Adjourned at 1:50 pm PST

Attachments: (7)

- 1) November conference call minutes for approval (both consortium and general)
- 2) December in person meeting minutes for approval (both consortium and general)
- 3) January conference call minutes for approval (both consortium and general)
- 4) March draft in person meeting agenda