



**Region 10 RTOC
Conference Call Meeting Minutes - DRAFT**

November 17, 2016

ATTENDANCE ○=absent

Alaska Tribal Caucus

RTOC Position 1

○ [Raymond Paddock III](#) (P)

[Chris Price](#) (A)

RTOC Position 2

[Bobbi Anne Barnowski](#) (P)

○ [Deilah Johnson](#) (A)

RTOC Position 3

[Lance Whitwell](#) (P)

○ [Robert Meyers](#) (A)

NTOC Position 1

[Victoria "Sissy" Kotongan](#) (P)

○ [Brian Holter Jr.](#) (A)

NTOC Position 2

[Billy Maines](#) (P) (Chairman)

(A) Vacant

Idaho Tribal Caucus

RTOC

○ [Samuel Penney](#) (P)

[Aaron Miles](#) (A)

NTOC (ID/EasternWA/EasternOR)

○ [Lee Juan Tyler](#) (P)

○ [Ladd Edmo](#) (A)

Oregon Tribal Caucus

RTOC Vacant

Eastern Washington Tribal Caucus

[Elizabeth Sanchez](#) (P) (Vice Chair)

○ [Noelle Saluskin](#) (A)

Western Washington Tribal Caucus

RTOC

[Shallee Baker](#) (P)

[Sam Phillips](#) (A)

NTOC (WesternWA/WesternOR)

○ [Debra Lekanof](#)

○ [Todd Mitchell](#)

EPA Region 10

○ [Dennis McLerran](#) (P) RA

[Joyce Kelly](#) (A) Chief of Staff

○ [Michelle Pirzadeh](#) (P) Deputy RA

[Ann Williamson](#) (A) Associate Director

○ [Jim Woods](#) Sr. Tribal Policy Advisor

RTOC Support Staff

[Randi Madison](#) Communications

Specialist

[Rick Eichstaedt](#) Policy Analyst

EPA Region 10 Support Staff

[Sally Thomas](#) Unit Manager TTAU

[JR Herbst](#) Tribal Consultation Specialist

TTAU

Guest

Michael Ortiz, EPA

Angela Chung, EPA

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MEETING SUMMARY

Action Items

1. Review the [online survey](#) regarding the TELS by Monday COB, Pacific time. Send recommendations to Randi Madison via email.
2. Ann will look into the process for RTOC to submit a statement to the President Elect on behalf of Region 10 Tribes.
3. Add to December Agenda: Identify TOC participation in the E-Enterprise Leadership Council (EELC) group. Specifically asking each regional TOC to put forward 1 tribal nominee, and forwarded on to the EELC by the Regional Administrator by December 19, 2016.
4. JR Herbst will send Randi Madison the request for nominations from the EELC so she can distribute to the RTOC.
5. JR Herbst will open the Oregon election period again, through Dec. 2, 2017. Rick Eichstaedt will follow up with Dean Adams to ensure his application is submitted.
6. Randi Madison will send the estimated per diem out to attendees of Dec. meeting by Tuesday, November 22 and wants to complete airfare purchases by November 30 for Dec. meeting.

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Chairman Billy Maines called to order the regular meeting of the Region 10 RTOC at 2:30 PM PST on November 17, 2016 on our conference call line.

II. All TOC & EPA Members Join

- Opening Remarks & Roll Call
 - Region 10 Tribal Consortium is fully staffed, with the addition of Andy Dunau as our Grant Administrator.
- Approval of this Agenda
- Old Business
 - Approval of October minutes - Aaron Miles motion to approve the October minutes, Lance Whitwell seconded. Motion carried.

III. New Business

1. RTOC Tribal Chair/Co-chair Updates

- Tribal Environmental Leader's Summit
 - Requirement GAP funds used for travel to TELS are directly related to the Tribe's Workplan. Need agenda in order to justify the travel. (Sally Thomas)

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- Review of Pre-conference survey
- December Meeting Agenda Draft
 - Try to have it mirror the last in-person meeting. JR will work with Randi on the draft.
 - Tuesday will be our last meeting with Dennis McLerran and Jim Woods 9-11:30 am.

2. RTOC Policy Analyst Update

- Attended the OTEF conference yesterday. Informed attendees about RTOC, standing agenda items, and priorities document. Attendees concerned with coal and oil, fish consumption rates, and funding. Mary Lou Socia presented on the Clean Water act 303(d) TAS Rule.
 - [Webinar on Dec. 13](#) on this, during our RTOC meeting.
 - RTOC will be putting together comments.

3. EPA Updates

- **Angela Chung, Water Quality Standards Division**
 - Last Tuesday EPA completed actions in Washington. Partially approved and disapproved WA water quality standards. Finalized federal rule for those criteria. Updates to PCB's and Methylmercury: WA state is disappointed and wants to move on. Possibility of state suing the EPA. EPA concerned it would challenge the Treaty Rights work EPA has put into place. Will be meeting with the Spokane task force in January, re: concerns with costs given new criteria. Did receive supportive comments from Tribal governments and environmental groups in WA.
- **Ann Williamson, Associate Director RA Division**
 - Head of the Transitions Committee. Producing briefing papers for the President Elect. MOU signed with the White House so the landing teams can begin the process. Deciding on what priority order of the first batch of briefings. There are no Region 10 specific items on the first round of papers.
 - Have had 1 meeting led by Dennis and Michelle, continuing the work of the last 8 years. It is a challenging time, but the reactions are that everyone is committed to doing their jobs and will continue to do so.
 - Meet every week with the headquarters in DC.
 - Still rumors regarding the Presidential Appointee, not decided yet.
 - Question: Rick Eichstaedt - Is there an opportunity for the RTOC to prepare something for the President? A: EPA is connected to DC through Shannon Kinney. Not aware of any process for that, but can't see there would be any reason why the Consortium could not do that. Ann will look into the process for RTOC to submit. There was a global paper submitted by AIEO, regarding National Tribal Issues. NTOC did submit information to AIEO for this paper - it has come back as undelivered.
 - E-enterprise leadership council (EELC): Identify TOC participation in this group. Specifically asking each regional TOC to put forward 1 nominee, and forwarded on to the EELC by the Regional Administrator by December 19, 2016. Scope of qualifications described in their charter.
- **Joyce Kelley, Chief of Staff/Director RA Division**
 - Sally Thomas' last day is on Dec. 9, in phase retirement, retained for 1 year to coach her replacement. Moving forward to fill the position, but the personnel center has been slow. Will

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appoint a temporary person for 190 days while the personnel center processes a permanent selection.

- TEK Workshop: In the process of determining the makeup of the EPA workgroup, hope to finalize by end of Nov. Would like to be very collaborative in determining the next steps with the TOC. Face to face meeting is requested around the time of the Dec. RTOC meeting. Suggested a working lunch on Tuesday 12/13.
 - Elizabeth Sanchey
 - Ladd Edmo
 - Sam Penney
 - Aaron Miles for James Holt
 - Bobbi Ann
 - Ray Paddock
- **Sally Thomas, Tribal Trust and Assistance Unit Manager**
 - Seeking to fill the Sr. Tribal Policy Advisor position. Jim Wood's last day is ???. Look for a message letter from EPA to the TOC and Tribes to share the opportunity to hold this position.
- **JR Herbst, Tribal Consultation Specialist**
 - Deadline for AK tribes to submit vote is Dec. 6 for the NTOC position #1.
 - NTOC WOR/WWA: Debra withdrew her nomination, replaced with Billy Frank who will replace Debra Lekanof in Jan 2017.
 - Congratulations to Elizabeth Sanchey for winning the nomination for EWA RTOC.
 - Dean Adams, of Burns Paiute tribe submitted his nomination after the deadline, EPA seeking direction from RTOC for accepting the late nomination. Based on RTOC Charter, need to extend the nomination period again or wait until the next round of elections.

4. Communications Specialist Update

- Review Consortium Travel Procedure (reviewed in Tribal Consortium Meeting)
- Received much positive input from individual introduction calls. Thank you to everyone for your energy and service. Suggestions to update Operations Guidance based on feedback will be discussed at the meeting in December.

IV. Upcoming Events

- RTOC In-Person Meeting: Dec 13-15, 2016 in Seattle (Primaries Only)
- Alaska Forum on the Environment: February 6-9, 2017

VI. Adjournment

Chairman Billy Maines adjourned the meeting at 4:00 pm PST

Draft Minutes submitted by: Randi Madison Posted Draft to website 11/17/16