



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 10

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Seattle, WA 98101-3140

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL
ADMINISTRATOR

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Dear Tribal Leader:

The purpose of this letter is to provide all federally recognized tribal governments in Alaska with an opportunity to vote for a tribal representative that will serve on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Region 10 Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC). This election is for the Alaska Position 1 on the RTOC. The elected tribal representative will begin her or his three-year term on January 1, 2018.

If your Tribal Government would like to submit a vote for this RTOC election, please follow the directions that have been included on the enclosed ballots. The deadline for this election is **Friday, December 8, 2017**. Biographies that have been provided by nominees are enclosed with this letter.

I appreciate your continued support with this RTOC election process. Additional information about the RTOC is available at www.region10rtoc.net.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Michelle L. Pirzadeh", is positioned above the typed name.

Michelle L. Pirzadeh
Acting Regional Administrator

Enclosures

cc: Billy Maines, RTOC Tribal Co-Chair, Curyung Tribal Council
Joyce Kelly, Chief of Staff/Director, EPA Region 10, Regional Administrator's Division
Stacy Murphy, Manager, EPA Region 10, Tribal Trust and Assistance Unit

**EPA REGION 10
OFFICIAL BALLOT**

Regional Tribal Operations Committee: Alaska Position 1

Each Tribe is limited to one vote for this Alaska Position 1. To vote, please submit one of the three alternatives: 1) A marked ballot with an authorized official signature; 2) A tribal resolution (identifying the individual that the Tribe is voting for) that is signed by an authorized official; or 3) A letter on your Tribal stationary (identifying the individual that the Tribe is voting for) that is signed by an authorized official.

Ballots should be mailed by **Friday, December 8, 2017** and sent to:

John Herbst, RTOC Coordinator
U.S. EPA - Region 10
Tribal Trust and Assistance Unit
1200 6th Avenue, Suite 900 M/S RAD-202
Seattle, WA 98101

Faxes Accepted at 206-553-1775
Emails Accepted at Herbst.John@epa.gov

RTOC Alaska Position 1 Nominees

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| _____ Brian Holter, Jr. | Klawock Cooperative Association |
| _____ Hannah Onalik | Native Village of Noatak |
| _____ Irene Dundas | Ketchikan Indian Community |
| _____ John Henry | Native Village of Unalakleet |
| _____ Natalia Brink | Kasigluk Traditional Council |

Signature of Tribal Government Official:

Name of Tribal Government Submitting Ballot (Please Print)

Title of Authorized Tribal Official

Signature of Authorized Tribal Official

Date



NTAA Alaska State Representative, RTOC Alternate Brian Holter Jr. 2017

Brian Holter Jr has been elected as the Alaska State Representative for National Tribal Air Association (NTAA) also serving Alternate for Raymond Paddock III on RTOC Region 10 for Alternate for Victoria “Sissy” Kotongan Village of Unalakleet, prior to this was an Alternate for Violet Yeaton on RTOC, Treasurer on the Craig Tribal Council for two terms. Currently he is employed for the Klawock Cooperative Association working as the Brownfields Coordinator. He has served two terms on the Board of Directors for the Shaan Seet Native Corporation. Always working to be involved and a voice for our people.

Brian is from two Tribes in Southeast Alaska, the Haida Tribe and Tlingit Tribe; he grew up in Craig Alaska, the village where his mother Vesta Isaacs was born. He is a proud father of three kid’s two sons and a daughter. Generations of his family has lived on Prince of Wales Island (POW) living off the land and sea as our people before us, “It is our job as keepers of this land and sea to protect the natural resources. I am thankful to work for our Tribe in this capacity severing our people and preserving this rich culture.”

It has been an educational and eye-opening experience to be a NTOC and RTOC Representative for the past six years. I would like to continue being a voice for our people, there are few things that we cannot take for granted the air, water, and land. In my life time the seasons have changed impacting our precious natural resources and when we gather. We are taking steps to adapt and develop long term solutions to protect our way of life for future generations.

I will continue to be an advocate for our people addressing their environmental concerns, working with the EPA and other agencies to ensure the safest measures are taken as we continue to work with the new Administration and all the changes that are taking place.

Thank you for your support and consideration.