



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 10

1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900
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 2 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".

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 2

Each Tribe is limited to one vote for this Alaska Position 2. 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 stationery (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 2 Nominees

_____ Fred Luther, Sr. Native Village of Noatak

_____ Raymond Paddock, III Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes

Signature of Tribal Government Official:

Name of Tribal Government Submitting Ballot (Please Print)

Title of Authorized Tribal Official

Signature of Authorized Tribal Official

Date

Raymond E. Paddock III

Raymond is employed with the Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) Native Lands and Resources (NLR) Department since December 2002. He started out as an Environmental Technician, then an Environmental Specialist and since 2012 has been the Environmental Coordinator for the tribe.

For several years Raymond has coordinated Tlingit & Haida's IGAP program to provide training activities, educational assistance and coordination statewide and regionally. The NLR Department continues to contribute to the capacity growth within Alaska tribes and provides a wide variety of services to assist tribes as they address local and regional environmental issues with EPA funded programs. Several projects include hosting a quarterly meetings with Southeast Alaska tribes, coordination and collaboration with tribes, agencies and organizations on projects that include transboundary mining, harmful algae bloom testing, climate change adaptation planning and many more. Central Council has also hosts their annual Southeast Tribal Environmental Conference. The conference is created to bring the Southeast Alaska tribes together to be informed and address regional environmental issues.

Raymond is currently serving on the Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) Alaska seat and brings experience and voice for our native people.