



Region 10 Tribal Operations Committee
Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska
PO Box 689
Spokane, WA 99210



Dear Tribal Leader:

The Region 10 Tribal Operations Committee (“RTOC”) is a partnership between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and elected Tribal representatives. The mission of the RTOC is to protect and improve Tribal health and environmental conditions for federally recognized Tribes consistent with the EPA’s Indian Policy, trust responsibility, environmental laws, policies, and guidance. RTOC members provide input and guidance to EPA on a national and regional level on the development of programs and policies impacting Tribes. For more information about the RTOC, please visit www.region10rtoc.net.

RTOC in cooperation with EPA are seeking nominations from federally recognized Tribes in Eastern Washington for the **Eastern Washington RTOC Representative**. The nominee must be an elected Tribal official or staff from a federally recognized Tribal government in Eastern Washington, and willing to serve a three-year term on the RTOC starting on January 1, 2026.

The RTOC holds up to two in-person meetings per year. Typically, these meetings are held in Seattle, Washington, and one meeting corresponding with the annual Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit. The travel costs for elected Tribal representatives on the RTOC to attend these meetings are provided through a cooperative agreement that is awarded by EPA to the Region 10 Tribal Operations Committee Administrative Consortium. In addition, the RTOC holds monthly conference calls, assigns workgroups / subcommittees for special tasks, along with Peer-to-Peer assistance and developing template comment letters for Tribes.

The RTOC has established a Region 10 Tribal Operations Administrative Consortium (“Consortium”) to manage the administrative functions of the RTOC, including providing input on the development of the Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit, managing the RTOC cooperative agreement, and overseeing staff/contractors. RTOC members also serve as board members of the Consortium. The Charter for the Consortium states that membership in the Consortium is limited to members of the Tribal Caucus of the EPA Region 10 RTOC, including the designated Region 10 National Tribal Caucus members. Members (and their designated alternates) shall obtain a resolution or letter of support for the Consortium’s role and its activities from their Tribe, consistent with federal requirements.

Representation on the RTOC requires a significant time commitment that goes beyond just meeting attendance. Significant time may be spent on coordination with other Tribes and participation in issue formulation and discussion. However, the position offers an opportunity to affect EPA’s decisions and EPA’s relationships with Tribes. All these factors should be considered for anyone interested in pursuing an RTOC nomination.

If your Tribe would like to nominate a candidate, please complete and return the enclosed nomination form, along with a brief description of the nominee’s background and qualifications, by **October 10th, 2025**. Nominations should be submitted by email to Ashley Corrao, RTOC GAP Director, at ashley@region10rtoc.net. Following receipt of nominations, RTOC will distribute the official ballot to Eastern Washington Tribes. Election results will be announced by RTOC in early December 2025, and the newly elected member(s) will begin their three-year term on January 1, 2026.

We appreciate your support as the RTOC carries forward this nomination and election process in cooperation with EPA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raymond Paddock III". The script is cursive and fluid.

Raymond Paddock III, RTOC Tribal Chair
Central Council Tlingit and Haida

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Todd Mitchell, RTOC Tribal Co-Chair
Swinomish Tribal Community

**EPA REGION 10
TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATION FORM**

*Region 10 Tribal Operations Committee
Eastern Washington Representative*

Please Note: Each Tribe is limited to one nomination. The selected nominee should be an elected Tribal official or Tribal staff from a federally recognized Tribe in Eastern Washington.

Complete and submit this form to RTOC by **Friday, October 10th, 2025.**

[PLEASE PRINT]

Nominating Tribe: _____

Address: _____

Tribal Contact Name & Number: _____

Name and Title of Nominee: _____
(Seek the permission of the nominee prior to submitting the nomination)

Nominee's Contact Number: _____

Nominee's Email: _____

Nominee's Tribal Affiliation: _____

Brief Description of Nominee's Background and Qualifications:
(Attach additional sheets if necessary)

Signature & Title of Appropriate Tribal Government Official:

DATE