



Region 10 Tribal Operations Committee
Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska
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2026 RTOC ALASKA ELECTIONS

Call for Nominations

September 28, 2026

Dear Tribal Leader:

The Region 10 Tribal Operations Committee ("RTOC") is a partnership between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 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 EPA's Indian Policy, trust responsibility, environmental laws, policies, and guidance. RTOC members provide input and guidance to EPA at both the national and regional levels on the development of programs and policies impacting Tribes. For more information about the RTOC, please visit www.region10rtoc.net.

The RTOC, in cooperation with EPA, is seeking nominations from federally recognized Tribes in Alaska for the following two RTOC positions whose current terms expire December 31, 2026:

RTOC Alaska Position 1

Current Representative: Brian Holter Jr.

Current Alternate: Dr. Shanoy Anderson

RTOC Alaska Position 2

Current Representative: Raymond Paddock III

Current Alternate: Percy Ballot Sr.

Nominees must be elected Tribal officials or staff of a federally recognized Tribal government in Alaska and be willing to serve a three-year term on the RTOC beginning **January 1, 2027**.

Each elected RTOC representative is also required to designate an **alternate** to ensure continued representation when the primary representative is unavailable. The alternate must be an elected Tribal official or Tribal staff member from a federally recognized Tribe in Alaska and must obtain the required Tribal support for participation. The alternate does not need to be identified as part of the initial nomination.

The RTOC holds up to two in-person meetings per year. Travel costs for elected Tribal representatives serving on the RTOC are supported through a cooperative agreement awarded by EPA to the Region 10 Tribal Operations Committee Administrative Consortium. In addition, the RTOC holds monthly conference calls, assigns workgroups and subcommittees for special tasks, facilitates peer-to-peer assistance, and develops template comment letters for Tribes.

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

Representation on the RTOC requires a significant time commitment that extends beyond meeting attendance. Members coordinate with other Tribes, participate in issue development and policy discussions, and contribute to shaping RTOC priorities. These positions provide an important opportunity to provide Tribal input into EPA’s work and strengthen EPA–Tribal relations.

If your Tribe would like to nominate a candidate to serve on the RTOC, please complete and return the enclosed nomination form, including a **candidate biography of 250 words or less**, by **Friday, October 30, 2026**. Please indicate whether the nominee is seeking **RTOC Alaska Position 1 or RTOC Alaska Position 2**.

Nominations should be submitted by email to:

Ashley Corrao
Tribal Leadership Program Director
ashley@region10rtoc.net

Following receipt of nominations, the RTOC will distribute official ballots and candidate biographies to federally recognized Tribes in Alaska. Election results will be announced by the RTOC in December 2026, and the newly elected representatives will begin their three-year terms on **January 1, 2027**.

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

Sincerely,



Oxcenia O'Domin, W.O.I.A.
RTOC Executive Director

Enclosures

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



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EPA REGION 10 TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATION FORM

Region 10 Tribal Operations Committee 2026 Alaska Representative Elections

POSITION BEING NOMINATED FOR

☐ RTOC Alaska Position 1

☐ RTOC Alaska Position 2

Please Note: Each Tribe is limited to one nomination for each open position. The nominee must be an elected Tribal official or Tribal staff member of a federally recognized Tribe in Alaska. Please obtain the nominee's permission before submitting a nomination.

The individual elected to each position will serve a **three-year term beginning January 1, 2027** and will be required to designate a qualified alternate.

Complete and submit this form by Friday, October 30, 2026, to:

Ashley Corrao, Tribal Leadership Program Director
ashley@region10rtoc.net

PLEASE PRINT

Nominating Tribe:

Address:

Tribal Contact Name:

Tribal Contact Phone:

Tribal Contact Email:

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name of Nominee:

Title:

Nominee's Tribal Affiliation:

Nominee's Contact Number:

Nominee's Email:

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHY

Please provide a candidate biography of **250 words or less** describing the nominee's background, experience, qualifications, and interest in serving on the Region 10 Tribal Operations Committee.

Candidate biographies will be included with official election materials distributed to Alaska Tribes. RTOC may make minor formatting, spelling, and grammatical edits for consistency but will not alter the substance of a candidate's submission.

☐ Biography attached separately

TRIBAL AUTHORIZATION

By signing below, the appropriate Tribal government official confirms the Tribe's nomination of the individual identified above for the RTOC position selected on this form.

Name and Title of Appropriate Tribal Government Official:

Signature:

Date: _____