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

Dear Tribal Leader,

The Region 10 Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) dba by W.O.I.A. is a partnership between elected Tribal representatives and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The RTOC's mission is to protect and improve Tribal health and environmental conditions for federally recognized Tribes, consistent with EPA's Indian Policy, trust responsibility, and applicable environmental laws, policies, and guidance. RTOC members provide input and guidance to EPA at both the regional and national levels 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 Alaska for **NTOC Alaska Position 2**. The nominee must meet National Tribal Caucus membership criteria (outlined below) and be willing to serve a **two-year term** beginning **January 1, 2028**.

The **National Tribal Operations Committee (NTOC)** is a forum for federally recognized Tribes to work with EPA senior leadership on policy and resource matters related to Tribal capacity and the development and implementation of environmental programs in Indian country. The NTOC also identifies mechanisms for Tribes and EPA to facilitate actions that protect human health and the environment in Indian country.

National Tribal Caucus Membership Criteria
Nominees (and alternates) must meet **all** criteria under **one** of the following paths:

- **Environmental Experience Option**:
  • At least **three years** as an environmental director, deputy director, or equivalent for a federally recognized Tribe;
  • Experience managing **multiple Tribal Environmental Programs**; and
  • Experience working with or interacting with **EPA Senior Managers** at the Regional or Headquarters level (e.g., regional Tribal partnership groups).
  If the nominee is not a Tribal elected official, Tribal leadership must designate the nominee in writing to act on behalf of the Tribe.

- **Elected Official Option**:
  • Serves as an **elected official** or **traditionally appointed representative** of a federally recognized Tribe with broad responsibilities that include oversight of environmental, natural resources, or human health issues.

The **NTOC** meets in person up to **four times per year** in **Washington, DC**, and holds **monthly conference calls**. Region 10's NTOC members also serve on the **RTOC Tribal Caucus**. The **RTOC** holds up to **two in-person meetings per year** (typically in **Seattle, Washington**, with one meeting hosted by a Region 10 Tribe and one aligned with the **Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit**) and conducts monthly calls, workgroups/subcommittees, peer-to-peer assistance, and development of template comment letters.

Travel costs for elected Tribal representatives serving on the RTOC are supported **through a cooperative agreement awarded by EPA to the RTOC Administrative Consortium**.

To manage its administrative functions, the RTOC has established the **Region 10 Tribal Operations Administrative Consortium** ("Consortium"). The Consortium manages the RTOC cooperative agreement and oversees staff and contractors. RTOC members also serve as board members of the Consortium. Under the Consortium Charter, membership is limited to members of the **RTOC Tribal Caucus**, including designated Region 10 **National Tribal Caucus** members. Members (and designated alternates) are required to obtain a **Tribal resolution or letter of support** for the Consortium's role and activities, consistent with federal requirements.

Representation on the NTOC and RTOC requires a significant time commitment that extends beyond meeting attendance. Members coordinate with other Tribes, engage in policy discussions, and contribute to shaping priorities. This position provides an important opportunity to help guide EPA's work and strengthen EPA–Tribal relations.

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 **NOVEMBER 27th, 2027**. Nominations should be submitted by email to **Ashley Corrao, WOIA Tribal Leadership Program Director, at ashley@region10rtoc.net**. Following receipt of nominations, **RTOC** will distribute the **official NTOC ballot** to Alaska Tribes. Election results will be announced by **RTOC** in **early December 2027**, and the newly elected member(s) will begin their two-year term on **January 1, 2028**.

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

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Raymond Paddock III, RTOC Tribal Chair
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