



29<sup>th</sup> Annual BIA Tribal Providers Conference  
December 3-5 | Anchorage, Alaska

## NATURAL RESOURCES

Location: 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor | Kahtnu 1

### Tuesday, December 03, 2019

1:15 pm - 2:00 pm	<b>Forest Health: Insect and Disease Occurrence in Alaska:</b> A comprehensive look at forest health issues in Alaska with emphasis on how Native allotment owners can detect and treat them to maintain a healthy forest. <i>Presented by: Joshua Holte, BIA Forester</i>
2:00 pm - 2:45 pm	<b>Forest Development Opportunities for Native Allotment Owners:</b> A description of forest development activities and funding opportunities for Native allotment owners to maintain forest health. <i>Presented by: Ed Morgan, BIA Regional Forester</i>
2:45 pm - 3:00 pm	<b>Afternoon Break</b>
3:00 pm - 3:45 pm	<b>Selling Timber on Native Allotments:</b> A step-by-step guide for identifying, marketing, and selling forest products on Native allotments. <i>Presented by: Ed Morgan and Josh Holte, BIA Foresters</i>
3:45 pm – 5:00 pm	<b>Fuel Breaks and Fuels Projects to Protect Native Lands:</b> An overview of fuels management projects highlighting success stories on the Kenai Peninsula. <i>Presented by: Nathan Lojewski, Forestry Manager, Chugachmiut</i>

### Wednesday, December 04, 2019

8:00 am - 9:00 am	<b>The BIA Water Resources Program:</b> An overview of the BIA Water Management, Planning and Pre-Development proposal process. <i>Presented by: Keith Kahklen, BIA Natural Resources Manager</i>
9:00 am - 9:45 am	<b>Transboundary River Water Quality Monitoring:</b> An overview of the project including the rivers sampled and preliminary results. <i>Presented by: Raymond Paddock III, Tlingit and Haida Central Council Indian Tribes of Alaska</i>
9:45 am - 10:00 am	<b>Morning Break</b>
10:00 am - 11:00 am	<b>Natural Resources Conservation Service Programs and Resources:</b> An overview of the recently passed Farm Bill and other NRCS programs Tribes and Native Allotment Owners may benefit from. <i>Presented by: Kristi Harper, Tribal Liaison/Alaska Native Outreach Coordinator</i>



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- 11:00 am – 11:45 am **BIA Fisheries, Wildlife and Recreation Program; Agriculture; and Tribal Resilience Opportunities:** Overview of request for proposals (RFPs) and application requirements for Invasive Species, Invasive Weed management, Natural Resources Tribal Youth Initiative and Tribal Resilience. *Presented by: Rosalie Debenham, BIA*
- 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm **Lunch Break**
- 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm **Recovering America’s Wildlife Act:** Discussion and Q&A  
*Presented by: Julie Thorstenson, PhD, Executive Director, Native American Fish and Wildlife Society*
- 2:00 pm - 2:45 pm **The Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (IARPC)** helps coordinate Arctic research across the Federal government with input from non-Federal partners. IARPC welcomes your input on the publication of the Principles for Conducting Research in the Arctic and IARPC is beginning development of Arctic Research Plan 2022-2026.  
*Presented by Meredith LaValley, Project Analyst, IARPC*
- 2:45 pm - 3:00 pm **Afternoon Break**
- 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm **Proposed critical habitat for humpback whales:** An overview of NOAA Fisheries proposed designation of critical habitat for three listed populations of humpback whales under the Endangered Species Act. National Marine Fisheries Service proposes to designate critical habitat along part of the Aleutian Islands, and in certain marine waters within the Bering Sea, Gulf of Alaska, and Southeast Alaska.  
*Presented by: Lisa Manning, National Listings Coordinator, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, NOAA Fisheries*
- 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm **Tribal and Community Engagement with the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC)** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council created two taskforces to address how Traditional and Local Knowledge and Subsistence issues are considered in federal fisheries management and how climate change impacts resources and communities in the Bering Sea. The NPFMC also created a Community Engagement Committee (CEC) to explore effective ways for two-way engagement with communities. Representatives from these groups will discuss the need for better tribal engagement.  
*Presented by Jennifer Hooper (AVCP), Mellisa Johnson (BSEG)*

**Thursday, December 05, 2019**

| No Natural Resources sessions on Thursday