



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington, DC 20240

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Dear Alaska Native Corporation Representative:

As we continue our efforts to improve the U.S. Department of the Interior's (Department) efforts to consult with Alaska Native Corporations, I am pleased to present to you for your input a preliminary draft of updates to our Departmental Alaska Native Corporation Consultation policy and procedures. The policy was originally issued on August 10, 2012. Once we have your input, the Department will incorporate the policy into the Departmental Manual (DM) at Part 512, Chapter 6 (512 DM 6) and consultation procedures at Chapter 7 (512 DM 7). Part 512 directs the Department's work with American Indian and Alaska Native Programs.

The enclosed draft seeks to:

- Outline the requirements for consultation between Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act Corporation officials and Department officials;
- Clarify that the Departmental Manual chapter applies to all Department bureaus and offices;
- Identify the responsibilities of the Department bureaus and offices in the consultation process; and
- Establish an ANSCA Corporation consultation annual report for Department bureaus and offices.

We welcome your input on this draft. Please join me at one or more of the following sessions to discuss the policy and procedures.

Thursday, September 15, 2022
10:00 a.m. AKDT

Please register in advance at:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlsc-quqzIqHPV-YUYxBaCAIlg6p222HCcY>

Friday, September 16, 2022
10:00 a.m. AKDT

Please register in advance at:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlSdOmorTspGKx6fGoCdO-ZafhegDYNv2o>

Please also email any written input you may have to consultation@bia.gov by 11:59 p.m. AKDT Monday, October 17, 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Joaquin Gallegos, Special Assistant, Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, at (202) 208-7163 or via email: joaquin_gallegos@ios.doi.gov.

Sincerely,

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