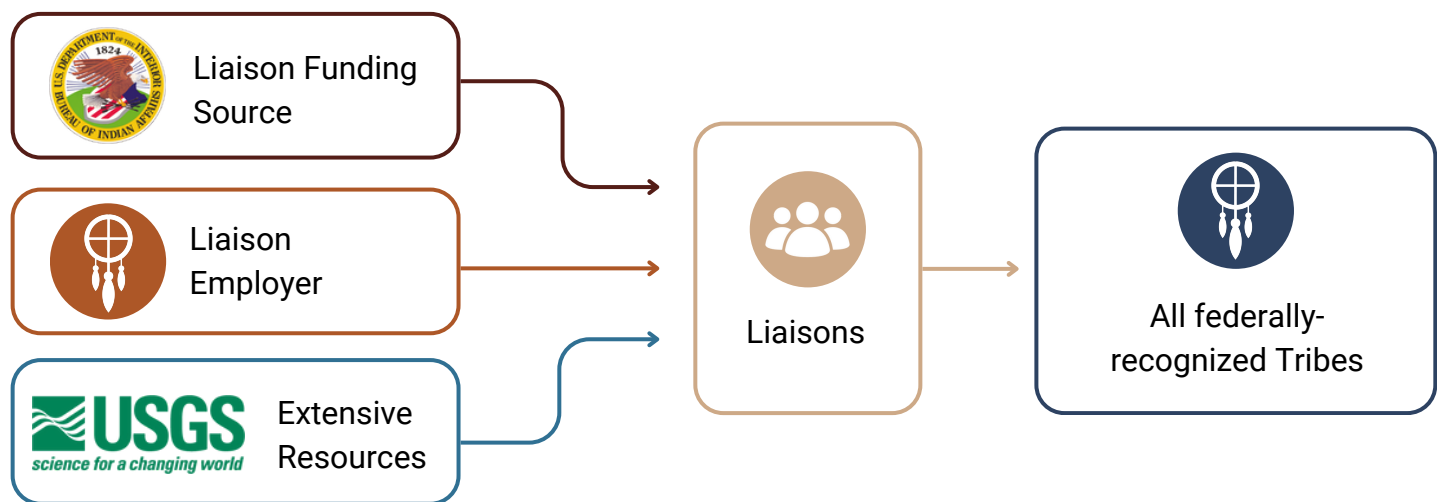


Tribal Climate Resilience Liaison Network

What are Tribal Liaisons?

Tribal Nations and Alaska Native villages face significant challenges in responding and strengthening resilience to the extreme weather events and environmental hazards resulting from climate change. The Bureau of Indian Affairs' Branch of Tribal Climate Resilience (TCR), the U.S. Geological Survey's (USGS) Climate Adaptation Science Centers (CASCs), and several Tribes and Tribal Organizations are collaborating to support a nationwide network of Liaisons. Each Liaison works directly with a regional CASC to connect federally-recognized Tribes to resources for climate adaptation efforts.



How does the Liaison Network Work?

Liaisons are generally employed by Tribal organizations, funded by TCR, and work with CASCs to support all federally-recognized Tribes. The Liaison Network will increase the resources available to:

- Help Tribes access information, data, and expertise with the CASCs and elsewhere;
- Facilitate research integrating Indigenous Knowledges (IK); and
- Support Tribal forums and information exchange. These efforts are designed to better understand, communicate, and meet the needs of Tribes through partnerships to further climate resilience.

All Liaison Contacts are listed by region on the TCR website and are available to support each Tribe's unique needs: www.bia.gov/bia/ots/tcr/our-work-partnerships

How do Liaisons support Native Communities?

Liaisons serve as extension agents, facilitating research, linking Tribal needs to available resources, and coordinating trainings, workshops, forums, and exchanges.

BIA Tribal Climate Resilience

The **Branch of Tribal Climate Resilience (TCR)** supports Tribal capacity and resilience through leadership engagement, training, and workshops, funding opportunities, and delivery of data and tools for Tribes. Learn more about TCR at www.bia.gov/bia/ots/tcr.

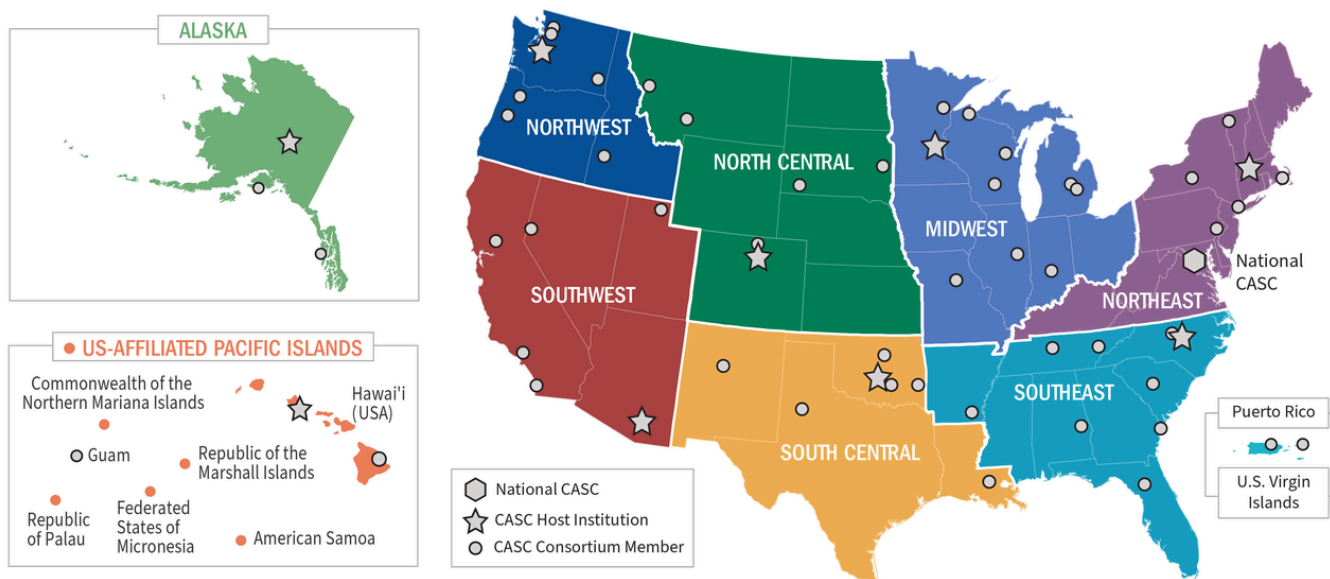
- **Liaison Network** – Bridge the resources of TCR and the regional CASCs to support Tribes with grant writing, youth opportunities, and climate adaptation and resilience data and tools
- **TCR Regional Coordinators** – Serve as representatives on awarded grants, contracts and compacts and provide regionally-based technical assistance
- **TCR Central Office** – Provide Tribes with technical and financial assistance, access to scientific resources, educational opportunities, and programmatic development at the national level

Partnering Tribes, Tribal Organizations, & Universities



Who are the CASCs?

The USGS National and Regional Climate Adaptation Science Centers (CASCs) are a partnership-driven network that teams scientists with natural and cultural resource managers and local communities to help fish, wildlife, water, land, and people adapt to a changing climate. Our network is comprised of the National CASC and nine regional CASCs, covering the continental U.S., Alaska, Hawai'i, the U.S.-Affiliated Pacific Islands, and the U.S. Caribbean.



Meet our Tribal Liaisons

Liaisons are listed below in accordance to their USGS Climate Adaptation Science Center (CASC) regional affiliation.



Malinda Chase*

Alaska, Senior Liaison
MjChase@alaska.edu
907-474-2768
907-460-8438



Lori Petrauski

Alaska, Senior Liaison
lpetrauski@nafws.org
218-966-1643



Kaitlyn Demoski

Alaska, Assistant Liaison
KDemoski@nafws.org
907-242-4789



Jerilyn Kelley

Alaska, Assistant Liaison
JKelly@nafws.org



Patrick Freeland

Northwest, Senior Liaison
patrickfreeland@atntribes.org
907-242-4789



Kylie Avery

Northwest, Assistant Liaison
kavery@atntribes.org
760-855-6179



Cynthia Naha

Southwest, Senior Liaison
cnaha@aihec.org
505-603-3129



Anissa McKenna

Southwest, Assistant Liaison
amckenna@aihec.org
912-506-9508



Sara Smith

Midwest, Liaison
SSmith@Menominee.edu
920-202-6278



Ally Scott

Midwest, Deputy Liaison
ascott@menominee.edu
608-628-9905

**Position partially or fully funded by host institution*

*** Alaska CASC Tribal Liaisons support Tribes across the state*

Meet our Tribal Liaisons

Liaisons are listed below in accordance to their USGS Climate Adaptation Science Center (CASC) regional affiliation.



Kynser Wahwabsuck
North Central, Senior Liaison
kynser.wahwabsuck@colorado.edu
913-704-5690



Janna Black
North Central, Assistant Liaison
janna.black@colorado.edu
360-797-8871



Amelia Cook*
South Central, Senior Liaison
amelia.cook@chickasaw.net
580-235-7430



Yvette Wiley
South Central, Liaison
DYvette.Wiley@ou.edu
918-549-8648



Steph Courtney
NE/SE, Liaison
scourtney@usetinc.org
608-436-3841

**Position partially or fully funded by host institution*



VISIT OUR WEBSITE
www.bia.gov/bia/ots/tcr/liasons

