



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

May 7, 2024

Dear Tribal Leader:

On behalf of the Secretary, you are cordially invited by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to participate in an upcoming Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) consultation with the FDPIR Tribal Leader Consultation Work Group. This consultation will be held in person with a virtual option for attendance at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort, in Cherokee, NC. Deputy Under Secretary Stacy Dean will be the USDA consulting official.

**Registration:** All attendees, including those attending in person, must register. Please use the registration link below to kindly register by June 5, 2024.

**Registration Link:**

[https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItcOGhqDwtHyDc8JwEu8A\\_d7ENRrUOiqA](https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItcOGhqDwtHyDc8JwEu8A_d7ENRrUOiqA)

**Date:** Thursday, June 6, 2024  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern (Zoom login available starting at 8:30 a.m. Eastern)  
**Location:** Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort  
777 Casino Drive  
Cherokee, NC 28719  
**Room 103**

**Agenda:** Updated information, including a final agenda, handouts, and meeting room details, will be posted on USDA's Office of Tribal Relations (OTR) website. Please visit: <https://www.usda.gov/tribalrelations/tribal-consultations>.

**Proxies:** In the event you cannot attend and wish to send a proxy, please use the attached proxy form, and notify Keri Bradford-Gomez ([sm.fn.tribalaffairs@usda.gov](mailto:sm.fn.tribalaffairs@usda.gov)), interim Tribal Affairs Technical Advisor, USDA Food and Nutrition Service, by Wednesday, June 5, 2024. To designate a proxy for this meeting, please copy the attached delegation form to Tribal letterhead. This designation will authorize your designee, in writing, who will attend in your place and the estimated time of your absence. The delegation cannot be in perpetuity. You are also encouraged to bring program leadership and staff from your Nation to the Tribal consultation as observers.

Please contact [Barbara.Lopez@usda.gov](mailto:Barbara.Lopez@usda.gov) if you have any items for the agenda. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Warm Regards,

Kumar Chandran  
Acting Under Secretary  
Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services  
U.S. Department of Agriculture

Attachments (2):

FDPIR June 2024 Consultation Proxy Designation Form / Letter Template  
Tribal Leaders Consultation Work Group on FDPIR Draft Agenda for June 6, 2024