



**Tribal Leaders Consultation Working Group on Food Distribution Program on
Indian Reservations (FDPIR)**

February 25, 2021; 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. ET

Virtual Consultation: Conference Call

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- I. Opening Prayer - Tribal Leader *Agenda*
- II. Welcome and Opening remarks:
 - a. TLCWG Co-chairs: Vice Chair Stella Kay; Councilman M. Wayne Martinez
 - b. USDA Leadership: Stacy Dean, Deputy Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services; Heather Dawn Thompson, Director, Office of Tribal Relations; and Cindy Long, Acting Administrator; Food and Nutrition Service
- III. Introductions
 - a. Tribal Leaders
 - b. USDA Leadership
 - c. NAFDPIR Board Members
 - d. Partners and Staff
- IV. Recognition of FDPIR Participants and Staff and USDA Family: “Moment of Silence”

We request that all present remain silent for one minute in recognition of the many FDPIR participants and staff across Indian Country who have lost their lives as a result of the COVID19 pandemic. We hope to honor their lives and memories with this moment of silence, and with the work we will do today.
- V. History of Tribal Leader Working Group: James Mountain
- VI. Previous Business & Agenda-setting
 - a. Approval of minutes from the most recent consultation
 - b. Approval of today’s agenda
- VII. Pandemic Response
 - a. Food shortages & USDA’s plan to address those going forward
 - b. D-SNAP participation
 - c. Additional food assistance aid for Tribal citizens (per President Biden’s Executive Order of January 25, 2021, concerning food insecurity)
 - d. PPE provisioning for FDPIR sites
 - e. Disaster pay and unemployment calculations and impact to FDPIR certification
 - f. Need for continued check-ins with FNS leadership like those begun in March 2020
- VIII. 638 Self-Determination Demonstration Project
 - a. Updates from USDA (# applications received to date)
- IX. IFMS/Computer System Updates
 - a. Functionality concerns from FDPIR sites during beta testing
 - b. Broadband concerns

- c. Update from USDA
 - d. Discussion of potential solutions with Tribal leaders and USDA
- X. CARES Act Expenditures
- a. Remaining infrastructure funds
 - b. Remaining food dollars
 - c. Parity with SNAP
 - d. Alternatives to the USDA plan for the food funds for Tribes unable to participate
- XI. Food Package Review Committee Updates
- XII. Agricultural Marketing Service Update
- a. USDA Foods sourcing in light of President Biden’s Executive Order of January 25, 2021, on Buy American—how will AMS work to ensure Native producers have opportunities to sell into USDA Foods Markets
 - b. Updates from AMS on sourcing additional traditional/culturally appropriate for FDPIR packages
 - c. Follow-up from February 2020 consultation: Updates from AMS on outreach to Native producers or intertribal organizations to locate potential vendors for products
 - d. Presence of AMS representation as permanent part of the Food Package Review Working Group
- XIII. President’s Budget & FDPIR
- a. Discussion of pandemic impact on FDPIR participation and budget
- XIV. Inclusion of Indigenous Foods in USDA Food Packages
- XV. Additional items still under discussion, including but not limited to:
- a. Trade mitigation—any opportunities for additional trade mitigation items in FDPIR?
 - b. SNAP-Ed—state consultation with Tribes and proposed solutions (FNS Regional Administrators present at all such consultations)
 - c. USDA Tribal liaison positions
 - d. Any additional items posed by Tribal leadership
- XIV. Closing Prayer & Scheduling Future Consultations

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