



January 31, 2019

United States  
Department of  
Agriculture

Dear Tribal Leaders:

Office of the  
Secretary

You are cordially invited to an upcoming tribal consultation to discuss the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). The purpose of this meeting is to continue our discussions regarding the priorities and needs of tribal communities who operate FDPIR.

Office of Tribal  
Relations

The meeting is scheduled during the upcoming National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Executive Council Winter Session.

1400 Independence  
Avenue, SW  
Room 501-A  
Whitten Bldg.  
Washington, DC  
20250

Location: Capital Hilton  
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Washington, DC 20036  
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Date: Thursday, February 14, 2019  
Time: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Eastern Time  
Room: California Room

An agenda for the meeting and a proxy letter template are attached for your reference.

In the event you cannot attend and wish to send a proxy, please notify USDA Office of Tribal Relations (OTR) by February 11, 2019. 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. USDA encourages that your proxy, should one be designated, be an elected tribal leader in recognition of our government-to-government relationship. You are welcome to bring program leadership and staff from your Nation to the tribal consultation as observers.

We hope that you will join us for this important discussion. Please contact me at [Tribal.Relations@osec.usda.gov](mailto:Tribal.Relations@osec.usda.gov) to confirm your or your designee's participation and if you have any items for the agenda. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to seeing you on February 14<sup>th</sup>!

All the best,

  
Diane L. Cullo  
Acting Director, Office of Tribal Relations

Attachments:  
02/14/2019 FDPIR Meeting Agenda  
02/14/2019 Proxy Letter Template

**Tribal Leadership Consultation Working Group on the FDPIR**

**Washington, D.C.**

**Capital Hilton**

**California Room**

**February 14, 2019; 8:00am-4:30pm**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**A. Introductions**

- Opening Prayer
- Opening Remarks
- Introduction of USDA Leadership and Tribal Leadership
- Approval of December 2018 Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Meeting Agenda

**B. Shutdown Ramifications**

- Administrative Funding Update & Next Quarter Funding
- Current Warehouse Inventories & Future Food Availability Update
- Issues from Inter-Tribal Organizations
- Contingency Plan Development

**C. Farm Bill Updates**

- Implementation & Discussion of All FDPIR-Specific Farm Bill Provisions
- Scheduling of Monthly Implementation Calls

**D. SNAP Discussion**

**E. Tribal Leaders' Summary of Consultation Progress and Prior Agenda Items**

- Summary of Issues Still Under Discussion:
  - Donation of Trade Relief Foods
  - Veterans' Payment Issue
  - Traditional Foods
  - AIS Updates

**F. Identify Dates for Convening the Tribal Leaders Consultation Working Group for the NAFDPIR Annual Conference (June 2019)**

**G. Adjourn**

**Designation Form to be copied onto Tribal Letterhead**

Ms. Diane L. Cullo  
Acting Director, Office of Tribal Relations  
US Department of Agriculture  
1400 Independence Ave., SW  
Suite 501A  
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Ms. Cullo:

Under Executive Order 13175, "Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments," and USDA Departmental Regulation 1350-002 "Tribal Consultation, Coordination, and Collaboration," USDA aims to respect Indian tribal self-government and sovereignty, honor tribal treaty and other rights, and meet the responsibilities that arise from the unique legal relationship between the Federal government and Tribal governments.

Because duly-elected tribal leaders, or their designee, trigger the government-to-government relationship with the United States, formal administrative requirements under the Federal Advisory Committee Act do not apply.<sup>1</sup>

I am unable to attend the meeting to discuss the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations on February 14, 2019 in Washington, DC. I hereby designate

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who holds the position of \_\_\_\_\_ within  
the Tribe to act as my proxy for this meeting. The proxy designation will expire on [DATE  
– 3 MONTHS AFTER CONSULTATION].

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> See the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA; 5 U.S.C. Appendix – Federal Advisory Committee Act; 86 Stat. 770, as amended.)