NOAA Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Tribal provisions

February 22 and 23, 2022
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Agenda

• Welcome

• Prayer

• Opening remarks

• Presentation of three NOAA Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act tribal provisions
  • Fish Passage
  • Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund
  • Regional Ocean Partnerships

• Tribal Input
Welcome - NOAA Leadership

- **Dr. Zach Penney**, NOAA Senior Advisor for Tribal Issues (Moderator)
- **Dr. Richard Spinrad**, NOAA Administrator and Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere
- **Linda Belton**, NOAA Senior Policy Advisor for Intergovernmental Affairs and Tribal Liaison
- **Carrie Selberg Robinson**, Director, NOAA Fisheries Office of Habitat Conservation
- **Barry Thom**, Regional Administrator, NOAA Fisheries West Coast Region
- **Keelin Kuipers**, Deputy Director, National Ocean Service Office for Coastal Management
Fish Passage

NOAA Fisheries

Carrie Selberg Robinson, Director Office of Habitat Conservation

• Funding will support fish passage through the removal of dams and other in-stream barriers and help protect and restore habitats that sustain fisheries, recover protected species, and maintain resilient ecosystems and communities.

• Up to 15% of funding will be reserved for tribes and provided through a competitive grant process under the Community-based Restoration Program.
Fish Passage
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Carrie Selberg Robinson, Director Office of Habitat Conservation

• How can NOAA align this fish passage funding with tribal priorities and needs?

• NOAA will use a grant mechanism that results in cooperative agreement to allocate these funds. What are your recommendations for how NOAA awards these funds to engage with and support tribes, including funding going directly to tribes and funding going to other tribal serving or partner organizations?
Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF)

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• Competitive grant program for States and Tribes to protect, conserve, and restore salmon and steelhead populations and their habitats.

• Eligible projects include activities that contribute to:
  (1) recovering Pacific salmon and steelhead listed under the Endangered Species Act or that are identified by a State as at-risk to be so listed,
  (2) supporting Pacific salmon and steelhead species important to tribal treaty and trust fishing rights and native subsistence fishing, and
  (3) conserving Pacific salmon and steelhead habitat.
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• Are there modifications or refinements needed to increase accessibility to these funds for tribes and tribal commissions/consortia?

• Should these funds have different priorities than the Pre-Existing PCSRF program? For example, prioritizing these funds for large scale projects that address primary limiting factors?

• How can the PCSRF grant program further support tribes and tribal commissions/consortia on Pacific salmon and steelhead recovery efforts?

• Are there other ways to determine the allocation of funds amongst tribes and tribal commissions/consortia to achieve desired outcomes for Pacific salmon recovery?
Regional Ocean Partnerships
National Ocean Service
Keelin Kuipers, Deputy Director, Office for Coastal Management

Funding for Regional Ocean Partnerships (ROP) will support:

• Coordination of interstate and intertribal management of ocean and coastal resources

• Implementation of priority actions, and

• Sharing and integration of Federal and non-Federal data by ROPs or their equivalent
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- Has your tribe identified coastal and ocean management issues and priorities? Have you discussed those issues and priorities with other tribes in the region?
- Does your tribe work in coordination with the four established Regional Ocean Partnerships and/or the five IOOS Regional Associations? If so, what works well and what aspects need improvement?
- What types of activities related to ocean resource management priorities or to enhancing sharing of ocean data and knowledge do you anticipate these funds will help support?
- What are your recommendations for how NOAA awards these funds to engage with and support tribes, including funding going directly to tribes or other tribal serving or partner organizations?
Input on the three NOAA Provisions:

• What examples do you have of processes that facilitate access to Federal funding or missteps from other programs that provide important lessons?

• What additional information or support would be most helpful to your tribe in accessing these NOAA funds?

• What other requests, questions, or feedback do you have for NOAA at this stage?
Thank you for your time

• Next steps

  • Oral comments made at these listening sessions will be considered as part of the public record.

  • Written responses should be submitted via email to infrastructure.tribal@noaa.gov

  • Comment period closes March 22, 2022.