

ACCCNRS

DOI –ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND NATURAL RESOURCE SCIENCE



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TRIBAL ADVISORY MEMBERS

- **Dr. Gary Morishima,**
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ACCCNRS HISTORY

An official Federal Advisory Committee (FAC) established by the Secretary of Interior Sally Jewell



- 1) Established in May 2013
- 2) 25 Members Appointed
 - Tribal
 - State
 - Local
 - Non-government orgs
 - Academic institutions
 - Private sectors

ACCCNRS PURPOSE

Advises Secretary of Interior on the establishment and operations of the:

- 1) USGS National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center (NCCWSC)
- 2) DOI Climate Science Centers (CSCs)



INDIGENOUS PEOPLES MATTERS WORK GROUP

Documents Available on:

<http://www4.nau.edu/itep/>

****Sign in Sheet**



II. GUIDELINES FOR CONSIDERING TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGES (TKS) IN CC INITIATIVES



Informal Working Group:

1. ACCCNRS Members/Alternates
2. Tribal experts in the field

Purpose:

1. Examine the significance of TKs in relation to CC & the potential risks to indigenous peoples in the U.S. for sharing TKs in federal & other non-indigenous CC initiatives.

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Guidelines intended to be PROVISIONAL:

- 1. Guidelines do NOT DEFINE TKs.**
- 2. Used to inform the development of specific protocols in direct and close consultation with indigenous peoples.**

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Principles for Engagement:

- 1. Guide the motivation, character and intent of collaborative climate initiatives.**
- 2. Free and Prior Consent**

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Principles for Engagement:

3. Each indigenous community has its own laws which guides and structure how facets of TKs are treated and regulated:
 - a. Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)
 - “Cause no harm philosophy”
 - Define roles and responsibilities of partners

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Guidelines Overview:

1. Understand TKs
2. Understand IP have right NOT to participate
3. Understand & communicate risks for IP and Holders of TKs
4. Establish an institutional interface between IP, TKs Holders and Government for clear, transparent and culturally appropriate communication



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Guidelines Overview:

- 5. Provide training for government staff working with IP**
- 6. Provide direction to all agency staff, researchers and non-indigenous entities**
- 7. Recognize the role of multiple knowledge systems**
- 8. Develop guidelines for review of grant proposals**

NEXT STEPS

- I. **Present TK Guidelines – June 2014**
 - A. Goal: ACCCNRS Committee to include Executive Summaries in final document to Secretary Jewell
 - B. Continue to take Comments for documents – Living documents
- II. **Coordinate with President's Climate Change Task Force**
- I. **Bring Tribal Leaders together with CSCs and LCCs**
 - I. July 21-23, 2014 First Stewards Symposium

