

Tribal Consultation Task Force (virtual)

August 16, 2024 by Zoom

Scheduled: 9:00 – 10:00am

Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Voting Members, Virtual

- **Corinne Sams**, Board of Trustees Member, Confederated Tribes of Umatilla
- **Julie Johnson**, Tribal Affairs Director, Oregon Health Authority
- **Patrick Flanagan**, Executive Director, Legislative Commission on Indian Services
- **Natalie Ball**, Tribal Council Representative, Klamath Tribes
- **Brenda Meade**, Chairperson, Coquille Indian Tribe
- **Doug Barrett**, Chief and Tribal Council Representative, Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians
- **Jon George**, Tribal Council Representative, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
- **Shana McConville Radford**, Tribal Affairs Director, Office of Governor Tina Kotek
- **Tracy Kennedy**: Chairperson, Burns Paiute Tribe
- **Bobby Brunoe**: Secretary-Treasurer, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
- **Anna Richter-Taylor**: Representative, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
- **Tawna Sanchez**: State Representative, Oregon State Legislature
- **Rosetta Shatkin**, Legislative and Government Affairs Director, Oregon Liquor Cannabis Commission

Voting Members Absent

- **Open Seat**: State Senator
- **Dee Pigsley**, Chairperson, Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians

Meeting guests, Virtual

- **Yasmin Solorio**, Executive Assistant, Office of Governor Tina Kotek

Opening

The Tribal Consultation Task Force was called to order by Shana Radford, at 9:08am on Friday, August 16, 2024. The meeting was held virtually through zoom.

Approval of Agenda

9:14am Chair Corinne Sams motions for agenda approval. Member suggests addition of "(tribal perspectives on)" for first bullet point on key discussions. Consensus approval of agenda addition by all present members at 9:14am.

Opening Prayer

9:15 am Chair Corinne Sams motions for prayer volunteer. Rosetta Shatkin provides opening prayer.

Approval of 7/23/24 meeting minutes

9:15 am Chair Corinne Sams motions for approval of July 23, 2024 meeting minutes.

9:16 am Consensus approval of July 23, 2024 meeting minutes by voting members.

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Defining and Agreeing to Scope of Work

9:17 am Chair Corinne Sams opens discussion for Scope of Work.

Vice-Chair Brenda Meade comments on defining the taskforce work and how consultation can be helpful.

Chair Corinne Sams emphasizes the importance of recognizing diverse tribal governance structures and allocating enough time for discussions with tribal staff and council members. This approach will enable more robust conversations and commencing necessary work for the retreat on August 29-30, 2024.

Member poses question on the need to define tribal consultation statute and the September 15, 2024 report due date. Members discuss possible extension of task force into the 2025 session by possibly creating another bill - adding additional provisions such as prospective of state and tribes.

Member shares comments on frustration with the lack of consultation and appropriation, varying levels of consultation, and interactions amongst state agencies. Suggestion arises to have tribal consultation be a baseline for each individual tribe, such as the Indian Child Welfare Act, and requesting each tribe to determine what needs would best suit their tribe, their tribal structure, and their work.

Members comment on the September 15, 2024 report due date and the need to ensure the task force report is extended, and pose the question for thought on defining "consultation" in statute. Members share comments ensuring consultation is not used as a barrier for progress and must recognize tribal sovereignty. Members comment on tribal staff capacity and the need to not overstretch existing resources. If there are timelines written in consultation definition language, ensuring it is not used as a barrier to complete issues that need to go forward in relation to the tribe. The September report deadline poses a barrier for in depth conversation.

Members discuss SB 770 (2001) and how it has brought about the annual Tribal-State Government to Government Summit, various workgroups, and cluster groups - although true consultation is not always being done. Members express frustration on how consultation work does not seem to be embedded into agencies. Discussion on amending SB 770 (2001) and re-creating engagement with where folks are presently.

Members share that SB 770 is a *baseline* and the Tribal Consultation Task Force is an opportunity to refine it and clarify what consultation should include, as coordination is not consultation. Member comments on the need to return to true government-to-government, which would be between tribal leaders and state directors/leadership. Over time, government-to-government has been diluted to tribal nations connecting with agency staff rather than directors. This has caused frustration and is not truly reflective of government-to-government work.

Member comments how consultation should be defined in statute, which will then be embedded in state rules, policy, and process. Having clear guidance in SB 770 (2001) would help with agency work.

9:46am Chair Corinne Sams motions for time, requesting first priority being extension of the report, second being members going back to their respective tribes and agencies to define consultation and sovereignty as homework for the retreat.

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August 29-30, 2024 Retreat at Grand Ronde

9:47 am Chair Corinne Sams opens discussion on upcoming August 29-30, 2024 retreat at Grand Ronde.

Members discuss SB 770 (2001) and request an overview of the bill for the upcoming August 29-30, 2024 retreat. Members are encouraged to bring ideas on what has worked well, areas for improvement, and what barriers are presently being faced. Members comment on positive progress with a number of cluster groups.

Members comment on state agency or scope of applicability, emphasizing the need to narrow the definition of "state agencies" and ensuring agencies beyond the executive branch are encompassed. Comments on state liaisons often focus on policy and how the work aligns with SB 770 (2021).

Open Discussion

Members discuss submitting written comment if they are unable to attend the August 29-30, 2024 retreat. Chair Corinne Sams approves suggestion. August 29, 2024 will be a work group for Chair Sams, Vice-Chair Meade, Jon George, and Shana Radford to finalize agenda and logistics. August 30th will be the full day retreat with all members. Consensus approval by all members at 10:03 am.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:03am by Chair Corinne Sams.

**Minutes were approved by the task force during the 8/20/24 virtual convening*