



## Developing a National Tribal Climate Change Strategy

Sunday, October 19, 2008

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Room 106 C

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The evidence is indisputable that climate change is occurring and tribes are disproportionately affected by it. Efforts in some sectors of society are moving swiftly to address climate change impacts. Indian Country would be well served by engaging in a collective and organized climate change strategy. This interactive session will discuss climate change science, tribal community impacts and efforts, work towards the development a national tribal climate change strategy, including a transition platform for the next Administration and the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress. The session also hopes to identify tribal leaders committed to representing tribal interests in climate change during this time of significant activity and opportunities.

### AGENDA

**1:00 p.m. -1:30 p.m.**

#### **Invocation and Introduction**

Mike Williams, Alaska Area Vice-President, NCAI; Vice Chairman, Akiak Native Community; Chairman, Alaska Intertribal Council

Session Goals and Format through the Communities of Practice Model  
Sarah Hicks, Jose Aguto, and Erik Stegman (NCAI)

**1:30 p.m. -- 2:10 p.m.**

#### **Panel 1 – Climate Change Science and Impacts**

*The Science of Climate Change*

Dr. Nancy Maynard, National Aeronautics and Space Administration

*Climate Change Impacts on Native Communities*

Cal Seciwa, Director, Institute of Tribal Environmental Professionals

**2:10 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.**

#### **Panel 2 –Tools for Tribal Leaders to Address Climate Change**

##### **Adaptation**

*Climate Change Adaptation Plans for Tribal Governments*

Charles O'Hara, Environmental Director, Swinomish Tribe

*Assessing Impacts & Planning Adaptation Strategies to Climate Change on Native Lands*

Dr. Nancy Maynard, Project Manager, NASA

### **Networking and Outreach**

*American Indian Alaska Native Climate Change Network*  
Professor Daniel Wildcat, Haskell Indian Nations University

**2:50 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Break**

**3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

### **Legislative Options**

*Essential Tribal Provisions in Climate Change Legislation*  
Bob Gruenig, Senior Policy Analyst, National Tribal Environmental Council

### **Collaborative Efforts with State and Local Governments**

Terry Williams, Director, Natural Resources , Tulalip Tribe

### **Mitigation Options and Their Economic Opportunity**

Jonny Bearcub Stiffarm, Business Development Manager Native Energy  
Dean Suagee, Of Counsel, Hobbs, Dean Strauss & Walker LLP

### **United League of Nations recommendations for Indigenous Nations Climate Change Policy**

Alan Parker, Professor, Evergreen State College

**4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

#### **Panel 3 – Developing a National Tribal Climate Change Strategy**

NCAI staff will facilitate a discussion to build a national tribal climate change strategy that will cover the major aspects of the challenge [research, adaptation, and mitigation], proposed actions and solutions and how tribal communities can work together to implement them. The strategy will then be posted on the new climate change CoP website at [ClimateChange.ncaiprc.org](http://ClimateChange.ncaiprc.org) to encourage participation by new stakeholders.

**4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

#### **Panel 4 – Tribal Leaders Consideration of the Strategy**

The commitment of tribal leaders is absolutely vital if tribal concerns about, climate change are to be meaningfully addressed by the next Administration and Congress; for tribes to take advantage of economic opportunities, and for tribes to initiate and participate in cross-sectoral efforts. This panel is intended to elicit the thoughts of tribal leaders about climate change and the strategy proposed, and to identify tribal leaders willing to move the tribal climate change agenda forward.

**5:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.**

#### **Next Steps (moderated by NCAI)**