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From: Curtis, Jennifer
Sent: Mon 1/8/2018 11:17:33 PM
Subject: RE: examples of tribal govts as cooperating agency

Hi Patty,

Native Village of Nuiqsut is a cooperating agency for Nanushuk. Here is an excerpt from the Draft EIS that specifically states their role as cooperating agency is based on their special expertise.

1.5.5 Native Village of Nuiqsut

NVN has special expertise of the Project area related to subsistence, cultural resources, traditional ecological knowledge, local fish and wildlife resources, local socioeconomic and human health issues, and long-term historical knowledge.

From: McGrath, Patricia
Sent: Monday, January 8, 2018 2:07 PM
To: Vaughan, Molly <Vaughan.Molly@epa.gov>; Curtis, Jennifer <Curtis.Jennifer@epa.gov>
Subject: examples of tribal govts as cooperating agency

Hi Jennifer and Molly-

Are there any oil and gas projects in AK where tribes were cooperating agencies? Particularly for projects where the Corps was the lead NEPA agency and invited the tribes to participate as a CA.

The Corps does not seem inclined to invite tribes to be a CA on Pebble citing

Eligibility of Tribes 40 CFR 1508.5 (CEQ)

The CEQ regulations specify that a Tribe is eligible for cooperating agency status "when the effects [of an undertaking] are on a reservation".

We are providing comments to the Corps regarding this and have examples of the Corps inviting tribes to be CAs on mining projects, but I am seeking additional examples of O&G projects.

Thanks-

Patty

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