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FCC ANNOUNCES A TRIBAL WORKSHOP HOSTED BY COALITION OF LARGE TRIBES, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

By this Public Notice, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announces a workshop for Tribal Nations and Native Hawaiian organizations (NHOs) designed to provide information on a broad range of FCC initiatives that support the deployment of communications infrastructure and services nationwide, including on Tribal lands. Topics will include an overview of proposed changes to the Commission's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) rules, recent changes to FCC pole attachment rules, updates on technology transitions, as well as others. The workshop will also provide an opportunity to learn more about the FCC's rulemaking process and ways that Tribal Nations and NHOs can share their views and interests to help inform FCC proceedings.

- **Date and Time:** Thursday, September 11, 2025, at 1:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. CT
- **Where:** Mystic Lake Center in Prior Lake, Minnesota, during the Coalition of Large Tribes Quarterly Meeting.
- **Registration:** The workshop is free, but registration is required. To pre-register, please email your name, title, Tribal affiliation, and contact information, with the subject line, "September Workshop," to Native@fcc.gov. Onsite registration will be available, but space may be limited.
- **Who should consider attending?** Tribal government leaders, Tribal service providers and IT managers, government and community planners and managers, Tribal enterprise specialists, and representatives of Tribal community-based organizations are all persons who should consider attending FCC Tribal Workshops.

The agenda, slide decks, and other meeting materials will be posted to the [FCC Workshop event page](#) when made available.

Tribal Consultation Opportunity

Following the workshop, FCC staff will be available to consult in-person regarding [potential changes](#) to the FCC's NEPA rules on September 11, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. CT. Federally-recognized Tribal Nations and NHOs interested in consulting should send an email to Native@fcc.gov with the subject line, "Consultation – September 11".

Additional Tribal Consultation opportunities may be announced in the future on the Office of Native Affairs and Policy webpage at www.fcc.gov/Native.

Background: The FCC adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ([FCC 25-47](#)) on August 7, 2025, under WTB [Docket No. 25-217](#), to take a fresh look at the Commission’s environmental rules to account for recent amendments to NEPA under the 2023 Fiscal Responsibility Act (FRA). In addition, in January, President Trump issued Executive Order 14154 titled “Unleashing American Energy,” which called upon “all agencies [to] prioritize efficiency and certainty over any other objectives” in revising agency regulations implementing NEPA. In light of the changes to the legal landscape and consistent with the objectives of that Executive Order, the FCC seeks comment on how we should revise Commission rules to streamline the environmental review process, promote efficiency, and encourage deployment of infrastructure that results in more competition and technological innovation.

The FCC is also taking this opportunity to seek comment on whether there are parts of our environmental rules that are now unnecessary or outdated and should be deleted. Given the Commission’s environmental rules are entwined with our historic preservation rules, we also seek comment on any impact to our National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) framework and examine what rule changes, if any, might be appropriate.

Ex Parte Requirements: Tribal Nations and NHOs, like other interested parties, should file comments, reply comments, and *ex parte* presentations in the public record in order to put facts and arguments before the Commission in a manner such that they may be relied upon in the decision-making process. The Commission, however, will exempt *ex parte* presentations involving elected and appointed leaders, and duly appointed representatives, of federally-recognized Tribal Nations and NHOs from the disclosure requirements in permit-but-disclose proceedings (47 CFR § 1.1206) and the prohibitions on presentations during the Sunshine Agenda period (47 CFR § 1.1203). Specifically, presentations from elected and appointed leaders or duly appointed representatives of federally-recognized Tribal Nations or NHOs to Commission decision makers shall be exempt from disclosure. To be clear, while the Commission recognizes that consultation is critically important, we emphasize that the Commission will rely in its decision-making only on those materials that are placed in the public record for this proceeding.

Reasonable Accommodations

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request by sending an e-mail to: FCC504@fcc.gov or calling the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice). Include a description of the accommodation you will need and tell us how to contact you if we need more information. Please make your request as early as possible as we may be unable to fulfill last-minute requests.

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