

COMMITTEE REPORT

Trust Reform

Name of Committee

Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians
ATNI Mid-Year Convention
May 5-8 The Chehalis Tribe
Grand Mound, WA

DISCUSSION

May 6, 2014-Chehalis Salon D

Formal Committee Session, 1:36pm

- Last Winter Session Trust Reform Committee discussions included:
- What is being spent on DOI Buy Back Program? Where are they at? Committee discussions included that there is no data available to show how funds are being spent. Cooperative Agreements (no guidelines, lack of direction), IDC an issue. Contracts to Tribes are slow in coming. John Gossett, Counsel, NCAI provided brief update.
- DOI Trust Reform Commission Report, HR 4388 Bill To Establish American Indian Trust Review Commission (Dated April 3, 2014), and S. 165 Indian Trust Asset Reform Bill (ATNI supports this bill and is concerned Congress may get confused with different reports and bills on trust Reform)
- Probate-backlog creates fractionation. How does the Temporary Alignment (Effective immediately) of the Office of Hearings & Appeals going to impact the backlog? Cases from Warm Springs & Yakama are to be submitted to Albuquerque Probate Hearings Division (PHD) Office. All other cases currently assigned to the PHD office are to be submitted to the Sacramento PHD Office. No consultation with the Tribes? According to email dated April 2, 2014 at 10:30am "Deputy Asst. Secretary Andrew Jackson approved a plan to consolidate OHA by closing 3 field offices (Bloomington MN, Phoenix AZ, & Portland, OR...although the plan has been approved, no final decisions will be made until consultation with affected Tribes is completed. Consultation has already occurred but is not expected to be completed for 30-60 days. If the consolidation plan becomes final, subsequent implementation would likely take place 90-120 days, office to close in late June or July 2014.
- RFP for DOI Buy Back-LBBP-2014-1, Federally Recognized Tribes only, deadline March 14, 2014. Award Amount; \$500K, total amount designated \$20,000,000. (Understand this has

been extended?

- Family Managed Trust and/or family trusts (in AIRPRA, requires rulemaking before implemented). Jim James agreed to work on Tribal priorities in buying fractionated interest?" ')
- Numu (The People) Allottee Association, Incorporated in the State of Oregon, our creed, "Undivided We Stand for Our Land." Our goal is to inform allottees what options they have on their land. Objective to: focus on fractionation on Public Domain Allotment, but is open to all allottees who own an undivided interest in an allotment. Presentation to inform Trust Reform Committee, No action required.
- Daniel Jordon, Hoopa Tribe recommended a Tribal Sovereignty Summit, Date TBD in June in Portland, OR.
- ATNI 2011 Strategic Plan-Trust Reform Committee submitted recommendations to Terri Parr, Executive Director for ATNI Board consideration.

ADOPTED AND RECOMMENDED TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY


Resolution # & Title: Office of Hearings & Appeals-Realignment

Motion Made and Seconded: Daniel Jordon, Delegate, Hoopa Tribe, Lloyd Irvine, Delegate, Salish & Kootenai Tribe

COMMITTEE - TABLED

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Minutes/Report submitted by: _____


Committee Co-Chairs Ernie Stensgar, Cheryl Lohman