

August 2022 Congressional Committee Meetings Update

This month, AIPI tracked the following U.S. House and Senate Committee meetings affecting Indian Country for the month of August. This list includes meetings that took place between July 25, 2022 and August 26, 2022.

1. **July 13, 2022: Senate Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies - [A Review of the Fiscal Year 2023 President's Budget for the Department of Interior.](#)**
 - Panel:
 - The Honorable Deb Haaland, Secretary of the Interior, Department of the Interior, Washington, DC

2. **July 27, 2022: Senate Committee on Indian Affairs - [Oversight Hearing on "Select Provisions of the 1866 Reconstruction Treaties between the United States and Oklahoma Tribes."](#)**
 - Panel 1:
 - The Honorable Maxine Waters Congresswoman, California, 43rd District, Washington, D.C.
 - Panel 2:
 - The Honorable Bryan Newland, Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C.
 - The Honorable Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief, The Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Oklahoma
 - The Honorable Lewis J. Johnson, Chief The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, Wewoka, Oklahoma
 - Accompanied by the Hon. Brian Thomas Palmer, Assistant Chief, The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
 - The Honorable Michael Burrage, General Counsel, The Choctaw Nation, Durant, Oklahoma
 - The Honorable Jonodev Chaudhuri, Ambassador, The Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee, Oklahoma
 - Mr. Stephen Greethman, Senior Counsel, The Chickasaw Nation, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
 - Ms. Marilyn Vann, President, The Descendants of Freedmen of the Fives Tribes Association, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

3. **August 3, 2022: House Select Committee on the Climate Crisis - [Building Climate-Resilient Coastal Communities: Perspectives from Oregon's State, Local, and Tribal Partners.](#)**
 - Panel:

- Dr. Elaine Placido, Executive Director, Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership
 - Dr. Francis Chan, Director, Cooperative Institute for Marine Ecosystem and Resource Studies; Associate Professor, Department of Integrative Biology, Oregon State University
 - Tyler Bell, Director, Westervelt Ecological Services' Rocky Mountain Region
 - Aja DeCoteau, Executive Director, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
4. **August 23, 2022: Senate Committee on Indian Affairs - [Field Hearing titled "Contaminated Land Conveyances: The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, the Detrimental Impacts of Contamination on Native Communities and the Next Steps for Environmental Justice."](#)**
- Panel 1:
 - Mr. Steve Cohn, Alaska State Director, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior, Anchorage, Alaska
 - Accompanied by Ms. Erika Reed, Acting Associate State Director, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior
 - Mr. Carlton Waterhouse, J.D., PH.D., Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Land and Emergency Management, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C.
 - Ms. Lara Beasley Chief, Environmental Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, D.C.
 - Accompanied by Colonel Damon A. Delarosa, Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Alaska District
 - The Honorable Jason Brune, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Juneau, Alaska
 - The Honorable Vincent Tutiakoff, Mayor, City of Unalaska; Chairman of the Board, Ounalashka Corporation, Traditional Chief, Qawalangin Tribe, Unalaska, Alaska
 - Ms. Hallie Bissett, Executive Director, Alaska Native Village Corporation Association, Anchorage, Alaska