

June 2022 Federal Register Update

AIPI tracked the following Federal Register notices affecting Indian Country for the month of June 2022. This list includes notices published between May 23, 2022 and June 24, 2022.

1. [Audit Standards](#)

- Published June 1, 2022
- The National Indian Gaming Commission promulgated Part 571.12 establishing audit standards for tribal gaming facilities. On July 27, 2009, the Commission amended the regulation to allow tribes with multiple facilities to consolidate their audit statements into one and to allow operations earning less than \$2 million in gross gaming revenue to file an abbreviated statement.
- The proposed amendments to the Audit standards are designed to reduce the financial hurdles that small and charitable gaming operations face regarding the audit requirement.
- Interested parties are invited to participate in this proposed rulemaking by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Comments providing the factual basis behind supporting the views and suggestions presented are particularly helpful in developing reasoned regulatory decisions on the proposal.
- The agency must receive comments on or before July 1, 2022, and can be submitted through the following:
 - Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
 - Email: information@nigc.gov.
 - Fax: (202) 632-7066.
 - Mail: National Indian Gaming Commission, 1849 C Street NW, MS 1621, Washington, DC 20240.
 - Hand Delivery: National Indian Gaming Commission, 90 K Street NE, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20002, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
- For further information contact Jennifer Lawson, National Indian Gaming Commission; Telephone: (202) 632-7003.

2. [Applications for New Awards; Indian Education Discretionary Grants Programs-Native American Language Program](#)

- Published on June 3, 2022.
- The Department of Education is issuing a notice inviting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2022 for Indian Education Discretionary Grants Programs - Native American Language Program.
- Deadline for notice of intent to apply: July 5, 2022.
- Deadline for transmittal of applications: August 2, 2022.
- Deadline for intergovernmental review: October 3, 2022.

- For the addresses for obtaining and submitting an application, please refer to the Common Instructions for Applicants to Department of Education Discretionary Grant Programs, published in the Federal Register on December 27, 2021 ([86 FR 73264](#)) and available at www.federalregister.gov/d/2021-27979.
- For more information contact Angela Hernandez, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 3W234, Washington, DC 20202-6335. Telephone: (202) 205-1909. Email: NAL@ed.gov.

3. **[Notice of Public Meeting, Bears Ears National Monument Advisory Committee, Utah](#)**

- Published on June 3, 2022.
- The Bears Ears National Monument Advisory Committee will hold virtual meetings on the following dates:
 - September 13, 2022 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM (virtual).
 - December 7, 2022 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM (in-person).
- The agenda and meeting access information (including how to log in and participate in virtual meetings) will be announced on the Bears Ears National Monument Advisory Committee web page 30 days before the meeting at <https://go.usa.gov/xu3Uf>. The December meeting will be held in-person at the Hideout (648 South Hideout Way, Monticello, UT 84535), unless there are COVID-19 restrictions in place, in which case the meeting will be held virtually. Any changes from an in-person to virtual meeting will be posted on the Bears Ears National Monument Advisory Committee web page.
- For more information contact Rachel Wootton, Canyon Country District Public Affairs Officer, P.O. Box 7, Monticello, Utah 84535, via email with the subject line "BENM MAC" to blm_ut_mt_mail@blm.gov, or by calling the Monticello Field Office at (435) 587-1500.

4. **[Migratory Bird Hunting: Proposed Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations on Certain Federal Indian Reservations and Ceded Lands for the 2022-23 Season](#)**

- Published on June 14, 2022.
- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposes special migratory bird hunting regulations for certain Tribes on Federal Indian reservations, off-reservation trust lands, and ceded lands for the 2022-23 migratory bird hunting season. Possible guidelines may include:
 - On-reservation hunting by both Tribal and non-Tribal members, with hunting by non-Tribal members on some reservations to take place within Federal frameworks but on dates different from those selected by the surrounding State(s).
 - On-reservation hunting by Tribal members only, outside of the usual Federal frameworks for season dates and length, and for daily bag and possession limits.

- Off-reservation hunting by Tribal members on ceded lands, outside of usual framework dates and season length, with some added flexibility in daily bag and possession limits.
 - Comments on the proposed regulations must be submitted by July 14, 2022 through the following:
 - Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on Docket No. FWS-HQ-MB-2021-0057.
 - U.S. Mail: Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS-HQ-MB-2021-0057, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; MS: PRB (JAO/3W); 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.
 - For further information contact Jerome Ford, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, (202) 208-1050.
5. **[Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program](#)**
- Published on June 14, 2022.
 - The Department of Commerce is submitting its information collection request for information from grant recipients to review progress toward completing project activities and achieving core purposes of the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program (TBCP) and to ensure compliance with TBCP requirements.
 - Public comments were previously requested via the Federal Register on February 17, 2022 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.
 - Public comments on this information request should be submitted by July 14, 2022 through the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function and entering the title of the collection.
6. **[Notice of Intent To Establish a Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee; Request for Comments on Committee Structure](#)**
- Published on June 22, 2022.
 - This notice announces HUD's intention to form the Department's first standing Tribal advisory committee. The committee will be called the ‘Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee’ (TIAC). This notice also solicits comments and recommendations regarding the establishment and structure of the TIAC. The TIAC will be made up of a diverse group of duly elected Tribal leaders representing small, medium, and large federally recognized Tribes. The TIAC is intended to further communications between HUD and federally recognized Tribes on HUD programs, make recommendations to HUD regarding current program regulations, provide advice in the development of HUD's American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) housing priorities, and encourage

peer learning and capacity building among Tribes and non-Tribal entities. Consistent with HUD's Tribal Government-to-Government Consultation Policy, this notice solicits input on the proposed structure of the TIAC.

- Comments on the proposed structure of the TIAC are due on or before August 22, 2022 and can be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov. Refer to the title of this notice as well Docket Number FR-6289-N-03.
- For further information contact Heidi J. Frechette, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Native American Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW, Room 4108, Washington, DC 20410-5000, telephone (202) 402-7598.

7. Tribal Consultation Meetings

- Published on June 24, 2022.
- Pursuant to the Head Start Act, notice is hereby given of three Tribal consultation sessions to be held between HHS/ACF OHS leadership and the leadership of tribal governments operating Head Start and Early Head Start programs. The purpose of these consultation sessions is to discuss ways to better meet the needs of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) children and their families, taking into consideration funding allocations, distribution formulas, and other issues affecting the delivery of Head Start services in their geographic locations.
- Meeting dates and locations:
 - July 12, 2022—3-5 p.m. ET (Virtual).
 - August 15, 2022—1-5 p.m. PT (Northern Quest Resort & Casino, 100 N Hayford Rd., Airway Heights, WA 99001).
 - September 14, 2022—2-5 p.m. ET (Virtual)
- For further information contact Todd Lertjuntharangool, Regional Program Manager, Region XI/AIAN, Office of Head Start, email Todd.Lertjuntharangool@acf.hhs.gov, or phone (866) 763-6481. Additional information and online meeting registration will be available here.