

September 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 September. This list includes meetings that took place between August 26, 2022 and September 23, 2022.

1. September 14, 2022: House Natural Resources Subcommittee for Indigneous People of the United States - [Hybrid SCIP Legislative Hearing on Various Bills.](#)

- Bills Considered:
 - [H.R. 6032](#) - A bill to take certain Federal lands located in Siskiyou County, California, and Humboldt County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Karuk Tribe, and for other purposes. *Katimiin and Aameekyáaraam Sacred Lands Act.*
 - [H.R. 6964](#) - A bill to authorize leases of up to 99 years for lands held in trust for the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation.
 - [H.R. 7581](#) - A bill to recognize tribal cooperation in the environmental review of proposed actions affecting the revised Yurok Reservation, and for other purposes. *Yurok Lands Act of 2022.*
 - [H.R. 8115](#) - A bill to amend the Recreation and Public Purposes Act to authorize sales and leases of certain Federal land to federally recognized Indian Tribes, and for other purposes. *Recreation and Public Purposes Tribal Parity Act.*
 - [H.R. 8286](#) - A bill to take certain Federal land in the State of Washington into trust for the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, and for other purposes.
 - [H.R. 8380](#) - A bill to provide for the settlement of claims relating to the Shab-eh-nay Band Reservation in Illinois, and for other purposes. *Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Shab-eh-nay Band Reservation Settlement Act of 2022.*
 - [H.R. 8387](#) - A bill to amend the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act to provide for advancements in public safety services to Indian communities, and for other purposes. *Parity for Tribal Law Enforcement Act.*
- Panel 1:
 - Rep. Jesus G. “Chuy” Garcia, Illinois, 4th District,
 - Rep. Derek Kilmer, Washington, 6th District
 - Rep. Jared Huffman, California, 2nd District,
 - Rep. Marilyn Strickland, Washington, 10th District
 - Rep. Dan Newhouse, Washington, 4th District
- Panel 2:
 - Hon. Wizipan Garriott, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C.

- Panel 3:
 - Hon. Russell Attebery (H.R. 6032), Chairman, Karuk Tribe, Happy Camp, CA
 - Hon. Joe James (H.R. 7581), Chairman, Yurok Tribe, Klamath, CA
 - Hon. Frances Charles (H.R. 8286), Chairwoman, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Port Angeles, WA
 - Hon. Joseph Rupnick (H.R. 8380), Chairman, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Mayetta, KS
 - Hon. Harry Pickernell, Sr. (H.R. 6964), Chairman, Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation, Oakville, WA
 - Hon. Arain Hart (H.R. 8115), Chairman, Susanville Indian Rancheria, Susanville, CA
 - Hon. Jarred-Michael Erickson (H.R. 8387), Chairman, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Nespelem, WA

2. September 14, 2022: House Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands - [NPFPL Legislative Hearing on Various Bills.](#)

- Bills Considered:
 - [H.R. 8108](#) - A bill to protect Native cultural sites located on Federal land, to improve consultation with Indian Tribes, to bring parity to Indian Tribes with regard to Federal public land management laws, and for other purposes. *Advancing Tribal Parity on Public Land Act.*
 - [H.R. 8109](#) - A bill to establish the Tribal Cultural Areas System, and for other purposes. *Tribal Cultural Areas Protection Act.*
 - [H.R. 8719](#) - A bill to establish the Great Bend of the Gila National Conservation Area in the State of Arizona, and for other purposes. *Great Bend of the Gila Conservation Act.*
- Panel 1:
 - Rep. Raul Grijalva, Arizona, 3rd District
- Panel 2:
 - Ms. Janie Simms Hipp, General Counsel, U.S. Department of Agriculture
 - Accompanied by Mr. John Crockett, Associate Deputy Chief State and Private Forestry, USDA Forest Service
 - Mr. Bryan Newland, Assistant Secretary For Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior
 - Accompanied by Mr. Raymond Suazo, Arizona State Director, Bureau of Land Management
 - Governor Stephen Roe Lewis, Gila River Indian Community, Sacaton, AZ
 - The Honorable Fawn Sharp, President, National Congress of American Indians, Vice- President, Quinault Indian Nation
- Panel 3:
 - Ms. Tina Marie Osceola, Tribal Historic Preservation Office, Seminole Tribe of Florida
 - Ms. Stefanie Smallhouse, President, Arizona Farm Bureau

3. September 20, 2022: House Natural Resources Subcommittee for Indigneous People of the United States - [Hybrid SCIP Oversight Hearing on "Examining](#)

Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta: The Implications of the Supreme Court's Ruling on Tribal Sovereignty.”

- Panel 1:
 - Hon. Bryan Newland, Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C.
- Panel 2:
 - Hon. Jonodev Chaudhuri, Ambassador, Muscogee Creek Nation, Okmulgee, OK
 - Hon. Kevin Killer, President, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Pine Ridge, SD
 - Hon. Cheryl Andrews-Maltais, Chairwoman, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head, Aquinnah Aquinnah, MA
 - Hon. Whitney Gravelle, President, Bay Mills Indian Community, Brimley, MI
 - Hon. Teri Gobi, Chair, Tulalip Tribes, Tulalip, WA
 - Hon. Sara Hill, Attorney General Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, OK
- Panel 3:
 - Ms. Mary Kathryn Nagle, Counsel, National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center, Washington, D.C.
 - Ms. Bethany Berger, Wallace Stevens, Professor of Law, University of Connecticut School of Law, Hartford, CT
 - Ms. Carole Goldberg, Jonathan D. Varat Distinguished Professor of Law, Emerita, University of California School of Law, Los Angeles, CA
 - Hon. Matthew J. Ballard, District Attorney, Oklahoma District 12, Claremore, OK
 - Mr. Mithun Mansinghani, Partner, Lehotsky Keller LLP, Oklahoma City, OK

4. September 21, 2022: Senate Committee on Indian Affairs - Roundtable discussion titled “Promoting and Supporting Tribal Access to Spectrum and Related Benefits in Native Communities.”

- Panel:
 - Ms. Heidi Todacheene, Senior Advisor to the Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington D.C.
 - Mr. Umair Javed, Chief Counsel, Office of the Chairwoman, U.S. Federal Communications Commission, Washington D.C.
 - Ms. Priscilla Delgado Argeris, Chief Legal Advisor, Office of the Chairwoman, U.S. Federal Communications Commission, Washington D.C.
 - Ms. Anna Maria Ortiz, PH.D, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, U.S. Government Accountability Office, Washington D.C.
 - Ms. Sally Moino, Assistant Director, Physical Infrastructure, U.S. Government Accountability Office, Washington D.C.
 - Mr. Tyler Iokepa Gomes, Deputy to the Chairman, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Kapolei, HI
 - The Honorable Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive Officer, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Onamia, MN

- Accompanied by Mr. Keith Modglin, Director of Information Technology, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Onamia, MN
- Mr. Chris Crolley, Network Architect, Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, Juneau, AK