

# Cultural Resource Ad Hoc Group Report to the Adaptive Management Work Group

Presented

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# TWG Charge to CRAHG

- How should the program fairly treat conflicts of cultural values, specifically those involving Native American perspectives?
- How will Tribal Values be monitored and tracked in this program?

# CRAHG Process

- CRAHG meeting on 23 January 2012
- CRAHG provided progress report to TWG in February 2012 (attached to report as appendix 1)
- CRAHG report to TWG 20 June 2012
- Acknowledge that CRAHG recommendations could be affected by new DOI policy on Consultation and Secretarial Order 3317.

# CRAHG Recommendations

- Consensus Building and Collaboration
  - May involve changes to operating procedures
  - Commitment to consensus building
  - Commitment to collaboration
- Develop ways to increase communication among Stakeholders
- Educating each other about different worldviews

# CRAHG Recommendations

- Openness and Transparency
  - Federal agencies explain decisions to stakeholders
- Dispute Resolution
  - If consensus cannot be reached; AMP develop a dispute resolution process
  - Stakeholder requests caucus with TWG chair; small group of stakeholders try to resolve the issue.
  - AMWG forwards the differing perspectives to SOI

# CRAHG Recommendations

- Monitoring and Tracking Tribal Values
  - Include Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) integration process into the GCMRC science program
  - Track number of times consensus is reached and is not reached. How many times one of the Tribes invokes dispute resolution process.

# Outcome of implementing recommendations

- Improved participation of Stakeholders in the AMWG and TWG; more equitable negotiating environment
- Improved constructive recommendations to SOI
- Decrease in litigious responses
- Improved environment for meaningful Tribal participation

# Future Steps

- Encourage AMWG and TWG to engage in dialogue about these recommendations
- Draw from the *Core Values of Public Participation* (Appendix 2)
- Consider how implementing these recommendations will necessitate changes to the operating procedures of both AMWG and TWG.
- Gauge level of support among the stakeholders



QUESTIONS/COMMENTS