

Let's review. Alaska's history does not begin with its discovery. Alaska has a relatively recent history. Alaska Natives used, occupied and controlled much of Alaska's land since time immemorial. Alaska Natives did not lose their land to battles or treaties. Aboriginal titles divide the rule of discovery, the Treaty of Cession, The Organic Act of 1884 and The Statehood Act. Alaska tribes are separated from the traditionally used land base. The ANCSA revoked all reservations except one, Metlakatla, and did not create any reservations and was silent on the status of tribes. The Secretary of the Interior published- publishes an annual list of federally recognized tribes of which Alaska tribes make up over half of the amount in the US.

So what does all this history of Alaska Natives tribes mean to you and your job? Congress requires consultation with Indian tribes and more recently with the corporations created by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The BLM consults with tribes on a government to government basis evidenced by various types of agreements. BLM also consults with all adjacent land owners before any action that may affect their interests. The BLM mission statement addresses a multiple use concept authorized by the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. The BLM consults with neighboring land owners such as ANCSA corporations before actions. Currently the DOI drafted a new revised policy for consultation with tribes and ANCSA corporations. Policy provides guidance to all BLM employees. Current policy and protocol is available online and should be

perused before developing any additional policies or strategies and any further guidance.

All executive federal agencies have either developed or are developing consultation policies. Educate yourself on the guidance specific to your efforts. Become familiar with how to find the guidance and policies then plug in the policies and guidance when you contact the public. Use the tribal leaders list to contact tribes or to build your own contact listings.

In summary, there are two hundred and twenty-nine federally recognized sovereign tribal governments in Alaska. The BLM maintains a government to government relationship with tribes due to their sovereignty. Tribes do not on trust land in Alaska. Contact information can be found at BIA.gov. ANCSA corporations are business companies created by legislation and for the purpose of administering the proceeds generated from the legislation. ANCSA Corporation is publically available online through various web sites. ANCSA corporations own the land conveyed under the legislative authority in fee simple status.

So as you work to honor the history of legislation and serve the needs of tribes and ANCSA Corporations above all try to have fun and don't take yourself too seriously; it will show and you'll be more effective and relaxed in your

communication. Since I walk in both worlds, I can serve as a guide for your journey. Chiqinik thank you for your time and attention.