

March 7, 2025

Dear Tribal Leader:

On behalf of the Secretary, you are cordially invited by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to participate in a Tribal consultation on the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) with the FDPIR Tribal Leaders Consultation Work Group. **This consultation will be held on April 7, 2025, from 9:00-4:00 p.m. Mountain Time.** The consultation will be held in-person, with an option for virtual attendance. The Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture for the Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services (FNCS), John Walk, will be the USDA consulting official.

Registration: All attendees must register, whether attending in-person or virtually. Please use the registration link below to register by Sunday, April 6, 2025.

Registration Link: https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/4B6_2c0sRTy2L9X4iOhfxw

Date: Monday, April 7, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mountain Time

Location (in-person):

Gila River Wild Horse Pass

5040 Wild Horse Pass Blvd.

Room TBD

Chandler, AZ 85226

Agenda: Updated information, including a final agenda, handouts, and proxy letter information will be posted on USDA's Office of Tribal Relations (OTR) website as it becomes available.

Please visit: <https://www.usda.gov/tribalrelations/tribal-consultations>.

Proxies: In the event you cannot attend and wish to send a proxy, please use the attached proxy form and notify Erin Parker (sm.fn.tribalaffairs@usda.gov), Tribal Affairs Technical Advisor for USDA FNS, by Sunday, April 6, 2025. To designate a proxy for this meeting, please copy the attached delegation form to Tribal letterhead. This designation will authorize your designee to attend in your place for the estimated time of your absence. The delegation cannot be in perpetuity. You are also encouraged to invite program leadership and staff from your Nation to the Tribal consultation as observers, or to participate in the listening session that will take place after the consultation period.

Written Comments:

USDA encourages Tribal leaders to submit written consultation remarks by email no later than Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at sm.fn.tribalaffairs@usda.gov.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to engaging in Nation-to-Nation dialogue with you.

Sincerely,

John Walk
Acting Deputy Under Secretary
Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services
United States Department of Agriculture

Attachments (1):

FDPIR April 2025 Consultation Proxy Designation Form / Letter Template