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WE SPECIALIZE IN...

- Complex, multiparty environmental challenges at a national and regional level
- Issues that require substantive, technical, or process expertise (e.g., NEPA, transportation infrastructure projects, endangered species, cultural resources)
- Issues involving multiple levels of government (Federal, State, Local, Tribal) and the public
- Interagency and interdepartmental collaborations
- Collaborative efforts involving Tribes and Native people, including Government-to-Government Consultation between Tribes and Federal agencies

ABOUT US

OUR SERVICES

- Facilitation
- Mediation
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Tribal Consultation
- Training
- Project/Situation Assessment
- Convening
- Collaborative Process Design
- Science-based Decision Making Support

BENEFITS

- Better Outcomes: More durable solutions
- Efficiency: Cost savings, timely process, minimizes litigation
- Improved Governance: Increased capacity to serve citizens

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**WEST COAST TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION GUIDANCE**

**BACKGROUND:** With the support of the Moore Foundation, NCECR facilitated a work group of the West Coast Tribal Caucus—comprised of members from Federally and Non-Federally Recognized Tribes in Washington, Oregon, and California—in the development of guidance for Federal and State agencies on how to engage with Tribes around ocean and coastal issues.

**OUTCOME:** The West Coast Tribal Caucus issued *Guidance and Responsibilities for Effective Tribal Consultation, Communication, and Engagement* in July 2020 and began working with partners in the West Coast Ocean Alliance to disseminate the guide and encourage its integration into agency practices.

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**MEXICO-UNITED STATES BORDER SECURITY**

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**BACKGROUND:** In 2017, NCECR worked with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to convene a group of experts from Mexican and U.S. government, academia, and non-government organizations to develop a shared understanding of the complex issues surrounding the U.S.-Mexico border.

**OUTCOME:** The group agreed on a mission statement and identified key themes and areas of focus for future work, including comprehensive immigration and border enforcement policy, border infrastructure, border security, and international cooperation.

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**INDIGENOUS PEOPLE’S COUNCIL ON MARINE MAMMALS**

**BACKGROUND:** IPCoMM, a coalition of Tribal marine mammal commissions, councils, and other Alaska Native organizations, and NOAA requested capacity-building and collaboration support from NCECR and NNI to address comanagement issues of common concern.

**OUTCOME:** Through a series of facilitated conversations, NCECR and NNI identified priorities for improving the Federal-Tribal relationship. NCECR then contracted with a neutral expert to further assess the key priorities identified.

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**DOE NATIONAL LISTENING SESSIONS ON TRIBAL ENERGY POLICY**

**BACKGROUND:** DOE asked NCECR to convene and facilitate national listening sessions to learn about Tribal energy policy, program priorities, and obstacles Tribal governments face in energy development and efficiency.

**OUTCOME:** DOE received information from more than 250 Tribal leaders and representatives and national and regional Tribal organizations to inform DOE’s work on Tribal energy issues and Federal agency-Tribal energy coordination.