

# Update

## Tribal Governments in Idaho Fish Consumption Surveys

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IDAHO NEGOTIATED  
RULEMAKING MEETING  
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# ID Tribal Fish Consumption Surveys

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- **Aug 14 ID Tribal Government/EPA Leadership Meeting**
- **Tribal Survey Design Team Site Visits**
- **EPA Tribal Government Site Visits**
- **Tribal Fish Consumption Survey Design Schedule**
- **Oct 9 Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit**
- **Next Steps**

# Aug 14 EPA/ID Tribal Leadership Meeting

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EPA R10 Administrator McLerran met with ID Tribal Government representatives to discuss tribal fish consumption surveys in Idaho, fish consumption rates, water quality standards, and key related policy issues.

## *Key Outcomes:*

- EPA commitment to understand & gather more information on fish consumption suppression
- EPA and Tribal agreement on data confidentiality
- EPA commitment to encourage participation in tribal surveys

# Tribal Survey Design Team Site Visits

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The Ridolfi/Mountain Whisper Light Survey Design team has conducted site-visits to each of the five Idaho Tribes to understand tribal perspectives and gather information for the purpose of designing the tribal fish consumption surveys.

- **July 31: Kootenai Tribe**
- **August 1-2: Coeur d'Alene Tribe**
- **August 8: Shoshone-Bannock Tribe**
- **September 4: Nez Perce Tribe**
- **Shoshone Paiute Tribe - TBD**

# EPA Tribal Government Site Visits

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EPA staff is in the process of conducting site-visits to each of the ID Tribes to understand tribal perspectives and share EPA's commitment to tribal interests throughout the fish consumption survey process.

- **Aug 28: Coeur d'Alene**
- **Aug 15: Shoshone-Bannock**
- **Sept 10: Shoshone-Paiute**
- **TBD: Kootenai**
- **TBD: Nez Perce**

# Tribal Survey Design Schedule

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- **TBD:** Tribal site visits to gather information complete
- **September 30:** Provide draft survey design for Tribal government review
- **October 9:** Meeting with Tribes to present and discuss design @ Tribal Envir Leaders Summit
- **October 31:** Date for expected Tribal feedback
- **November 15:** Final survey design provided to each Tribe and EPA

# Oct 7-11 Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit

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- **The 2013 Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit (formerly Tribal Leaders Summit), is being hosted by the Kalispel Tribe in partnership with EPA Region 10 in Spokane.**
- **Tribal Leaders and their environmental staff, along with EPA leaders and staff have been invited to share and seek resolution to tribal environmental concerns throughout EPA Region 10.**
- **The agenda will include discussions related to Tribal fish consumption and CWA human health criteria.**

# Next Steps

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- **Continue monthly conference calls with Tribal Governments and Consortia to coordinate work efforts**
- **Continue Technical Design Team conference calls and coordination with IDEQ/BSU to inform survey design**
- **Finalize and distribute RFQ for EPA sub-contract for Tribal Fish Consumption Survey Implementation**
- **Work with EPA contractor to select sub-contractor to implement tribal fish consumption survey work efforts**