

November 10, 2025

Dear Tribal Leader:

On behalf of Secretary Brooke Rollins, 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 **December 10, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Pacific Time** and will be held in-person, with an option for virtual attendance during the Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC) conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. Deputy Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services (FNCS), Mr. Patrick A. Penn, will be the USDA consulting official.

**Registration:** All participants must register. Please use the registration link below to kindly register by December 9, 2025.

**Registration Link:** [https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_i3LEVi2-ReuO-pOHJXV9pQ](https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_i3LEVi2-ReuO-pOHJXV9pQ)

**Date:** Wednesday, December 10, 2025

**Location:** IAC Annual Conference

Virgin Hotels Las Vegas  
4455 Paradise Road Las  
Vegas, Nevada 89169  
Room Sage 3

**Time:** 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (Pacific Time)

**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 copy the attached proxy designation form to Tribal letterhead, complete, and email to [sm.fn.tribalaffairs@usda.gov](mailto:sm.fn.tribalaffairs@usda.gov) by December 9, 2025. This will authorize your designee, in writing, to attend in your place during the estimated time of your absence. The delegation cannot be in perpetuity. You are also encouraged to bring program leadership and staff from your Nation to the Tribal consultation as observers.

**Written Comments:** USDA encourages Tribal leaders to submit written consultation remarks by email no later than January 9, 2026, to [sm.fn.tribalaffairs@usda.gov](mailto:sm.fn.tribalaffairs@usda.gov).

**Background.** The following topics will be covered during the consultation meeting:

- Contingency Funding
- Food Supply Chain Disruptions

- Disaster Plan Preparedness
- Waivers for Veteran Participants
- SNAP
  - Guidance for Funding Cuts
  - FDPIR Participant Increases
- National Warehouse Contract Update
- Nutrition Education Funding

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

Sincerely,

**PATRICK PENN**

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Attachments (1): FDPIR Consultation Proxy Template-December-2025