

# White House Council on Native American Affairs



## **Native Nations Climate Adaptation Program** Center for Climate Adaptation Science and Solutions

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# Purpose of Presentation



- WHCNAA Background
- Environment, Climate Change, Natural Resources Initiatives
- Highlight Opportunities

# What is WHCNAA?



- Established by Executive Order 13647 (June 26, 2013)
- Promotes development of **prosperous & resilient** tribal communities through **inter-agency coordination**



# What is WHCNAA?



## ● **Subject-Matter Subgroups**

- Economic Development & Infrastructure (USDA, SBA)
- Education and Youth (ED & DOI)
- Energy (DOE & DOI)
- Environment, Climate Change, and Natural Resources (EPA & DOI)
- Health (HHS)
- Public Safety & Justice (DOJ & DOI)

# Environment, Climate Change, Natural Resources Subgroup

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- Support needs of tribal communities impacted by climate change
- Environmental impacts and well-being
- Protection and preservation of natural resources

# Subgroup Projects



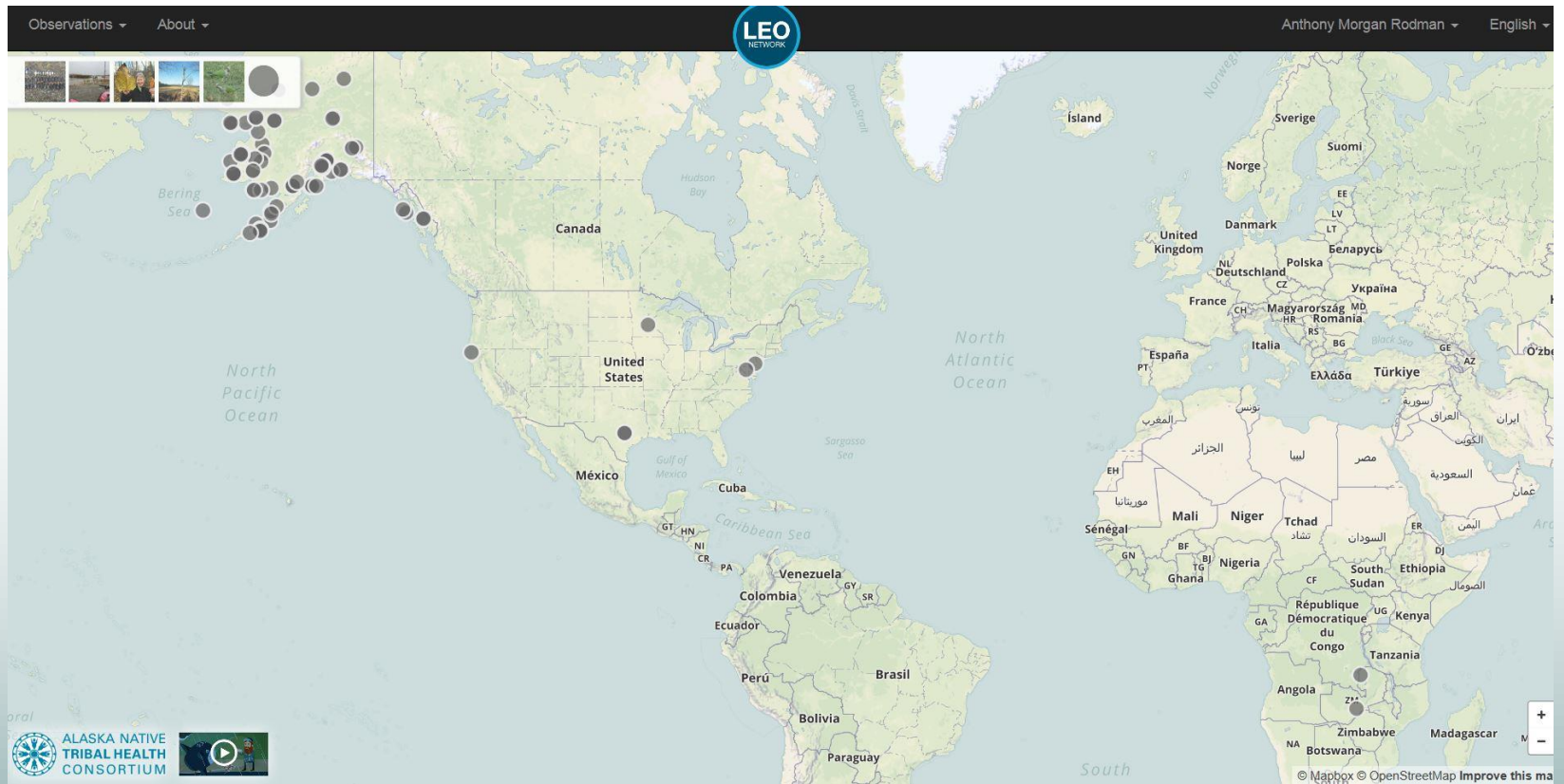
- Federal Tribal Climate Change Resource Guide (<http://toolkit.climate.gov/tribal/>)



# Subgroup Projects



- Local Environmental Observer (LEO) Network (<https://leonetwork.org/en/>)



# Subgroup Projects



- Tribal Leaders Task Force on Climate Resilience

[https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/tribalsupplementalprogressreport\\_final0916.pdf](https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/tribalsupplementalprogressreport_final0916.pdf)



## PROGRESS REPORT

Highlighting Federal Actions Addressing the Tribal Supplemental Recommendations of the State, Local, and Tribal Leaders Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience



# Subgroup Projects

- Interagency MOU on Tribal Treaty Rights - Natural Resources

<https://www.doi.gov/blog/respecting-tribal-treaty-rights-helps-preserve-indian-country-progress>



# Natural Resources Convening



# 2016 Tribal Nations Conference



- September 26-27, 2016



# 2016 Tribal Nations Conference



- Focus on maintaining progress into the next Administration
- Tribes engagement via WHCNA subgroups



# Opportunities

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- **Internships and jobs:**

- <https://www.usajobs.gov/studentsandgrads/>

- <http://www.fs.fed.us/working-with-us/volunteers/resource-assistants-program>

- <https://sites.google.com/a/bia.gov/guide-to-youth-programs/>

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# Thank You



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