



# USCG Tribal Engagement

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# Coast Guard & Tribes





# Federal Indian Policy/Philosophy

- Treaty Making Era 1778-1871
  - The Removal Era 1830-1850
  - The Reservation Era 1850-1871
  - Allotments – Assimilation 1887-1934
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- The Termination Era 1953-1968
  - The Self-Determination Era 1968-Present
  - Mandate for Federal G-2-G 2000-Present

## Domestic Dependent Nations

“The Congress shall have the power... to regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian Tribes.”





# American Indians & Alaska Natives

## 574 American Tribes

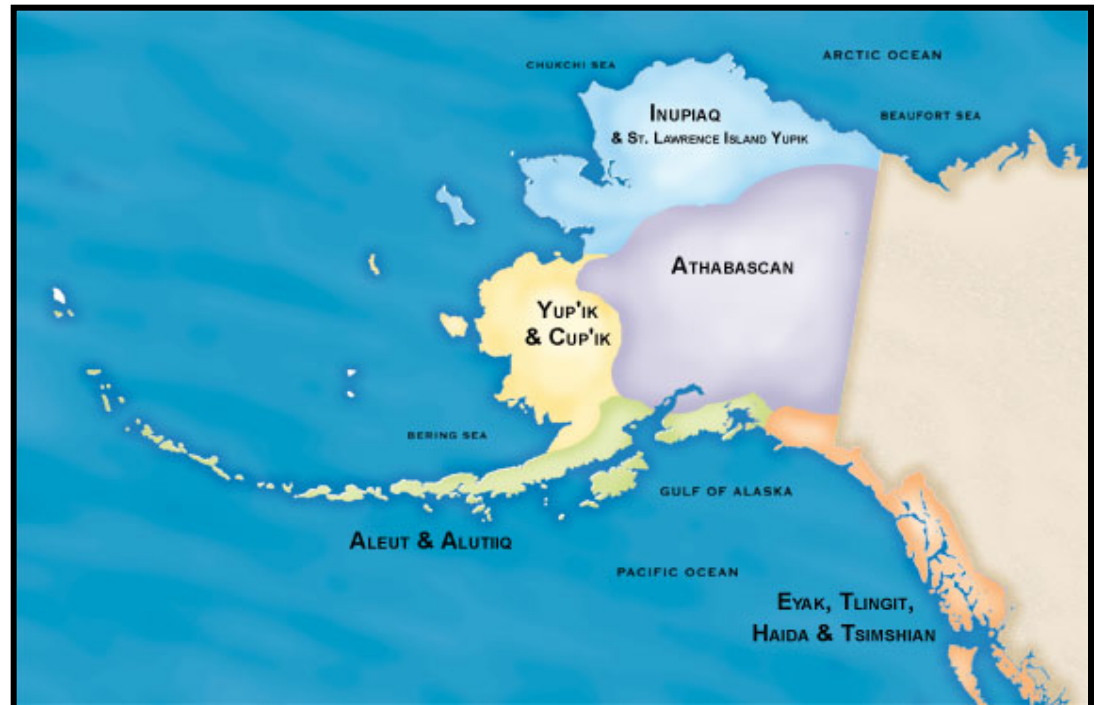
### Continental US:

- 337 Tribes
- Mostly on Reservations

### Alaska: 229 Tribes

- Inupiaq/Yup'ik/Cup'ik
- Unangax (Aleut)/Alutiq
- Athabascan
- Northwest

Differences in Regions & Ethnic Origins





# Executive Order 13175 (2000)



- **2000:** Federal Recognition of Tribal Sovereignty & Govt-to-Govt Relationship
- **Mandated Consultation** on Matters that may Impact Tribal Rights, Resources, or Interests
- **2003:** ANCSA Corps included for consultation (controversial issue)
- **Potential Consequences** of not engaging (operational & political)





# Consultation With Tribes

- **Formal Consultation:**
  - Federally Recognized Tribes
  - ANCSA Corporations (limited)
- **Engagement Only w/ Tribal-Related Stakeholders:**
  - Alaska Native Organizations
  - Native Advocacy Groups (Local and National)
  - ANCSA Corporations
  - Majority Alaska Native Municipalities



**Remember, Tribal Sovereignty  
Tribes aren't "Stakeholders"**



# Lessons Learned & Best Practices

## Lessons Learned:

- Don't Duplicate projects
- Include ANO in Planning
- Close the loop after research ends
- Build Relationships Early
- Ask Questions to ID "Right" Members
- BEFORE is Better Than AFTER
- Relationships BEFORE Help DURING/AFTER
- Tribal Relations Can Impact Operational Success
- Engage Local Experts
- Ask Questions About Sacred/Historical Sites

