

# Alaska Native Relations

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*USFWS Region 7 Training for employees*

## **Course Name**

Alaska Native Relations

## **Course Description**

This is a course for USFWS employees who desire to have a successful relationship with Alaska Native people and organizations. It will provide attendees with an understanding of Alaska Native history, the legal complexities, the Trust responsibility, and of the cultures and way of life from an Alaska Native perspective. Learners will explore opportunities to learn from other cultures and share experiences through panel participation with Alaska Native Elders. In addition, the course will enhance attendees' knowledge pertaining to USFWS tribal policy and procedures.

## **Course Objectives**

1. List the major cultural groups and their geographic location across Alaska.
2. Define what Trust Responsibility to American Indians and Alaska Native means.
3. Describe the basic steps for government to government consultation.
4. Identify ways in which Alaska Native communication style is different from your own.
5. Describe the differences between Alaska's federally recognized Tribes, Alaska Native Corporations, and Regional Alaska Native Non-Profits and Commissions.
6. Describe the difference between the term subsistence and the Alaska Native way of life.
7. Identify ways which you can incorporate traditional ecological knowledge into your USFWS work.
8. Explore opportunities to learn from other cultures through sharing experiences and discussion with a panel of Alaska Native Elders.

## **Target Audience**

USFWS Employees