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**Subject:** AKRR - Sitka Tribe of Alaska, Tribal Consultation, CANCELLED 3.25.19 Meeting  
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## **POSTPONED**

**Time: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

**Location:** Sitka Tribe of Alaska (STA), 429 Katlian Street, Sitka, Alaska

**Attendees: Not Applicable**

**Agenda: Not Applicable**

### **Context:**

Sitka Tribe of Alaska requested consultation on the Alaska Roadless Rulemaking project via District Ranger Perry Edwards. The request arrived prior to the federal government furlough and it took several weeks to coordinate schedules between the tribe, Melinda Hernandez-Burke, Perry Edwards, and myself. After several attempts, we settled on March 25 at the tribe's office in Sitka. District Ranger Edwards was unable to attend due to prior scheduling conflict and delegated the role to acting District Ranger Aaron Prussian. Emails were circulated between the USFS and Sitka Tribe of Alaska's Jeff Feldpaush (natural resource manager).

### **Discussion:**

I traveled to Sitka and arrived to the tribal office with Acting District Ranger Prussian only to find that we were not on the tribe's calendar. We were asked to reschedule to a later date. Of noteworthy importance, this particular week may not have been the best to schedule a meeting due to the timing of the Sitka Sac Roe Herring Fishery. The 2019 fishery is on hold pending Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG) announcement. Furthermore, the tribe had filed a lawsuit against the State of Alaska during December 2018 seeking better herring fishery management as the tribe seeks to protect the subsistence herring fishery from long-term population decline. The tribal council was meeting on March 25 to discuss the sac roe herring fishery – likely a higher priority for the tribe this particular week than Alaska Roadless Rule project.

### **Next Steps:**

I am transitioning this consultation back to Perry Edwards and Melinda Hernandez-Burke to reschedule the tribal consult for the Alaska Roadless Rule. I also recommend they work with Regional Forester Dave Schmid as I've been told he is looking to find time to meet with the tribe in coming weeks.