

Government to Government Consultation

RTOC R9 Summer RTOC

August 12, 2020

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- **Problem Statement and Purpose**

- Tribes have reported unsuccessful and unsatisfactory consultation with EPA
- Unsuccessful and unsatisfactory consultation have occurred across a variety of media (air, water, etc.) and at the regional and national level
- Therefore, the conclusion is that there is a problem with the process of consultation
- General concerns include
 - Timing of consultation (too late, not enough time to be meaningful, etc.)
 - Nature of consultation (tribes feel as if their input is disregarded or treated similar to “public comment”)
 - Lack of respect for leaders/staff (insisting on elected leadership from the tribe, but having staff on the federal/EPA side present)

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- First Question: Are there other issues with the process that were not captured in this summary?

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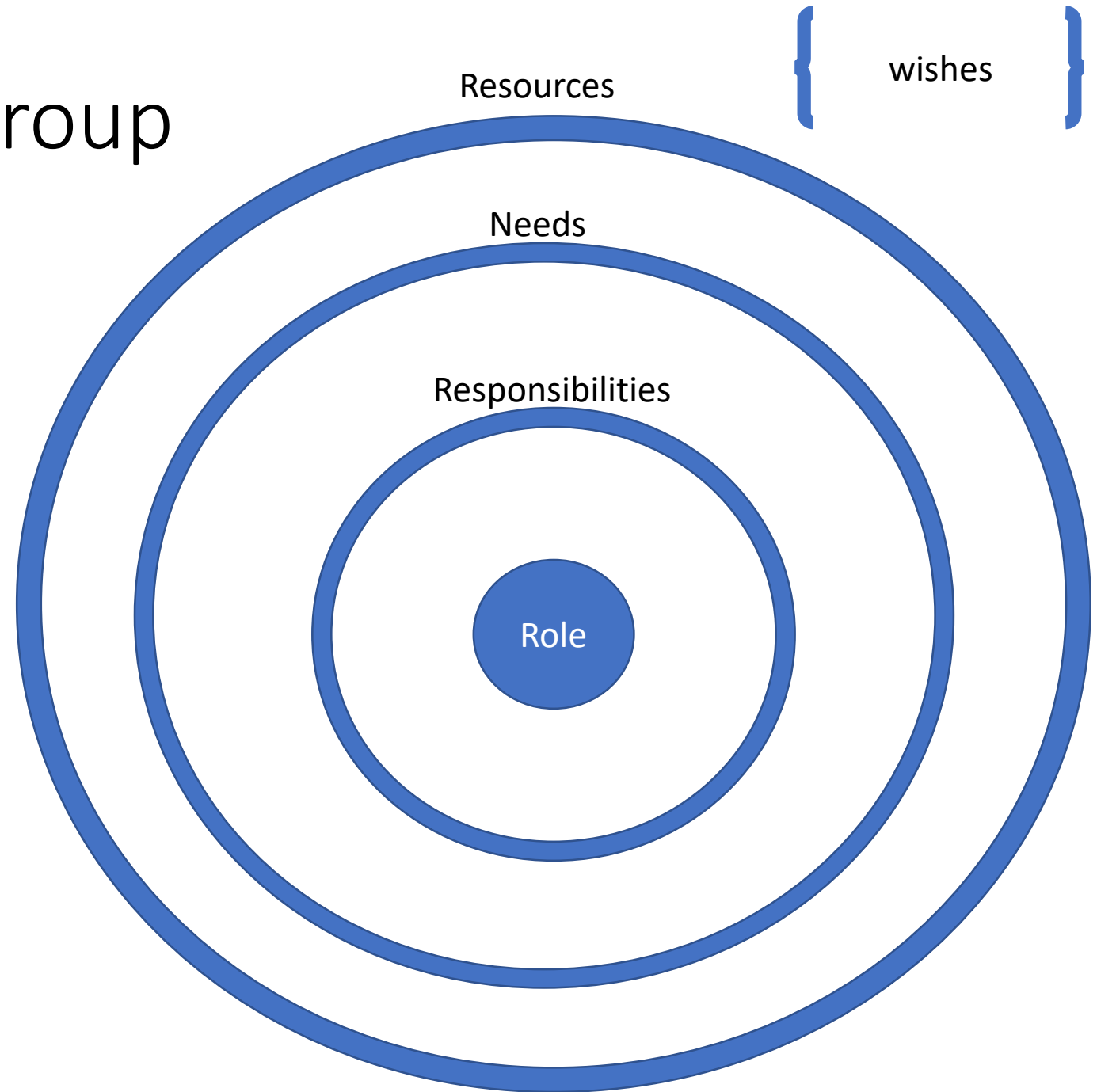
- Progress so far
 - Townhall style meeting with Scott Mason
 - Discussions at RTOC
 - Anything I've forgotten?

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- Question 2: What do we want (e.g. actionable items)?
 - What does progress or improvement look like?
 - Training?
 - Additional guidance?
 - More open dialogue?
 - Is it formal or informal?
 - Do we want NTOC to carry this message forward to the federal level?

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- What are our:
 - Roles
 - Responsibilities
 - Needs
 - Resources
 - Wishes!



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- Regular time for workgroup meetings?
 - Quarterly?
 - Monthly?