



# Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation

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Karen Gude  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

Scott D. Sullivan  
Council Secretary

Re: Consultation – Definition of “Waters of the United States”

Dr. Joseph  
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Dv-laa-ha~ Ms. Gude,

Marvin Richards Sr.  
Council Member

On behalf of the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation, a federally recognized Indian Tribe, with aboriginal lands and territory throughout coastal Northern California and Southern Oregon, and organized pursuant to the duly adopted Constitution of the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation, and in response to an invitation to consult and coordinate dated April 20, 2017, we wish to accept the invitation for consultation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Jeri Lynn Thompson  
Council Member

As a Tribe with designated water rights and trust assets associated with the Smith River and coastal aboriginal lands we are active in ocean and marine management and cultural resource protection, and have a demonstrated interest and concern regarding the waters of the United States. The Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation looks forward to engaging in meaningful coordination and collaboration with the EPA on this matter.

Leann McCallum  
Council Member

We thank you for your attention to this important matter and commitment to Indian Country. To schedule the consultation, please contact Chief Governance Officer Briannon Fraley at (707) 487-9255 ex 1125 or [Briannon.Fraley@tolowa.com](mailto:Briannon.Fraley@tolowa.com).

Shu' shaa nin-la,

Loren Me'-lash-ne Bommelyn  
Chairman, on behalf of the Tribal Council

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**Waa-saa-ghitlh-'a~ Wee-ni Naa-ch'aa-ghitlh-ni**  
**Our Heritage Is Why We Are Strong**