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NATIONAL CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION

ABOUT US

The John S. McCain III National Center for Environmental Conflict Resolution (NCECR) is a program of the Udall Foundation, which is an independent, nonpartisan Federal agency of the Executive Branch. NCECR provides **collaboration, consensus-building, and conflict resolution services** on a range of environmental, natural and cultural resources, Tribal, and public lands issues involving the Federal Government.

OUR SERVICES

- Facilitation
- Mediation
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Tribal Consultation
- Training
- Project/Situation Assessment
- Convening
- Collaborative Process Design
- Science-based Decision Making Support

WE SPECIALIZE IN...

- Complex, multiparty environmental challenges at a national and regional level
- Issues that require substantive, technical, or process expertise (e.g., NEPA, transportation infrastructure projects, endangered species, cultural resources)
- Issues involving multiple levels of government (Federal, State, Local, Tribal) and the public
- Interagency and interdepartmental collaborations
- Collaborative efforts involving Tribes and Native people, including Government-to-Government Consultation between Tribes and Federal agencies

BENEFITS

-  **BETTER OUTCOMES**
More durable solutions
-  **EFFICIENCY**
Cost savings, timely process, minimizes litigation
-  **IMPROVED GOVERNANCE**
Increased capacity to serve citizens

OCEANS, COASTS, AND GREAT LAKES

Our oceans, coasts, and Great Lakes are home to thriving and interconnected communities of aquatic and human life. Yet many changes are occurring that threaten the health of human and aquatic communities alike such as warming oceans and rising waters, the spread of aquatic invasive species, and increasing—and at times conflicting—human activities. At the same time, responsibility for the stewardship and management of our waters and coastal areas crosses multiple borders, falling to numerous Local, State, Tribal, and National governments, which may have diverging mandates, priorities, and values regarding the management of those resources. NCECR can help those with very different perspectives bridge communication divides, building a better understanding of each other's needs and identifying ways those needs may be reconciled. We navigate complex decision-making processes to design clear and comprehensive plans leading to well-informed decisions and durable outcomes.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE LIONFISH RESPONSE PLAN



BACKGROUND: Lionfish are an invasive species that rapidly deplete native marine fish and invertebrates; they can also sting park visitors with their venomous spines. At least six coastal national parks in the Southeastern United States and the Gulf of Mexico have detected the presence of lionfish.

OUTCOME: NCECR facilitated a four-day workshop that brought together NPS superintendents, academics, environmental groups, and natural and cultural resource managers from NPS and NOAA to share information and draft an overarching approach and individual park plans for combating the lionfish threat.

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY GUAM REEF ASSESSMENT



BACKGROUND: When the Federal Government decided to relocate a U.S. marine base to Guam, the U.S. Navy was required to develop an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to determine the potential impacts of the new military facilities on coral and other aquatic resources. Several Federal and Local agencies disagreed on the adequacy of the coral impact assessment.

OUTCOME: NCECR conducted an assessment and proposed alternative approaches to resolving the disagreements, leading to an agreement between the Navy and NOAA Fisheries on an appropriate approach to assess coral impacts in the EIS.

SUBSISTENCE AND COMMERCIAL FISHING IN ANGOON, ALASKA



BACKGROUND: The Kootznoowoo Corporation, an Alaska Native Village Corporation, petitioned to reduce or eliminate a state-managed commercial salmon fishery to improve returns of sockeye salmon.

OUTCOME: At the request of BIA, NCECR conducted a situation assessment to determine party interests and recommended two parallel collaborative processes to address the problems raised in the petition.

NORTHEAST REGIONAL MARINE PLANNING



BACKGROUND: The National Ocean Policy called for increased coordination of Federal, Tribal, and State agencies in ocean management and future planning through regional planning organizations.

OUTCOME: NCECR provided facilitation and stakeholder engagement expertise that increased coordination and enabled the development of an ocean plan and the Northeast ocean data portal.