

TRIBAL CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY TRAINING

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Speaker Bios

Jose Aguto is a Policy Advisor for the National Congress of American Indians on issues relating to climate change, clean energy, natural resources, and the environment. NCAI is the nation's oldest and largest intertribal organization working directly with elected tribal leaders to advance and protect tribal interests before Congress, the Administration, and federal courts. Prior to obtaining the NCAI position one year ago, Jose worked for 8 years as a Policy Advisor for EPA's American Indian Environmental Office, addressing tribal environmental issues. He served in the US Army infantry, the US Army is a graduate of Brown University (BA International Relations) and Villanova Law School, and is near completion of an MS in Environmental Management from Tufts University.

Fred Clark, an enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, is the national Director of the Forest Service's Office of Tribal Relations, in Washington, DC. Prior to moving to the Washington Office near the beginning of 2007, Clark served as the Regional Social Scientist and Human Dimensions Program Leader for the Eastern Region of the Forest Service. Earlier positions with the Forest Service include serving as the Coordinator for the Southeast Alaska Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council, the Acting Director for Civil Rights and Tribal Government Relations for the Alaska Region, and Forest Archaeologist and Tribal Liaison on the Chugach National Forest. Clark serves as the Executive Advisor for Pathfinders, the Forest Service Employee's Organization for people with disabilities. Clark has also worked since 1975 for a variety of organizations, including the National Park Service, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Tribes, Native Corporations, universities, museums, and in the private sector, primarily in archaeology, ethnohistory, and contemporary cultures of Native American communities in the Western US, Alaska, and Central America. Clark holds an interdisciplinary Master's Degree in Public Administration and Anthropology (summa cum laude) from the University of Alaska Anchorage, as well as a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Idaho (completing majors in Anthropology, Sociology, Psychology, and Philosophy). He was born in Kansas, but grew up in Idaho and Montana. Clark and his wife, Cindy Amdur, have two sons in universities.

Bob Gruenig has worked for the National Tribal Environmental Council (NTEC) since 2002 where he has served in a number of capacities including Air Program Director and Interim Executive Director. Mr. Gruenig currently serves as Senior Policy Analyst, a position in which he provides regular policy, legal and technical support to NTEC and its member tribes, often researching, tracking and preparing written materials and briefings on matters of local, regional and national importance to Indian tribes. For the past few years, he has also focused a substantial part of his work on helping to improve climate change legislation to the benefit of tribes. Prior to joining NTEC, Bob served in positions with the former Indian Country Environmental Justice Clinic in South Royalton, Vermont; and the Office of the State's Attorney, Environmental Division in Belleville, Illinois. Bob holds an M.S. in Environmental Biology, a Juris Doctorate in Law, and a Master of Laws in Environmental Law, magna cum laude.

Preston Hardison is a watershed and treaty rights policy analyst for the Tulalip Tribes of Washington. His background includes field research and training on evolutionary biology, ecology, psychology and conservation biology. He has been involved as an active participant in the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) since its inception, and as a Tribal representative since 2000, serving on advisory bodies and authoring two CBD reports on issues related to customary law, biodiversity and the protection of traditional knowledge. At the CBD, he is currently focusing in issues related to genetic resources and access and benefit sharing and climate change. Since 2000, he has also been a Tribal representative to the World Intellectual Property Organization negotiations related to the protection of folklore, genetic resources and traditional knowledge. He has been following the relationship between climate change, biodiversity and traditional knowledge since the late 1980s, attending the first Smithsonian Symposium on Biological Diversity and Climate Change in 1988. He is currently preparing an on-line database of over 30,000 records related to climate change issues (organizations, publications, projects, concepts) that is expected to be publicly available by the end of the year. He is involved in regional, national and international indigenous networks and initiatives on ecosystem-based adaptation.

Joshua Skov is co-founder and principal of Good Company, a research and consulting firm that helps clients measure, manage, and market their social and environmental performance. As a principal, Skov is involved in a wide range of corporate and government client work. He leads Good Company's climate services practice, as well as the firm's higher education practice. Skov combines extensive experience with sustainability indicators and expertise in economics with the ability to communicate issues of sustainability in a practical and meaningful manner. He has designed, implemented or advised GHG inventory and climate action planning efforts for many public, private and higher education organizations. Skov is also an adjunct instructor in the Department of Planning, Public Policy and Management and the Lundquist College of Business at the University of Oregon, and at the Rady School of Management at the University of California, San Diego. He has served on citizen advisory committees of Eugene Water and Electric Board (for electric resource planning) and the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission (for the development of systems development charges (SDCs)). He is a City Council appointee to the Sustainability Commission of the City of Eugene. Skov earned an M.A. in Economics from the University of California, Berkeley. He also holds an M.A. from the University of Washington and a B.A. from Yale University. Skov is a LEED™ Accredited Professional.

Terry Williams is Commissioner of Fisheries and Natural Resources for the last 25 years for the Tulalip Tribes of Washington. During the Clinton Administration, Terry was appointed for two years by Ms. Carol Browner, Administrator of EPA to establish a new American Indian Environmental Office with EPA to specifically address environmental issues of Indian Tribes nation-wide. He was also appointed the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission since 1985, serving as Vice-Chairman from 1992-95. He has served on the Pacific Salmon Commission, Southern Panel from 1985 to present. He has been selected by Washington and Oregon Treaty Tribes and appointed by the United States Department of Interior to represent Tribal interest in the United States-Canada Salmon Interception Treaty on annual salmon harvest management and allocation. He participates in all preparation and negotiation session of the Southern Panel and Pacific Salmon Commission. From 1986 to present he has served on the Pacific

Management Council for the Tulalip Tribes. He was co-chair International Association of Impact Assessment Indigenous Peoples Committee from 1997-2003. Since 1996 he has served on the United States delegation and as a Tulalip representative to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), and at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) since 2000, working on issues related to biological diversity, indigenous rights to natural resources, protection of traditional knowledge and folklore. He has been appointed to numerous national and Washington State advisory bodies, including the National Environmental Justice Committee, Washington Timber, Fish and Wildlife Advisory Group, Governor's Wetlands Forum and the Water Resources Forum. Since 1997, Terry has been an appointed Tribal representative on the Governor's Climate Action Team (CAT), and is involved in state-wide and national climate planning issues related to climate change mitigation and adaptation.