

Secretarial Order 3206 Arizona Workgroup

Introduction

The Secretarial Order 3206 (Order) Workgroup is a collaborative effort between the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), interested Native American Tribes and other Federal agencies for the purpose of supporting the Order. The Order, which was signed by the Secretaries of the Interior and Commerce on June 5, 1997, clarifies the responsibilities of the Departments when actions taken under the authority of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) may affect Indian lands, resources, or rights.

In 1997, Department officials met with tribal representatives in Phoenix, Arizona, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to provide information about the Order and to identify tribal concerns regarding endangered species issues. Tribal representatives requested additional training on the Order and ESA. In response, the Arizona Workgroup was formed and held additional workshops from 1998 to 2004, including those hosted by the Gila River Indian Community, San Carlos Apache Tribe, Hualapai Nation, Colorado River Indian Tribes, Hopi Tribe and Pascua Yaqui Tribe. In December 2005, the Workgroup hosted a training session on the Order for Federal agencies as a result of recommendations from the tribal workshops. In May 2006 we hosted a Tribal Planning Forum in Phoenix. In August 2007, we hosted a session on the Order at the Southwest Strategy's Tribal Gathering at the Gila River Indian Community.

Below is a roster of the Workgroup membership. Please feel free to call or write to us for more information on the implementation of the Order.

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