

**If you always do what you
always did ...**



**Informal Interagency Collaboration to
Better Serve Tribes**

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...you will always get what you always got



Albert Einstein



The issues

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- Tribes possess numerous rights to federally-managed lands
 - Tribes control substantial natural resources on a landscape scale
 - Tribes possess unique traditional knowledge of natural resource management

The context

**566 tribes
and Alaska
Native
Villages**

**Consultation
mandate for
hundreds of
federal
agencies**

**Hundreds of
federal
agencies –
many with
similar
programs**

**Which
equals a lot
of cats**



Lots and lots of cats

So one day
a few like-
minded
individuals
had a visit,
and they
decided it
might be
good to
herd some
cats.



They called it working smarter, not harder

It started
out as a
handful of
people ...



and then it grew to a few more ...



The network



and a few more ...



Office of Native Hawaiian Relations





The why



Focuses on bringing tribal interests into policy formation in a holistic way



The what

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- A flexible peer network with similar interests
 - FedCenter.gov site to share resources informally
 - A regular opportunity for strategic thinking
 - Expanded outreach to tribes and agencies
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Why does this group work?



They're champions

They trust each other



Why does this group work?



They're willing to share



They leverage ideas for stronger programming



Why does this group work?



**Not
everybody
gets invited**





CAT HERDING

yur doin it rite



Questions?

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