

VAWA 2022's Alaska Pilot Program

Track Three

OVW Tribal Affairs Division



Tribes interested in requesting designation to exercise special Tribal criminal jurisdiction (STCJ) as Participating Pilot Program Tribes must submit a **Request for Designation**, with a completed Statutory Requirements for Exercising Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction over Non-Indians **questionnaire**, certified by Tribal leadership. Tribes may submit jointly for designation as an “intertribal partnership” and should include signed certifications from each Tribe.

Tribes seeking designation do not need to previously have been Preliminary Pilot Program Tribes.

Next Steps: Department of Justice staff with expertise regarding STCJ will review the completed **questionnaire** and recommend either:

- a) Attorney General designation as a Participating Pilot Program Tribe,
- b) maintaining the Tribe’s status as a Preliminary Pilot Program Tribe (if applicable), or
- c) inviting the Tribe to become a Preliminary Pilot Program Tribe.

If either **(b)** or **(c)** is recommended, the Federal Project Liaison will partner with the Tribe and the technical assistance provider to create either an updated or initial Readiness Plan.

A request for designation should take the form of a short letter from the Tribe’s leader or governing body addressed to:

Office of Tribal Justice
Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20530

Requests for designation may be submitted via email to VAWA.AlaskaPilot@usdoj.gov. The letter requesting designation also should identify the name and title of any person the Tribe authorizes as its point of contact. This person should be a Tribal officer, employee, or contractor who has been designated by the Tribe’s elected officers to act on their behalf. A Tribe may choose to authorize more than one person.

Website and Contact Information



Questionnaire:

<https://www.justice.gov/d9/2023-10/questionnaire-statutory-requirements-for-exercising-stcj-over-non-indians.pdf>



Request for Designation:

<https://www.justice.gov/tribal/vawa-2022-alaska-pilot-program#requests>



Requests for designation may be submitted via email to VAWA.AlaskaPilot@usdoj.gov



Visit Justice.gov/OVW/Tribal-Affairs

