

Tribal Nation Survey: Follow Up

Impacts of Executive Orders since January 20, 2025



Overview

| <i>Purpose:</i> | NAFWS surveyed over 400 Tribal Fish and Wildlife contacts in February 2025 to understand whether Tribes are experiencing challenges related to Executive Orders, and <u>followed up in April 2025 with an additional survey based on previous results</u> . Forty-seven (47) Federally Recognized Tribes responded to the follow-up survey. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <i>Regional Respondent Representation:</i> Tribes from every NAFWS region responded. | <table><thead><tr><th>Region</th><th>Percentage</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Pacific Region Tribes</td><td>28%</td></tr><tr><td>Northeast Region Tribes</td><td>6%</td></tr><tr><td>Southeast Region Tribes</td><td>9%</td></tr><tr><td>Southwest Region Tribes</td><td>23%</td></tr><tr><td>Alaska Region Tribes</td><td>17%</td></tr><tr><td>Great Lakes Region Tribes</td><td>11%</td></tr><tr><td>Great Plains Region Tribes</td><td>6%</td></tr></tbody></table> | Region | Percentage | Pacific Region Tribes | 28% | Northeast Region Tribes | 6% | Southeast Region Tribes | 9% | Southwest Region Tribes | 23% | Alaska Region Tribes | 17% | Great Lakes Region Tribes | 11% | Great Plains Region Tribes | 6% |
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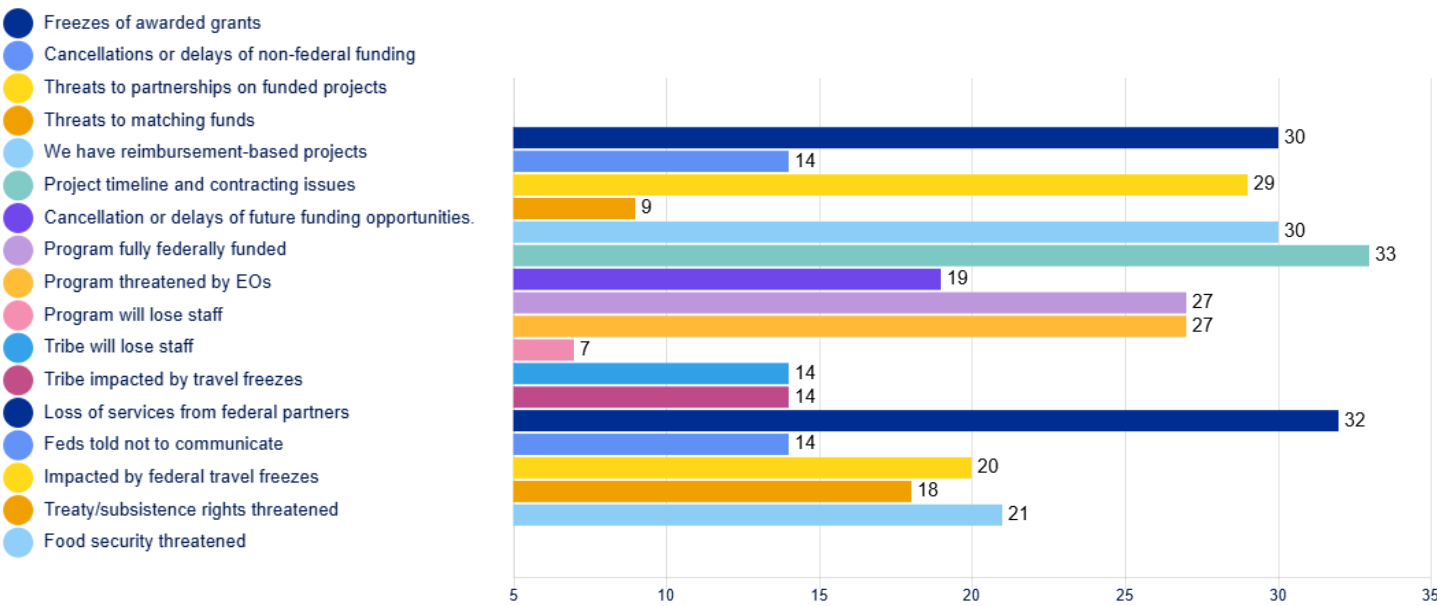
Quick Glance:

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| Tribes who selected “Yes”, they have experienced freezes of awarded grants and federal funding. | Tribes who selected “Yes”, they have experienced cancellation of awarded grants and federal funding. |
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Impacts of Executive Orders

Each survey respondent was asked to answer “Yes” if any of the following statements applied to their Nation. (*“As a result of Executive Orders since Jan 20, 2025, please select all boxes which are true for your Tribe.”*)

The following graphic summarizes “Yes” responses, while full questions and responses are included in the table below.



Tribes were asked to respond to the following statements: As a result of Executive Orders since Jan 20, 2025, please select all boxes which are true for your Tribe.

| Questions about Impacts to <u>Our Fish and Wildlife Program</u> |
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| <i>Our Fish and Wildlife program is fully or nearly-fully federally funded.</i> |
| <i>Our Fish and Wildlife program is being threatened by Executive Orders.</i> |
| <i>We expect to lose staff positions from our Fish and Wildlife Program.</i> <i>The 7 Tribes who responded “Yes” estimated they would lose 15 positions from their Fish and Wildlife Programs.</i> |
| <i>We expect to lose staff positions from our Tribe overall.</i> <i>The 14 Tribes who responded “Yes” estimated they would lose 52+ positions from their Tribes overall.</i> |
| <i>Our Tribal staff is impacted by travel freezes.</i> |

| Response - Tribes who answered “Yes” to each statement | Questions about Impacts to <u>Current Funding and Projects</u> |
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| 60% 28 Tribes | <i>We have experienced freezes of awarded grants or federal funding.</i> The 28 Tribes who responded “Yes” told us that \$56,617,398.00 in funding is currently frozen (survey closed 4/18/25). |
| 26% 12 Tribes | <i>We have experienced cancellation of awarded grants or federal funding.</i> The 12 Tribes who responded “Yes” told us that \$5,275,151.00 in funding has been cancelled. |
| 28% 13 Tribes | <i>We have experienced cancellations or delays of funding administered by non-federal partners (NGOs, foundations, philanthropic organizations, etc).</i> Tribes who responded “Yes” mentioned Community Change Grants, Thriving Communities through Philanthropy Northwest, Bonneville Environmental Foundation (Solar for All), National Forest Foundation (USFS Collaborative Capacity Program), and unnamed Environmental Justice Programs, all having been cancelled or frozen |
| 60% 28 Tribes | <i>Challenges associated with Executive Orders have threatened our existing partnerships on funded projects.</i> |
| 19% 9 Tribes | <i>Challenges associated with Executive Orders have threatened our matching funds.</i> |
| 57% 27 Tribes | <i>Our Fish and Wildlife Program (or equivalent at your Tribe) has one or more funded projects which are reimbursement-based.</i> |
| 66% 31 Tribes | <i>Our Tribe has experienced impacts to project timelines and issues in the contracting process.</i> |
| 36% 17 Tribes | <i>We have experienced cancellation or delay of funding of RFP release of opportunities we normally apply to (but have not yet applied).</i> Tribes who responded “Yes” mentioned EPA Solid Waste Infrastructure For Recycling Grant, USFWS Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program, FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant, BIA Tribal Climate Resilience, Bureau of Reclamation WaterSmart Grants, USDA/USFS Accessing Alternative Markets, NOAA Bay Watershed Education and Training, Institute of Museum and Library Grants and other funding related to NEPA, Environmental Justice, EPA, Solar Farms, BIA, USDA, and NIHB being either cancelled or delayed. |

| Response - Tribes who answered “Yes” to each statement | Questions about Impacts to <u>Partnerships with Federal Agencies</u> |
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| 62% 29 Tribes | <i>We have been impacted by loss of services from federal partners due to federal agency terminations.</i> |
| 30% 14 Tribes | <i>We have been told federal staff should not communicate with our Tribe/Program at least once since Jan 20, 2025.</i> <i>The 14 Tribes who responded “Yes” mentioned that they were told by USFWS, DOE, EPA, BIA, NOAA, BLM, HUD, NMFS, USFS and FEMA that Federal staff should not communicate with their Tribe/Program.</i> |
| 40% 19 Tribes | <i>We are being impacted by federal partner travel freezes.</i> |

| Response - Tribes who answered “Yes” to each statement | Questions about Impacts to <u>Treaty Rights, Subsistence Rights, and Food Security</u> |
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| 36% 17 Tribes | <i>Our treaty and subsistence rights are threatened as a result of Executive Orders.</i> |
| 43% 20 Tribes | <i>Our food security is threatened as a result of Executive Orders.</i> |

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