PRESERVATION AS PERPETUATION

A Review of Federal Tribal Cultural Preservation Recommendations and Programs

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Introduction

- Methodology
- History and Background
- Federally Recognized Tribes
- Keepers of the Treasures Recommendations
- Tribal Project Grants
- Quinault Indian Nation
Methodology

- Historical Research
- Review of Federal Policy Initiatives
- Interviews
- Analysis of National Park Service Grant Data
Research Problem and Questions

- **Research Problem:** Native American communities are only interested in the preservation of their language, culture, and traditional lifeways. In order to provide for these preservation needs, changes needed to occur within federal preservation programs to allow for greater access to funding and technical support.

- **Questions:**
  - What new policy recommendations can be carried out in support of tribal cultural preservation?
  - How have federal historic preservation grant programs affected tribal preservation programs?
Limitations and Future Research

- **Limitations:**
  - The project was an internal review of federal preservation policy and programs.

- **Future Research:**
  - Tribal participation in review of recommendations and evaluation of federal historic preservation programs
History and Background

- **Allotment Policy 1887-1934**
- **Antiquities Act of 1906**
- **NPS Created (1916)**
- **Indian Reorganization Act (1934) - ends Allotment**
History and Background

- Indian Termination Policy (1953-1975)
- Urban Renewal (1950s-1960s)
- NHPA (1966)
History and Background

- AIM Occupation of BIA (1972)
- NEPA (1969)
- NHPA (1966)
- Occupation of Wounded Knee (1969)
- Indian Self-determination Act- Termination Ends; AIRFA (1975)
- ARPA (1979)
- Keepers of the Treasures Published (1990)
Federally Recognized Tribes
Keepers of the Treasures

- Goal: Reporting to congress on the funding needs for the management, research, interpretation, protection, and development of sites of historical significance on Indian lands.

- Process: Tribal meetings, Surveys and Interviews

- Conclusion: Tribes must have an opportunity to participate fully in the national historic preservation program, but on terms that respect their cultural values, traditions, and sovereignty.

- 13 Recommendations
Keepers of the Treasures-13 recommendations

- Recommendations Areas
  - *The Preservation and Retention of the American Indian Way of Life*
  - *Participation in the National Historic Preservation Program*
  - *Tribal Participation in Preservation Disciplines*
  - *Establishing and Developing Tribal Preservation Programs*

- 13 Recommendations Met (in part or in full)
  - Legislative Initiatives
  - Agency Programs
  - Agency Guidance
The Preservation and Retention of the American Indian Way of Life

**Recommendation #2:** The national American Indian cultural heritage policy should recognize the programs to preserve the cultural heritage of Indian tribes differ in character from other American preservation programs.

- National Register Bulletin Guidelines for Evaluating and Documenting Traditional Cultural Properties
- 1992 Amendments to NHPA
- Tribal Project Grant Program
- Tribal Historic Preservation Offices Program
Future Recommendations

- Areas of Federal Policy Improvement:
  - Greater Protections for Confidentiality
  - Federal Policy Recognizing Tribal IP Rights
  - Federal Regulations for Trademarking Tribal Arts and Crafts
Tribal Project Grant Program and THPO Program

- **Tribal Project Grant**
  - Began in 1990
  - Funds American Indian Tribes, Native Alaskan Communities, and Native Hawaiian Organizations
  - Awarded Grants to over 556 Native Communities

- **Tribal Historic Preservation Offices Program**
  - Began in 1996
  - Funds Tribes with reservation lands who have assumed federal preservation responsibilities
  - 131 Tribes
Tribal Project Grants Awarded by Type
1990-2011

- Language/Oral History
- Culture Camps/Workshops
- Arts/Crafts/Dance
- Plan Development
- NAGPRA
- Research/Documentation
- Survey
- Establishment of Org/Program
- Collections Management
- Training/Education Programs
- Public Awareness/Interpretation
- Cultural Inventory
- Structures/Sites
- Archeology
- Database Development
- Ordinance Development
- Public Awareness/Interpretation
Table 7: Total Tribal Project Grant Funding Compared to THPO Funding

- **Total Funding for Tribal Project Grants**
- **Total Funding for THPOs**
Quinault

- Allotment -1932 all lands were allotted
- Termination -1957 Washington has criminal and civil jurisdiction
- THPO Eligible
- Recipient of Tribal Project Grant

Quinault Canoe

- 1980s - Effort to bring back sea canoes
- 1989 - Revival of Canoe Journey of America
- 1994 – Two ocean-ready canoes
- 2002 – Hosted Canoe Journey
- 2010 Grant
  - Mask, totem, and canoe carving workshops
Conclusion

- Research and Limitations
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Questions?