



LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS  
7500 ODAWA CIRCLE, HARBOR SPRINGS, MI 49740

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TRIBAL COUNCIL TRAVEL REPORT NARRATIVE

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**From:** Marcella R. Reyes, Tribal Council Treasurer

**Date:** September 30<sup>th</sup> thru October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015

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**Re: Meeting with DOI & DOJ**

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On the morning of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 I left my home in Harbor Springs, MI and drove to Traverse City, MI where I caught a flight to Chicago with a final destination of Washington, DC.

Upon arrival at our hotel we met with our attorneys from Hogen Adams, Andrew Adams III and Bill Szołkowski to discuss talking points for our meetings with Department of Interior and the Department of Justice on the following day.

We were informed on Wednesday evening during dinner that Assistant Secretary Kevin Washburn would be unavailable to meet with us at our scheduled meeting time and offered to meet with us on Friday or possibly join us via teleconference.

The next morning we met again over breakfast to finalize talking points and strategize for the day's upcoming meetings.

Our meeting with the Department of the Interior was first on our schedule. We met with Michael Black, Eric Shepard, Sarah Walters, Peg Romanik, Jennifer Turner and Kathryn Isom-Clause. Kevin Washburn joined us via telephone.

Later that day, in the late afternoon we met with the DOJ, Tracy Toulou, Gina Allery, Mariah

Thompson and John Turner.

Councilor John Keshick presented Tracy Toulou with one of our Tribal flags at the end of our meeting and we were assured that it would be hanging in the hall with the other tribal flags on display in their hallway.

I would like to thank our legal team from Hogen Adams as well as our Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick and General Counsel Jim Bransky for all their hard work.

Mügwech for allowing me the opportunity to be a part of this important part of our Tribe's history as well as its future.

