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Please consider from the start of the study research and writing how to make it possible for tribes within WA to opt in. The otherwise successful WA tire take back program had some awkwardness around participation of tribes that took a while to resolve.

I understand that there are 3 tribes participating in some of the relevant work groups.

I believe that Washington is looking closely at the British Columbia model and that all of the First Nations in BC opted in to their program, so that may provide a useful parallel.

It is likely that careful attention to wording and definitions will allow for a smooth opt in option.