

Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council

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A Voice for Conservation on Tribal Lands

The Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council (WTCAC), formed in 2001, provides a forum for the 11 Native American Tribes in Wisconsin to identify and solve natural resource issues on Tribal lands. The Council gives a strong voice to Tribes on conservation issues at the State and National level.

Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council receives USDA 2010 Honor Award



Left to Right: Secretary Tom Vilsack, Pat Pelky - Oneida Nation, Jonathan Pyatskowitz - President WTCAC, Tom Krapf - NRCS Wisconsin, Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan

The Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council (WTCAC), received the USDA Secretary's Honor Award in 2010. The 11-member Tribal organization was recognized for exemplary service and achievement during the 62nd annual Honor Awards ceremony in Washington, DC, in August 2010. The Secretary's Annual Honor Awards are USDA's most prestigious awards. The Honor Awards recognize USDA employees at all grade levels and private citizens who have made outstanding contributions supporting USDA's mission.

SOME OF WTCAC'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Development of new USDA NRCS Conservation Practices & Technical Standards, including:

- Practice Code 397 - Aquaculture Ponds
- Practice Code 325 - High Tunnel Systems for crop extension
- Practice Code 561 - Armored Access Points (Lake Access) to prevent erosion and sedimentation of spawning beds
- Numerous Wildlife Habitat Improvement scenarios such as Bat Houses, Wild Rice seeding, Fish Cribs and Tree Drops



The establishment of the WTCAC Native American Student Summer Internship Program with 50+ students completing the program to-date!

Specialized Tribal Technical Sub-committees to zero in on conservation issues facing Indian Country: Agriculture, Aquaculture, Forestry, Invasive Species, and Wetlands.



With funding from the USDA Office of Partnerships & Public Engagement (OPPE) WTCAC has provided Tribal Conservation District (TCD), Tribal Conservation Advisory Council (TCAC), and USDA Program training to 220+ Tribes in 25 States!

