

Intertribal Timber Council

FY 2006

Annual Report



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OVERVIEW of the INTERTRIBAL TIMBER COUNCIL

Native people are becoming increasingly involved in the management of their timber resources. The Intertribal Timber Council was established in 1976 to provide a forum for communicating between tribes and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) on matters relevant to the pursuit and development of timber resources for the benefit of Indian people.

PURPOSE

The primary purposes of the Intertribal Timber Council are:

1. Promoting sound economic management of natural resources so as to sustain Indian forests and dependent economies in accordance with tribal goals and objectives.
2. Providing information concerning legislative and federal policies affecting management of Indian forest resources.
3. Facilitating communication among members on matters relevant to the management of Indian forest resources. The Intertribal Timber Council distributes a quarterly newsletter (nationally) to tribes, BIA, and other interested people.
4. Advising and working with BIA and other interested entities to develop the full potential benefits attainable to Indian people from the management of their forest resources in a manner that achieves a harmony between the needs of people, plants, soil, water, and wildlife.
5. Assisting the establishment and development of Indian business enterprises that will utilize forest resources.
6. Encouraging the training and development of Native American professionals engaged in management of Indian natural resources. As an example, the Intertribal Timber Council accomplished, through recommendations to the BIA, the Forester Intern Program for tribal members, which is in its ninth year.

The Intertribal Timber Council has for the past twenty-five years coordinated and conducted an Annual National Indian Timber Symposium. The symposium is designed to facilitate communication from the perspective of tribes, the BIA, private industry, legislative bodies, and academia on issues and concerns of current forestry management practices.

Symposium participants produce findings and recommendations, which are submitted to the Assistant Secretary of the Interior and other federal agencies for follow-up. This procedure gives the Intertribal Timber Council and the BIA a foundation to analyze the progress occurring to resolve the issues being confronted. Published final proceedings of the symposium serve as comprehensive documentation and are mailed to each participant and Bureau official.

The Bureau, after receiving and reviewing the findings and recommendations, schedules follow-up meetings with the Intertribal Timber Council Executive Board to discuss the responses of the administration.

INTERTRIBAL TIMBER COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

General Membership in the Intertribal Timber Council is open to any Indian tribe or Native Alaskan Corporation with a demonstrable interest in the management of Indian forest resources. Presently there are sixty-one General member Tribes, located from Maine to Alaska to New Mexico. Associate Membership is open to any person or organization supporting the purposes of the Intertribal Timber Council. The Executive Board shall approve or disapprove the application. Presently there are sixteen associate members.

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Intertribal Timber Council operates under the direction of the Executive Board, consisting of eleven tribes. The Board of Directors is elected by member tribes= representatives at the annual general meeting held during the annual symposium. The Executive Board then elects from its membership a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Each board member serves a two-year term.

President's Message

Nolan C. Colegrove, Sr.

Greetings!

The Intertribal Timber Council (ITC) has been, as usual quite busy tracking issues, disseminating information to the membership, and active in resource issues nationally.

As we reach this milestone of 30 years as an organization it gives us a chance to reflect back on the past. At this juncture of 30 years, we should also take time to see if we're heading in the right direction.

Over the years, the issues facing Indian Forestry keep changing and evolving, the faces have changed, and quite noticeably the hair has changed. However, some things have stayed the course, which are the spirit, desire and will to take care of our forest lands and our people. The fire that was lit by our founders is still burning strong today.

The 2006 ITC Symposium was hosted by the Tanana Chiefs Conference in Fairbanks, Alaska was very successful. There were 277 attendees, 18 exhibitor booths and ITC was able to raise over \$6,500 for scholarships. We were able to discuss and address many issues facing Indian Country, while at the same time provide great educational opportunities for the membership. It was good to see old friends, while at the same time meet first-time symposium participants and to make new friends.

Once again, the additional time slot for another business meeting at the Symposium was well received. Attendees responded positively about continuing this format at next year's meeting. The discussions were documented and published in the symposium proceedings. Some of the discussion centered on the follow-up on the fire crew issues in Alaska, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs' geographic information system program effect on tribes.

We have appropriated other symposium revenues and investment revenues, and this year we were able to re-invest a record \$45,000 towards ITC scholarships for our Indian Students. Through the hard work of our Education committee and Steve Andringa, we also developed a cooperative financial aid agreement between the ITC and the College of Forest Resources at University of Washington, and we are hoping that other colleges will follow suit.

The Intertribal Timber Council (ITC) and Western Forestry and Conservation Association (WFCA) jointly hosted a workshop titled *Forest Roads on Indian Lands* held at the Red Lion Hotel in Jantzen Beach, Portland, Oregon on November 14-15, 2006. More than 50 people participated in the workshop which featured speakers from the BIA, Tribes, USDA Forest Service, Oregon State Department of Forestry and Oregon State University. Topics included development of the Exhibit B maps within a timber sale contract, road ecology and surfacing, road inventory methods, protection of archeological sites, dust abatement and water withdrawal sites, road drainage issues and case studies on tribal lands.

In closing, I ask the tribal leaders out there I say keep pushing us to do better and to stay the course.

To the current leadership, your work is appreciated, keep it up. To the youth, I say listen and learn as much as you can, because someday soon, you'll be up here leading this organization.

As we embark on the journey through the next 30 years, I hope that you will join us and continue to support this organization and the betterment of Indian forestry.



Education

The education committee continued raising funds for the scholarships, attended meetings for the Haskell Indian Nation University Natural Resource Advisory Board, and sponsored a booth at the November 2006 American Indian Science and Engineering Society Conference and the National Society of American Forester Conference.

ITC Scholarships

More than \$150,000 in scholarships have been awarded since 1988. The 12 college students were awarded \$1,800 each while the two high school students were awarded \$1,500 each. Six members of the ITC Education Committee reviewed the scholarships. The scholarship applicants were rated based upon their application letter, academic merit and financial need. Congratulations to all of the recipients.

2006 Truman D. Picard Scholarship Winners

College		
Name	Tribe	Major
Robin M. Stewart	Crow Tribe	Forestry
Jonathan Tallman	Yakama Nation	Natural resources
Christine Thompson	San Carlos Apache Tribe	Forestry
Melissa Aspelund	Naknek/Bristol Bay	Earth systems
Kodi Augare	Blackfeet	Forestry
Jason Baldes	Eastern Shoshone	Natural resources
Nicholas G. Blundon	Yakama Nation	Forest engineering
Timothy M. Brown	Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation	Civil engineering/Hydrology (Ph.D.)
Marcie Carter	Nez Perce Tribe	Wildlife resources (Masters)
Trista Raye Doney	Assiniboine/Gros Ventre	Natural resources
Michael A. Frank	Pueblo of Zuni	Forest fire science
M. Jessie L. Gachupin	Pueblo of Jemez	Natural resources
Tia Rose Harris	Crow Tribe	Natural resources/forestry
Antoine Francis Incashola	Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes	Forestry
Colleen D. Johnson	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs	Environmental science/ natural resources
Fabian Keirn	Doyon, Ltd.	Forestry
Clarice Pina	Dine (Navajo)	Biology (Native American studies)
Ronald Reed	Yurok Tribe	Forest engineering
Kerry L. Stewart	Crow Tribe	Natural resources
Bonnie J. Trefren	Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians	Forest management
Wendy Wells	Crow Creek Sioux	Range science
Jaculine Wilgar	Sherwood Valley Rancheria	Biology (fisheries)
Lowell C. Yellow Horn	Piikani Nation	Environmental science

High School		
Name	Tribe	Major
Joseph W. Crawford	Blackfeet Tribe	Natural resources
Jordan R. Leskinen	Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation	Natural resources
Sarah Elise Logan	Creek Tribe of Muscogee	Criminal justice/ Fish & game warden

Awards

Three nominations submitted to the Awards Committee for the 2006 Earle R. Wilcox Memorial National and Individual Achievement Awards were selected.

The regional award recipients included Brian Kummet, Forester, Nez Perce Tribe and Jay West, BIA Midwest Regional Forester. The national award recipient was Joann Reynolds, Program Manager, Intertribal Timber Council

The nominees selected were honored at the Awards Banquet at the Thirtieth Annual National Indian Timber Symposium on June 8, 2006 in Fairbanks, Alaska.

The Earle R. Wilcox memorial awards are presented, at each Annual National Indian Timber Symposium, to honor individuals who have made significant contributions in the field of Indian Forestry or Natural Resources. Nominations can be submitted by anyone involved with Indian Forestry at Tribal or Bureau of Indian Affairs level. We encourage people to assess your Indian Forestry staff or Tribal staff for an individual who is making significant achievements on behalf of Indian people and their forests at the local, regional or national level. We encourage to start the nominations procedures for each year's awards ceremonies in late fall and early winter.

Symposium

The theme for the Intertribal Timber Council's 2006 Annual Timber Symposium was "Supporting Local Communities through Sustainable Forestry." 227 participants attended the symposium hosted by the Tanana Chiefs Conference in Fairbanks which was held June 5 – 8, 2006. Approximately 90 participants enrolled in the pre-Symposium Workshop on June 5th. The 18 exhibitor booths helped provide revenue for the scholarships, which was greatly appreciated. Also approximately \$6,500 was raised through the sale of Education Committee raffle tickets. On Wednesday, participants experience first hand the host's approach to resolving problems and issues by viewing operations and sharing perspectives with other resource management professionals. The symposium had three workshops that included; stewardship contracting, tribal stumpage issues and tribal enterprises, and innovative techniques for fuels management. Participants took part in discussion and developed findings and recommendations during the workshops that focus on current issues affecting the ITC member tribes and their partnerships.

Proceedings were developed in a CD and hard copy format and mailed to the participants after the symposium.

Operations

The Operations Committee meets in conjunction with the quarterly meeting of the Executive Board of Directors and first and foremost spoke of our great satisfaction with the turnout and active participation at the Special Meeting of the ITC membership held on Wednesday, June 7, 2006 of the symposium in Fairbanks, Alaska.

ITC's Fire Technical Specialist, Jim Erickson monitored fire issues nationally as they impact tribes, reservations and trust resources. Jim attended meetings such as the Wildland Fire Leadership Council, National Wildfire Coordination Group and established the ITC fire subcommittee, which provides advice, recommendations and reports to Operations. Jim has also initiated several fire web pages for the ITC website. The main fire issue for tribes this year concerned stewardship contract authorities and assisted with disseminating information on the Tribal Forest Protection Act.

The committee addressed the Geographic Information System issue by soliciting feedback through a survey which addressed:

1. How Federal entities are consolidating programs relating to imagery acquisition and effecting tribes;
2. The relocation of the BIA's Geographic Data Service Center (GDSC);
3. The difficulty for tribes accessing to USFS GIS Training;
4. The demise of Intertribal GIS Council has left a void.

The GIS issues will be addressed at the 2007 symposium.

Intertribal Timber Council

Statement of Activities

Year Ended September 30, 2005

	Grant and Contract Fund	Membership Fund	Scholarship Fund	Total All Funds
Revenue, gains and other support:				
Federal program	\$ 429,160	\$	\$	\$ 429,160
Registration fees		47,002	8,228	55,230
Members' dues		14,100		14,100
Interest		-	17,583	17,583
Donations		25,500	6,973	32,473
Miscellaneous		66	9,788	9,854
Net Revenue, gains and other support:	429,160	86,668	42,572	558,400
Expenses				
Consulting and professional fees	171,287	9,867		181,154
Northwest Forest Plan		-		
Meeting facilities	1,000	32,453		33,453
Office expense	47,208	1,524	170	48,902
Payroll and payroll taxes	109,488			109,488
Reproduction costs	17,155	1,730		18,885
Travel and symposium expenses	80,199	2,450		82,649
Scholarships	-		43,800	43,800
Miscellaneous	2,824	13,032	10,461	26,317
Raffle prizes			-	-
Depreciation	8,896	250		9,146
Total expenses	438,057	61,306	54,431	553,794
Increase (decrease) in unrestricted Net assets from operations	(8,897)	25,362	(11,859)	4,606
Investment settlement				
Unrealized loss on investments			35,086	35,086
Loss on disposal of equipment		-		-
Increase (decrease) in unrestricted net assets	(8,897)	25,362	23,227	39,692
Unrestricted net assets Beginning of year	27,179	534,427	50,895	612,501
Fund transfers	-	-	-	
Unrestricted net assets, end of year	\$ 18,282	\$ 559,789	\$ 74,122	\$ 652,193

Intertribal Timber Council Board of Directors

<u>Position/Name</u>	<u>Tribal or Alaska Corporation Representative</u>	<u>Terms of Office</u>
President Nolan C. Colegrove, Sr.	Hoopa Valley Tribe	2004-06
Vice-President Frank Johnny Endfield, Jr.	White Mountain Apache	2004-06
Secretary Reggie Atkins	Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation	2004-06
Treasurer Alfred Ketzler, Sr.	Tanana Chiefs Conference, Inc.	2006-08
<u>Members</u>		
Jim Durglo	Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes	2006-08
C. Larry Blythe	Eastern Band of Cherokee	2006-08
Norman W. Deschampe	Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	2006-08
Meredith Parker	Makah Tribe	2006-08
Aaron Miles, Sr.	Nez Perce	2004-06
Guy Capoeman	Quinault	2004-06
Max Corpuz, Jr.	Yakama Nation	2006-08

Chief Administrative Personnel

Joann Reynolds

Program Manager

Board of Director Meetings for CY 2006

February 21-23, 2006

San Carlos, Arizona

June 5 – 8, 2006

Fairbanks, Alaska (symposium)

September 12 – 14, 2006

Pablo, Montana (symposium site visit)

December 7 – 8, 2006

Portland, Oregon