

**CHARTER  
INTERTRIBAL TIMBER COUNCIL  
RESEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE**

**BACKGROUND**

The Intertribal Timber Council (ITC) is an organization of tribes dedicated to advancing the management of forest and other natural resources on Indian lands. Research activities involving forest and fire management, traditional ecological knowledge, and social/economic factors are vital to improving natural resource management in Indian country. In turn, improved resource management will reduce risk of loss and significantly contribute to the local economies of Tribes and their members. The ITC believes that potential benefits from research activity in Indian Country can be substantially enhanced by strategic, sustained coordination.

**ESTABLISHMENT**

The Executive Board of the ITC hereby establishes a Research Sub-Committee as a standing Sub-Committee of the Operations Committee.

**ORGANIZATION**

The Research Sub-Committee shall be comprised of at least five members who shall be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the ITC President with concurrence of the Executive Board. At least one member of the Research Sub-Committee shall be a member of the ITC Executive Board and the Operations Committee. Membership of the Research Sub-Committee shall also include representatives from the BIA Division of Forestry and such other individuals as may be recommended by the Operations Committee. The Chair of the Research Sub-Committee shall be selected by its members. A quorum to conduct official business shall consist of a simple majority of the total number of officially-appointed Research Sub-Committee members.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Research Sub-Committee shall be to develop recommendations, for consideration by the Operations Committee, regarding research plans, priorities and initiatives to improve natural resource and fire management and increase social/economic benefits therefrom.

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

The responsibilities of the Research Sub-Committee shall include inter alia, but not be limited to the following:

- Collating and prioritizing research needs identified by tribal communities
- Developing recommendations for strategic research plans and initiatives
- Serving as the liaison with the National Congress of American Indians and other entities on research activities
- Identifying and disseminating information to ITC's membership regarding opportunities to participate in relevant research activities
- Increasing awareness of research results that are applicable to tribal natural resource management
- Promoting partnerships between tribes, the ITC, academia, private industry, and agencies in identifying research needs, developing research protocols, conducting research, and disseminating research results to ITC's membership
- Encouraging and supporting the training and involvement of Native Americans in research to improve the management of Indian natural resources
- Providing oversight for research activities conducted by the ITC
- Preparing and requesting budgetary authorization from the ITC Operations Committee as required to support its activities

## **AUTHORITIES**

- Make recommendations regarding matters pertaining to forestry and fire research for consideration of the Operations Committee.
- The authorities and responsibilities of the Research Sub-Committee may not be delegated without prior approval of the Board.
- The Research Sub-Committee shall not have the authority to incur fiscal obligations or make policy commitments or representations on behalf of the ITC without the consent of the ITC Executive Board.

## **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

The Research Sub-Committee shall meet quarterly in conjunction with Executive Board meetings and/or at such times as called for by the Chair and approved by the Chair of the Operations Committee.