

OTAC 101

SOPs from 2008 Farm Bill

What's the Role of OTAC?

- Advise on implementation and technical aspects of natural resource conservation programs and activities under Title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 (ie Farm Bill Programs)
- Information, analysis and recommendations
- NEW: review whether local working groups are addressing state priorities (as applicable)

What's the Role of OTAC in Oregon?

- Natural resource “staff meeting”
- More than Farm Bill programs
- Umbrella for basin work group and local work group
- Ways to leverage and focus to meet common priorities
- All members can use OTAC for updates and advice if needed and appropriate

What is the State Conservationist's Role?

- Chair the meeting
- Provide public meeting notices & meeting summaries
- Inform OTAC of decisions made as a result of member input

What is the STC's role in Oregon?

- Keep membership posted regarding opportunities for conservation
- Seek out individual expertise and advice as needed for strategic Farm Bill implementation
- Seek opportunities for collaboration (ie leveraged funding or other resources)

What is the role of the local work group?

- In relation to OTAC:
 - Report on resource concerns being addressed/ranking
 - Provide updates on other projects, strategic approaches (either individually or through basin work group)
- Will establish agenda item each year that relates to LWG priority-setting

What's the Role of the Basin Work Group?

- Set priorities for funding
- Serve as basin-level natural resources 'staff meeting'
- Leverage resources amongst partners
- Report to OTAC on approaches and progress

What's Your Role?

- Advocate for your organization/industry
- Listen to the views of others
- Provide advice and consultation for programs
- Provide information on behalf of your industry/organization
- Look for opportunities to leverage resources and invest strategically
- Look for other good members to participate
- Look for and help fill gaps in representation

**THE WORLD IS RUN BY THOSE
WHO SHOW UP!**

A scenic landscape photograph of a lake with mountains and a tree. The image shows a calm body of water reflecting the surrounding environment. In the foreground, a tall, thin tree stands on the left bank, its reflection visible in the water. The middle ground features a small boat on the lake and several large rocks. The background is dominated by rugged, rocky mountains with patches of snow, under a clear blue sky. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

Questions?