

# Session Notes

## Washington Tribal Conservation Advisory Committee

### FY 13 Program Development Work Session

Farm Bill Program Review, Estimates of Treatment & Local Priorities

Coeur d'Alene Casino – Worley, Idaho

June 15, 2012 – 8:00 am to noon

#### Session Objective:

- Review FY11 Farm Bill accomplishments and FY12 applications, review natural resource data, identify natural resource priorities by land use and resource concerns, priority treatment watersheds, conservation practices and systems to treat resource concerns, treatment acres by land use and resource concern, ranking questions, and funding pools for the FY13 Farm Bill Programs.

#### Review WA Resource Assessment & WATCAC Input:

See Bautista presentation

#### FY11 Accomplishments & FY12 Applications:

See Harlow presentation

#### WATCAC Priorities & Funding Pools: (Approved)

##### Combined

Resource Concern	Land Use
INADEQUATE HABITAT FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE - Habitat degradation	all
WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION - Excessive sediment in surface waters (3)	all
WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION - Excess nutrients in surface and ground waters (3)	all
DEGRADED PLANT CONDITION - Excessive plant pest pressure (4)	all
SOIL EROSION - Excessive bank erosion from streams, shorelines, or water conveyance channels, Also from forest roads (4)	all
INSUFFICIENT WATER - Inefficient use of irrigation Water (5)	Crop, pasture, other
DEGRADED PLANT CONDITION - Undesirable plant productivity and health	all
DEGRADED PLANT CONDITION - Wildfire hazard, excessive biomass accumulation	all
SOIL EROSION - Sheet, rill, and wind erosion	all
WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION - Elevated water temperature	all
WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION - Excess pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids or compost applications	all

## Funding Pools – FY13 (approved % and process)

	A	B	C	D	FY13
<b>Range</b>	40	25	30	25	<b>30</b>
<b>Cropland</b>	10	5	6	25	<b>15</b>
<b>Pasture</b>	5	5	30	12.5	<b>10</b>
<b>Forestry</b>	40	50	30	25	<b>35</b>
<b>Other</b>	5	15	4	12.5	<b>10</b>

### Process for Unspent Pool Funding:

- Funds not spent in a land use pool will be used to fund the next highest ranked not-fully-funded application (regardless of land use)
- Then...fund next highest ranked viable application(s)
- Then...discretion of Advisory Council

### Other options:

- Consider a question or method of funding the next application in tribe that has not had an application funded
- Use a screening tool before ranking process...(questions to be determined)

**Action:** Send Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Partnership screening tool

### Eligible Practices:

Leave all practices as eligible

Practice Code	Practice Name	Practice Hold Down 1/	Expected Life (years)
472	Access Control		1
560	Access Road	\$175,000	10
371	Air Filtration and Scrubbing		
311	Alley Cropping		1
309	Agrichemical Handling Facility		
591	Amendments for Treatment of Agricultural Wastes		
366	Anaerobic Digester		
316	Animal Mortality Facility		15
575	Animal Trails and Walkways		10
370	Atmospheric Resource Quality Management		
310	Bedding		20
314	Brush Management		10
322	Channel Bank Vegetation		10
584	Channel Stabilization		10
326	Clearing and Snagging		1
360	Closure of Waste Impoundments		1
372	Combustion System Improvement		
317	Composting Facility		15
327	Conservation Cover		10
328	Conservation Crop Rotation		1

656	Constructed Wetland		20
332	Contour Buffer Strips		10
330	Contour Farming		1
340	Cover Crop		1
342	Critical Area Planting		10
589A	Cross Wind Ridges		1
324	Deep Tillage		1
356	Dike		20
362	Diversion		10
554	Drainage Water Management		1
432	Dry Hydrant		15
375	Dust Control from Animal Activity on Open Lot Surfaces		
647	Early Successional Habitat Development/Mgmt		15
382	Fence		20
386	Field Border		10
393	Filter Strip		10
394	Firebreak		10
396	Fish Passage		15
384	Forest Slash Treatment		
666	Forest Stand Improvement		10
655	Forest Trails and Landings		5
383	Fuel Break		
410	Grade Stabilization Structure		15
412	Grassed Waterway		10
548	Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment		5
561	Heavy Use Area Protection		10
422	Hedgerow Planting		15
603	Herbaceous Wind Barriers		5
441	Irrigation System: Micro irrigation		10
442	Irrigation System: Sprinkler		15
430DD	Irrigation Water Conveyance - Pipeline: High-Pressure, Underground Plastic		25
430EE	Irrigation Water Conveyance - Pipeline: Low-Pressure, Underground Plastic		25
430FF	Irrigation Water Conveyance - Pipeline: Steel		25
449	Irrigation Water Management		1
484	Mulching		1
379	Multi-Story Cropping		
590	Nutrient Management		1
315	Noxious Weed Control		
500	Obstruction Removal		10
582	Open Channel		10

512	Pasture and Hay Planting		10
595	Pest Management		1
516	Pipeline		20
378	Pond (Wildlife Ponds will be excluded from Cost Sharing)		20
521C	Pond Sealing or Lining: Bentonite Sealant		15
521A	Pond Sealing or Lining: Flexible Membrane		20
528	Prescribed Grazing		5
533	Pumping Plant		15
550	Range Planting		10
344	Residue Management: Seasonal		1
345	Residue Management: Mulch Till		1
329	Residue Management: No-Till, Strip Till, & Direct Seed		1
643	Restoration & Mgmt of Declining Habitats		15
391	Riparian Forest Buffer		15
390	Riparian Herbaceous Cover		15
722	Road/Landing Decommissioning		
654	Road/Trail/Landing Closure and Treatment		
555	Rock Barrier		10
558	Roof Runoff Structure		15
350	Sediment Basin		20
646	Shallow Water Management for Wildlife		15
381	Silvopasture Establishment		
632	Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility		
574	Spring Development		10
578	Stream Crossing		
395	Stream Habitat Improvement and Management		10
580	Streambank and Shoreline Protection		10
587	Structure for Water Control		20
606	Subsurface Drain		20
600	Terrace		10
612	Tree/Shrub Establishment		15
660	Tree/Shrub Pruning (for fire hazard reduction)		10
620	Tree/Shrub Site Preparation		1
620	Underground Outlet		20
645	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management		1
601	Vegetative Barrier		10
635	Vegetative Treatment Area		10
367	Waste Facility Cover		
313	Waste Storage Facility		15
634	Waste Transfer		15
629	Waste Treatment		
633	Waste Utilization		1

638	Water and Sediment Control Basin		10
636	Water Harvesting Catchment		10
642	Water Well		20
614	Watering Facility		15
351	Water Well Decommissioning		1
640	Waterspreading		15
355	Well Water Testing		
658	Wetland Creation		15
659	Wetland Enhancement		15
657	Wetland Restoration		15
644	Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management		1
380	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment		15
	*If on payment schedule		

## Estimated Acres of Treatment, Geographic Areas & Practices:

Land Use	Resource Concern	Funding Pool %	Conservation Systems & Practices (priority)	Estimated Acres
Cropland	<p>INSUFFICIENT WATER - Inefficient use of irrigation water</p> <p>INADEQUATE HABITAT FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE - Habitat degradation</p> <p>WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION – Excess nutrients in surface and ground waters</p> <p>sediment in surface waters</p> <p>WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION – Excessive sediment in surface waters</p> <p>WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION - Elevated water temperature</p> <p>WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION – Excess pathogens and chemicals from manure, bio-solids or compost applications</p> <p>SOIL EROSION - Excessive bank erosion from streams, shorelines, or water conveyance channels, Also from forest roads</p> <p>DEGRADED PLANT CONDITION - Excessive plant pest pressure</p> <p>DEGRADED PLANT CONDITION - Undesirable plant productivity and health</p> <p>DEGRADED PLANT CONDITION - Wildfire hazard, excessive biomass accumulation</p> <p>SOIL EROSION - Sheet, rill, and wind erosion</p>	<b>15</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practices and systems that promotes fish and wildlife habitat especially field borders</li> <li>• Irrigation efficiencies practices systems</li> <li>• Nutrient and pest management systems (especially beginning farmers)</li> <li>• Riparian area buffers to help with nutrients and temperature</li> <li>• Direct seed and residue</li> </ul>	
Forestry	See above	<b>35</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access roads (culverts, erosion control)</li> <li>• Riparian forest buffer</li> <li>• Thinning and management</li> <li>• Woody residue treatment</li> </ul>	
Range	See above	<b>30</b>		
Pasture	See above	<b>10</b>		
Other	See above	<b>10</b>		

### Comments from Tribes:

13 resolutions into the WATCAS – 10 indicated by email...good to go with priorities as listed above

## Action Items

- Notes to WATCAC members (Ray to complete & send to state office)
- Send travel receipts (one person from each nation)
- Working team for development of draft work on eligible practices & systems, hold downs, ranking questions per land use (tribal liaisons and area resource conservationists with tribes) using the tribal resource assessment information (bring to next meeting) – staff develops a packet, work with tribes,
- Next netmeeting is July 10<sup>th</sup>
- Next face to face meeting is January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013