

# Washington State Tribal Resource Assessment Process 2012

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## **Milestones, as discussed at Squaxin Island:**

1. Jan-April: Tribal Committees (West and East) to work with Tribal Liaisons in identifying, determining prevalence of their Resource Priorities and tribal profiles/inventories.
2. May: WATCAC to meet and prioritize state resource priorities and provide the required information for acreages of treated, geospatial datasets to be used for resource indicators and practice systems and targets for FY 2013
3. June-July: NRCS develops FY 13 Budget for submittal to NHQ in August.

## **Tribal State Resource Assessment Process Strategy: February – April 2012**

1. East and West Tribal Liaisons to work with their regions in subcommittees of the WATCAC.
2. To provide a consistent and standard approach and process for coming up with their top 5 state tribal resource concern priorities for each region
3. Use the Resource Prevalence Worksheet to provide each tribe with this worksheet (spreadsheet) in order to garner from each tribes resource inventory and profile information, including overview narratives of each tribes; Tribal Unique (Tradition, History and Cultural) Overview; Social-Economic Summary, Physical (Geographic/Ecological Description) and Prevalence of Natural Resource Concerns.
  - a. Provide narratives of Intro, Physical and Economic and Social Summaries; as well as go through the worksheet resource concerns tab and rate the prevalence of their resource concerns across the land uses provided. Also request for quantification or qualification of prevalent resource concerns on worksheet.
4. Aggregate all tribes within their regions in coming up with prevalent resource concerns and tally up scores of prevalence in coming up with top high scoring resource concerns.
5. Aggregate all tribes' resource profile (intro, physical and social-economic narratives) for the region and state.
6. Once resource concerns have been aggregated and ranked for the region/subcommittee determines their top 5 resource priorities.
7. Using the "Resource Concern Priority Concern Worksheet"; provide responses to the questions for each top resource priority identified.
8. Need to identify resource indicator geodata-sets to use and share for analysis in undertaking GIS analysis in coming up with priority treatment acreages in the state, geospatially and acres from tribes in the region. Can recommend state geo-datasets and/or Tribal geo-datasets.

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## **WA-NRCS Assessment Analysis: May 2012**

1. Bring back information back to WA-NRCS to perform analysis and to compile information on maps and inventory narratives.
2. Aggregate all tribes within region in coming up with prevalent resource concerns and tally up scores of prevalence in coming up with top high scoring resource concerns.
3. Aggregate all tribes resource profile (intro, physical and social-economic narratives) for the region and state.-

## **WATCAC Meeting to discuss and decide on Tribal SRA priorities: June 2012**

1. Present Top resource priorities by Committees
2. Determine and prioritize Top Resource Priorities for WATCAC
3. Submit finalized list of priorities and information required;
  - a. Acres of Treatment for Priorities FY 2013
  - b. Geospatial Priority Areas for Treatment
  - c. Practice Systems to address priorities
  - d. Ranking Criteria Questions for priority (Funding Pools)
  - e. Other, as appropriate

## **NRCS prepare Budget Proposal for FY 13: July 2012:**

1. Incorporate Tribal resource priorities and program for FY 2013 Budget Development
2. Prepare a Resource Assessment Tribal Information for national submittal (Maps, Worksheet on priority treatment acreages and supporting documentation)
3. Submit WA-NRCS Budget proposal in August 2012 for FY 2013

## **References:**

- Existing WA-NRCS State Resource Assessment (2012-15) book, August 2011
- Maps of SRA Resource Priorities with Tribal Boundaries drawn onto Resource Priority maps (also on PPT).
- WA-NRCS State Resource Profile and Inventory Report
- Use existing Tribal Resource Assessments