



State Technical Advisory Committee

NRCS Alaska



Purpose

The State Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) provides recommendations for establishing technical guidelines and program criteria and priorities necessary to carry out conservation provisions of the Farm Bill.

The role of the Committee is advisory in nature. Although the STAC has no implementation or enforcement authority, NRCS gives strong consideration to the Committee's recommendations. The NRCS reserves the authority to accept or reject the Committee's recommendations.

Members may be polled, but voting on issues is not appropriate. Meeting summaries or notes may be made, but official minutes are not required.

How does the STAC operate?

The NRCS State Conservationist is the chair of the Committee and ensures that:

- The Committee meets at least twice a year at a time and place designated by the State Conservationist.
- Meetings are typically held in-person and also include a virtual option using Microsoft Teams.
- Meetings are open to the public.
- Meetings are conducted as an open discussion with pre-scheduled agenda topics.

Who is eligible to participate?

The Committee should include members from a wide variety of natural resource and agricultural interests, such as:

- Agricultural producers
- Owners and operators of nonindustrial private forest land
- American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes or Corporations
- Agricultural and environmental organizations
- Federal, state, and local government agencies with an interest in natural resources and agriculture
- Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- Tribal Conservation Districts

Membership should also include other professionals who represent a variety of interests and disciplines in the soil, water, wetlands, plant, and wildlife sciences.



Join Email List

The STAC is open to the public. Participants are encouraged to join the NRCS e-mail list to receive updates about upcoming STAC meeting dates, agendas and meeting notes. To be added to the list, email: Tracy.Robillard@usda.gov

STAC information is also available on the NRCS Alaska website: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/conservation-basics/conservation-state/alaska/technical-committee>

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What kinds of issues does the Committee address?

The Committee provides information, analysis, and recommendations to appropriate USDA officials who are charged with implementing and establishing priorities and criteria for natural resources conservation activities and programs under Title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 (Farm Bill). Topics addressed may include:

- Criteria to be used in prioritizing program applications
- State-specific application criteria
- Priority natural resource concerns in the state
- Emerging natural resource concerns and program needs
- Conservation practice standards and specifications
- Technical Service Providers (TSPs)

Examples of Committee Participation:

- Provide information, analysis, and recommendations to NRCS on conservation priorities, including application and funding criteria, recommended practices, and program payments
- Identify emerging natural resource concerns and program needs

- Recommend conservation practice standards and specifications
- Recommend state program policy based on resource data
- Make recommendations to the State Conservationist on requests from local working groups
- Assist NRCS with public outreach and information efforts and identify producers' educational or training needs

How to Become a Member

STAC meetings are open to the public and Committee membership is by invitation from the State Conservationist. To inquire about membership, contact Tracy.Robillard@usda.gov.



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