**OBJECTIVES**

- Promote sound economic management of Indian timber and other natural resources.
- Provide information concerning legislative and federal policies affecting Indian timber interests.
- Facilitate communications among member Tribes on matters relevant to the management of Indian timber lands and forest products industries.
- Assist the establishment of Indian natural resource based business enterprises.
- Advise and work with the BIA to develop the full potential benefits attainable to Indian and other resource managers.
- Encourage the training and development of Indian natural resource professionals.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Worked with the U.S. Forest Service to establish the Office of Tribal Relations under the USDA Forest Service, State and Private Forestry Division.
- Facilitated the completion of the Indian Forest Management Assessment Report – 1993 and 2003, an independent Congressionally mandated report on the status of Indian forests and forestry.
- Awarded over $1,000,000 in Truman D. Picard scholarships to more than 500 Native Americans seeking degrees in natural resources.
- Produced videos promoting Indian forestry with the University of Washington in 2007 and 2008.
- Contributed to developing fire business development courses with the U.S. Forest Service.

**ACTIVITIES**

- Convenes an Annual Indian Timber Symposium bringing members together to discuss current issues in Indian natural resource management, and is hosted by a member Tribe each year which allows participants to visit different member’s forest, view their operations and visit with other resource managers.
- Monitors and provides comments on current natural resource management issues to appropriate federal, state, and local legislative and other bodies to insure that the sovereign rights of Tribes are not diminished.
- Tracks wildland fire issues through active participation with the National Interagency Fire Center and other fire organizations.
- Offers training sessions on Indian resource management issues to professional and technical staff and Tribal officials.
- Annually awards the Earle R. Wilcox Memorial Awards for excellence in Indian natural resource management.
- Annually awards Truman D. Picard Scholarships to Native Americans seeking degrees in natural resource fields.

**HISTORY**

The Intertribal Timber Council (ITC) was formed in 1976 to enhance communications with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) by providing a forum for Tribes to express collective concerns and to be more actively involved in the management of Indian forest resources.

"Forest resources are vital to the economic and social welfare of many Indian Nations and Native Alaskan Corporations. The management of these valuable and renewable natural resources not only provides income and employment opportunities for our people, but also affects our lives in many other ways. The harmony of man, trees and other vegetation, soil, water and wildlife which collectively comprise the forest community influence our very emotional and spiritual well being." - from the ITC Articles of Organization
**PURPOSE**

The Intertribal Timber Council (ITC) is a nonprofit nation-wide consortium of Indian Tribes, Alaska Native Corporations, and individuals dedicated to improving the management of natural resources of importance to Native American communities. The ITC works cooperatively with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the U. S. Forest Service and other federal agencies, private industry, and academia to explore issues and identify practical strategies and initiatives to promote social, economic and ecological values while protecting and utilizing forests, soil, water, and wildlife. Over 50 tribes and Alaska Native Corporations currently belong to the ITC.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Any Tribal Organization or Alaska Native Corporation can apply for general membership, which, if approved by the Board of Directors, gives the member voting rights in the activities of the ITC. The Board is elected to two-year terms by the members at the business meeting held during the Annual National Indian Timber Symposium. Individuals that do not qualify for general membership may apply for Associate Membership. Associate members do not have voting rights but still receive the newsletter and notices of training sessions sponsored or coordinated by ITC.

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