

COMMITTEE REPORT

Natural Resources and Lands Committee

‘ COMMITTEE NAME ’

Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians -
2024 Midyear Convention

Canyonville, OR

DISCUSSION

Each NR&L committee started with introductions from folks that were in the room. We then moved to presentations which included the following:

- Eddie Sherman from Against the Current consulting provided an update to the committee on an update from one of our pas resolutions. He shared how advancing the ATNI’s resolution language and position on mature and old growth protections in USFS with a particular focus on their EIS. Information from his update is included in our committee packet.
- Kelly Hetzler, United States Forest Service, provided an update on the 1994 Northwest Forest Plan Amendment process. She relayed some information they have heard from the Tribal listening sessions thus far and shared an update on when the next convening of Tribal leadership will be. Information from her updates is included in our committee packet.
- Rick Graw, United States Department of Agriculture – Fores Service PNW Region, provided an update on efforts for coordination on prescribed fire and air quality in the Pacific Northwest. The region will see an increase in prescribed burning as the USFS has finally determined the effectiveness of prescribed burning to prevent larger wildfires. He also shared the efforts that their agency and others are coordinating to address this on a larger scale.
- Joseph Pavel, Natural Resources Director – Skokomish Tribe, provided a presentation on the FEMA no-rise policy at the request of the NR&L chairs and the co-program managers. This is an emerging issue amongst many Tribes and we foresee a resolution on this at the Annual ATNI Convention.
- Salmon Defense requested that we share one of the latest videos at our committee meeting. It was just shy of five minutes and was named “Together, we have the power to protect salmon [Salmon Warriors].”
- The co-chairs of the committee have expressed that we do not have enough time to talk with each other during our previous meetings. For that reason, we are creating a permanent agenda item for emerging issues discussion at the end of our agendas. This was our first time, and it did allow for many updates from those in the room as well as chatting about other issues that folks were interested in.

ADOPTED AND RECOMMENDED TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Resolution # & Title:

- 2024-19: “Endorsement of Opposition to I-2117”
- 2024-20: “Urging the United States Congress and the U.S. Department of the Interior to Address Chronic Underfunding of Tribal Forest Management”
- 2024-21: “Calling on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to Deny Preliminary Project Applications for the Proposed Pump Storage Development at Pushpum, Adjacent to the Columbia River”
- 2024-22: “Enhancing Tribal Engagement and Co-Stewardship in Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as it implements the Final Rule on Conservation and Landscape Health”
- 2024-23: “Establishing an ATNI Task Force on Offshore Wind Projects”
- 2024-24: Immediate Action to Extend Comment Period Timelines from 30-Days to 90-Days”

COMMITTEE - TABLED

Resolution # & Title:

N/A

Minutes/Report submitted by: _____
Committee Chair