

HOW NAICC IS PLAYING A CRITICAL ROLE IN LEADING AGRICULTURE ON ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES ISSUES



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WHY DID NAICC BECOME INVOLVED?



OUR MEMBERS ARE NATURAL LIAISONS BETWEEN FARMERS AND AGENCIES

WE UNDERSTAND THE COMPLEXITIES OF BIOLOGICAL SYSTEMS

WE HAVE AN INGRAINED APPRECIATION FOR NATURE

WE KNOW THE LAY OF THE LAND

WE FOCUS ON THE BIG PICTURE AND WE TAKE THE LONG VIEW

FARMERS PAY US FOR INDEPENDENT ADVICE. THEY TRUST OUR JUDGEMENT

WHAT HAVE WE ACCOMPLISHED SO FAR?



WE HAVE WORKED HARD TO SHOW EPA, US FISH AND WILDLIFE, AND NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE STAND FOR

OUR EARLY INTERACTION WITH SOME COMMODITY GROUPS PROBABLY HELPED SWAY THEIR ATTITUDES AWAY FROM LITIGATION AND TOWARDS COOPERATION

OUR COMMENTS TO EPA HELPED SHAPE THE CURRENT MITIGATION STRATEGIES

NAICC HAS FOCUSED DISCUSSION ON QUESTIONS LIKE:

“WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE AND HOW DO WE GET THERE?”

OUR 2024 WISCONSIN AND 2025 VIRGINIA/NORTH CAROLINA ESA FARM TOURS FACILITATED OPEN AND HONEST ON-FARM DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN FARMERS, AGENCY STAFF (EPA, FWS, NMFS).



**WHAT IS THE JOB
AHEAD FOR EACH OF
US?**

PERSONALLY ENGAGE WITH YOUR STATE DEPARTMENT OF AG, YOUR CLIENTS, EXTENSION, APPLICATORS AND INDUSTRY TO BRAINSTORM HOW TO SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENT THE PESTICIDE STRATEGIES IN YOUR LOCATION

FIND THOSE CLIENTS THAT ARE EAGER TO GO ABOVE AND BEYOND WITH A HABITAT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

ACT AS A LIAISON BETWEEN THE CLIENT AND AGENCY STAFF (FWS, NMFS, DNR) TO IMPLEMENT A HABITAT IMPROVEMENT PLAN.

LEAD THE POSITIVE CHANGE IN ATTITUDE TOWARDS EPA, FWS AND NMFS STAFF TO BEING *TRUSTED AND EQUAL PARTNERS* IN SHOWING THE PUBLIC WHAT AG AND THE AGENCIES CAN ACHIEVE TOGETHER FOR ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES.

STRIVE TO COOPERATE ON A PROJECT THAT CAN ACTUALLY IMPROVE THE TRAJECTORY OF AN ENDANGERED OR THREATENED SPECIES IN YOUR



CHALLENGES WE FACE

THE AGENCIES (EPA, FWS, NMFS) WANT TO WORK WITH US, BUT THEY ARE TRULY UNDER-STAFFED AND FACE SEVERE BUDGET CONSTRAINTS FOR NEW EFFORTS SUCH AS THIS

WE CAN EXPECT THAT SOME STATE DEPARTMENTS OF AG MIGHT BE HESITANT TO COMMIT RESOURCES TOWARD EDUCATING FARMERS ABOUT THE NEW ESA PESTICIDE APPLICATION RESTRICTIONS

CONVINCING OUR CLIENTS TO ADD A COMPLEX REQUIREMENT THAT WILL COST THEM TIME AND MONEY WILL NOT BE EASY

NRCS IS NOT CURRENTLY A "SEAMLESS" PARTNER IN THIS EFFORT

THERE IS CURRENTLY NO MECHANISM FOR ANYONE TO GET PAID FOR THE EXTRA WORK REQUIRED

WHAT WE HAVE DONE IN WISCONSIN SINCE THE 2024 FARM TOUR

WISCONSIN NAICC MEMBERS FORMED A WORKING GROUP WITH SARAH WARNER – USFWS AND SEVERAL UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SPECIALISTS TO BRAINSTORM WHAT IS NEEDED FOR SUCCESS. WE HOLD SEVERAL HYBRID MEETINGS EVERY YEAR TO UPDATE THE TEAM ON DEVELOPMENTS



THINGS WE ARE WORKING ON:

DEVELOPING THE CONCEPT OF A WHOLE FARM ESA PLAN

DEVELOPING A LIVE MOBILE MAP APP THAT SHOWS WHICH MITIGATIONS ARE ALREADY IN PLACE AND IF ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS ARE NEEDED FOR SPECIFIC PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS

BRAINSTORMING PROJECTS TO IMPROVE THE STATUS OF RUSTY PATCHED BUMBLE BEE

REFINING THE CRITICAL HABITAT MAP FOR MASSAUGA RATTLESNAKE NEAR GREAT LAKES AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE



THANK YOU!!

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