

WALCE Administrative Committee Report 2011

- Through a series of e-mails and conference calls in February and March, the Admin Committee formulated comments regarding the NR151 revisions and sent in comments on behalf of WALCE with regard to the Tillage Setback, PI, Gully Erosion, and the inclusion of Pastures in the PI. The position letter stressed the importance of linking rule implementation to LWRMP's and promoted Pollutant Trading as a possible funding source for implementation. In the letter, we also supported changes to NR153 which provides the small watershed approach with potential for staff funding.
- The Committee decided to hold comment during DATCP's exploratory sessions they had regarding Livestock Sighting until the entire rule was opened for revisions. Too controversial at the early stages.
- The Committee held a conference call on April 19th regarding the Land and Water Conservation Board's Public Forum about the future of Conservation Funding.
- Provided comment on DATCP's proposals that were being sent to the LWCB for the same forum.
- Drafted an official position paper on Staffing Grants that went to the LWCB in advance of the Public Forum in early May. Copies were sent out to all County Conservationists.
- With the end of the biennium and elections rounding out the remainder of 2010, the rest of the year was relatively quiet on the Administrative Committee Front.
- With the current budget cuts likely looming in the Governor's proposed budget for the next biennium, the Admin Committee will likely be very active in the coming months.