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I Is the policy taking the right approach

- In defining the importance of watershed - how are you crossing political boundaries, crossing across the administrative boundaries.

  Funding issues for projects that cross boundaries will funding be found.

- Right direction but constraints of law may lead to "turf" protection, need to have a redefinition of some of the constraints of the existing bureacy - Is there a plan to address that

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- Good idea to use watershed - problems with state & tribal policies/laws/regs Problems coordinating

  What size watershed are we looking at
  - how will the very large watersheds be divided such as the Mississippi

- Was the EPA concentrating on smaller watersheds - Answer - States & Tribes assessed watersheds on the "Hack scale

There are some watersheds that affect other watersheds - This needs to be considered in techniques

- Missing is a consideration of Canadian Policies & concerns + actions - Seems futile to consider US only watersheds without Canadia

- Doesn't have a lot of teeth or money associated with this - It may just be something else that is mandated but with no money to implement, ~~but~~ It will not be implemented

- All the agencies that work together - need someone to take the lead in a consistant manner -

- Some Federal Programs that are not familar with dealing with tribes and tribal coordination

- It is only conscendent for meeting with FS. depend a lot on BIA foresters - Majority of their land is fee -

- Tribe is scattered all over the state
Do not want to be redirected to many different people to work on the same issue. - Dont want to cross a boundary & talk to yet another person -
Would like to see one contact person

Streamline the operation -

It has to work within the agency to have one contact person

Don't want to have interagency squabbling over who has jurisdiction

II Meaningful tribal consultation
- Have equal ranking people talking - tribal leader should not be consulting with an agency grunt who does not have decision making role

- Several attempts to contact but calls not returned

- On bigger issues, need to go to congressman -

- Several tribal representatives have expressed

- the problem that staff people do not pay attention to ettiquite and ~~pro~~ protocol of contacting tribes
- Staff people have been good to work for - need to educate the management on the ettiquite & protocol & who to contact
- Tribal lands are Nations - the federal agencies need to be aware of this -
- ~~Was there any~~ Was industry involved in this - should they be involved - ~~They are~~ Industry has a great impact on watersheds.
  Ans. - States have the responsibility for controlling industry

  What type of industry -
  - mining, cranberry growers
  These will definitely impact the water
  - agriculture for nonpoint
  - cattle
  - forest products industry
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III Partnerships

- Worked a lot with University on GIS
- water quality project with several partners - looking for grants
  In looking for grants they found a lot of new people who have similar goals

- Tribes have fear of federal government - dont want to enter into any new treaties but are willy to cooperate

- Private individual & foundations looking for tribes to take a leadership role ~~and~~ in the stewardship of the land
  - Sierra Club
  - Waterfowl Association

- USGS works very well with tribes - cost share to do water quality / ground water quality
  ~~BIA & Indian He~~

- Another comment on USGS - works well as well as EPA Region 5

- Small scale - prairie restoration, etc.
  FWS, NRCS & BIA
  PL 638 water funds - good incentive for cooperative agreements and cost sharing. This encourages these agreem

Role of Tribes

- Important to remember that the Tribes vary a great deal from one to another Don't try to deal with tribes in a unified manner

There has been 3 different meetings between HoChunk & EPA & FWS - is anyone talking to each other

The direction that the Menomenee goes will be different from the HoChunk -

- Intertribal communication on these issues would be helpful Tribes work together a lot on other issues - similar coordination should be started & then ~~the~~ it will continue Water Quality is a big concern for everyone

- Agree that technical staff of tribes share info but Need to recognize that each tribe has its own perspective - must not ask one tribe to speak for any other tribe

- Chippewa tribes have worked out a consortium on fishing rights - look at how they did this to seek out their input.

- More outreach to tribes would be helpful Need better notice in advance of meetings - Did not get notice about this until last Friday - Meeting should have been held ~~in~~ closer to the tribes

- Working with ACOE on ~~dam~~ project - some lands will go to HoChunk - some to state = State of WI did not live up to their side it will go back to Congress Should have rights of first refusal on reversions

- WI tribes have problems with the state - could the federal agencies help the state understand that they had to be treated in accord with federal policies & kept to federal standards?

- How would the boundary of the groundwater be determined if the gw & surface water does not coincide?