

**NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Wisconsin Indian Law Seminar

**FOR:** FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING

**TO BE PRESENTED BY:** Michael Lutz, Acting Chief Counsel  
Carl Edwards, Lac du Flambeau Tribal Chair

**SUMMARY:**

At the request of the Board, Michael Lutz will provide a general discussion on Federal Indian Law and how those laws impact our relationships with the eleven Wisconsin Indian Tribes. For the first hour, he will be joined by Carl Edwards, Chair of the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, who will give a tribal perspective on state-tribal relationships. The presentation will include a discussion of concepts such as tribal membership, trust lands, Indian Country, reservation status, and Tribal sovereignty. We will cover the history of the Chippewa treaty rights litigation, Lake Superior fishing rights, the Governor's consultation policy, the Board's tribal cooperation policy and the Department's ongoing efforts to work with the tribes.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Not Applicable

**LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:**

- No  Fiscal Estimate Required
- No  Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required
- No  Background Memo

- Yes  Attached
- Yes  Attached
- Yes  Attached

**APPROVED:**

*Michael J. Lutz*  
Bureau Director,

2-10-09  
Date

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Administrator,  
*Matt Frank*  
Secretary, Matt Frank

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