



# The Wildlife Society Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Network

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June 2022 Newsletter

## TWS Org Unit Activities

### TWS Submits Comments on ITEK in Federal Decision-making

Last month, The Wildlife Society submitted comments to the U.S. Administration on their request for feedback on the inclusion and solicitation of Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge in federal decision-making. Staff were able to compile these comments thanks to the input and leadership of the [Native Peoples' Wildlife Management Working Group of TWS](#).

Read the recent article: <https://wildlife.org/tws-supports-itek-in-federal-policymaking/>

## Upcoming Events & Opportunities

### Allyship Out Loud: How to Be an Active LGBTQ+ Ally Webinar

June is a great time to recommit to LGBTQ+ allyship and learn tips to sustain your efforts all year. Not sure where to start? Or have specific questions you're not sure who to ask? Join [The Diversity Movement](#) on **June 21, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. ET** for their first-ever crowdsourced webinar.

Learn more and register:

[https://landing.thediversitymovement.com/allyship-out-loud-2/?\\_ga=2.80358871.1103134349.1655328019-275260087.1612886085](https://landing.thediversitymovement.com/allyship-out-loud-2/?_ga=2.80358871.1103134349.1655328019-275260087.1612886085)

## **LGBTQ+ Leaders of Color on an Intersectional Environmental Movement**

This Pride Month is critical to celebrate the work that is being led by LGBTQ+ environmental advocates of color that are standing on the frontlines every day to create a stronger environmental movement. **On June 28, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. ET**, join [Green 2.0](#) and [Power Shift Network](#) for a discussion with LGBTQ+ environmental leaders of color on what needs to happen to create an intersectional and inclusive environmental justice movement.

*Learn more and register:*

<https://diversegreen.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=af1470fd6bde533611814ff88&id=dda0ce7acc&e=7c6b7f4067>

## **MINRC Student Sponsorships**

[The Minorities in Natural Resources Conservation Committee \(MINRC\)](#) is accepting student applications to attend the [2022 Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies \(SEAFWA\) annual conference](#) in Charleston, West Virginia on October 23-26, 2022 for free. **Applications are due by September 5, 2022.**

*Learn more and apply:*

[https://seafwa.org/sites/default/files/public-files/MINRC\\_Scholarship\\_Flyer\\_5-12-22.jpg](https://seafwa.org/sites/default/files/public-files/MINRC_Scholarship_Flyer_5-12-22.jpg)

## **Resource Highlights**

### **Ten LGBTQ Led Organizations Building a More Inclusive Outdoors**

Many organizations are striving to share diverse outdoor stories and celebrate intersecting identities. [Diversify Outdoors](#) has put together a list of 10 LGBTQ+-led organizations seeking to make conversations and narratives surrounding nature, outdoor recreation, and sustainability more inclusive.

*Read the article:*

<https://www.diversifyoutdoors.com/blog/2022/6/7/ten-lgbtq-led-organizations-building-a-more-inclusive-outdoors>

### **Allyship at Work Training**

[Allyship at Work](#) helps to bridge this gap by helping employees at every level of your organization identify specific ways they can take action to make a meaningful impact. Individuals can sign up for free moderator training sessions to help empower themselves and others to build a more inclusive workplace.

*Learn more and register:* <https://leanin.org/allyship-at-work#!>

## **TWS Headquarters Updates**

### **TWS is Now Accepting Student Travel Grant Applications**

The Wildlife Society is pleased to announce the availability of travel grants for TWS student members presenting a technical paper or poster at the [Society's Annual Conference](#) held each fall. Travel grants of \$500 will be awarded to a limited number of students. Applications and all supporting materials for student travel grants must be received by **July 1, 2022**.

*Learn more and apply:* <https://twskonference.org/student-travel-grants/>

### **Congratulations to the Leadership Institute Class of 2022**

The Wildlife Society is excited to announce the Leadership Institute Class of 2022. While a class was not selected in 2021, TWS' flagship leadership program is back this year with a new group of 10 early career wildlife professionals. Over the next six months, the participants will develop their leadership skills through a variety of assignments, discussions and mentorship opportunities.

*Read the recent article:*

<https://wildlife.org/congratulations-to-tws-leadership-institute-class-of-2022/>

### **TWS Will Launch Public Certification Database**

In March 2022, [The Wildlife Society announced a collaboration](#) with [Bird Strike Committee USA \(BSC-USA\)](#) to develop a designation that will expand TWS' Wildlife Biologist Certification Program's current opportunities. As part of this effort, TWS will be launching a public certification database.

*Read the recent article:* <https://wildlife.org/tws-will-launch-public-certification-database/>

### **TWS Releases New and Improved Policy Toolkit**

The Wildlife Society launched a revised edition of a key policy resource to support member engagement with wildlife policy and the Conservation Affairs Network. The improved policy toolkit provides guidance for engaging in U.S. and Canadian policy, and more.

*Read the recent article:* <https://wildlife.org/tws-releases-new-and-improved-policy-toolkit/>

## **TWS DEI Network Resources & Contact Information**

Contact Jamila Blake at [jblake@wildlife.org](mailto:jblake@wildlife.org) with any questions, activity updates, success stories, or other items you would like to share. Please let us know if there is a different contact you would like to receive communications from the DEI Network.

To learn more about The Wildlife Society's DEI efforts and current resources, visit the diversity, equity, and inclusion page: <https://wildlife.org/dei/>

Recent newsletters are also available on [The Wildlife Society's website](#).