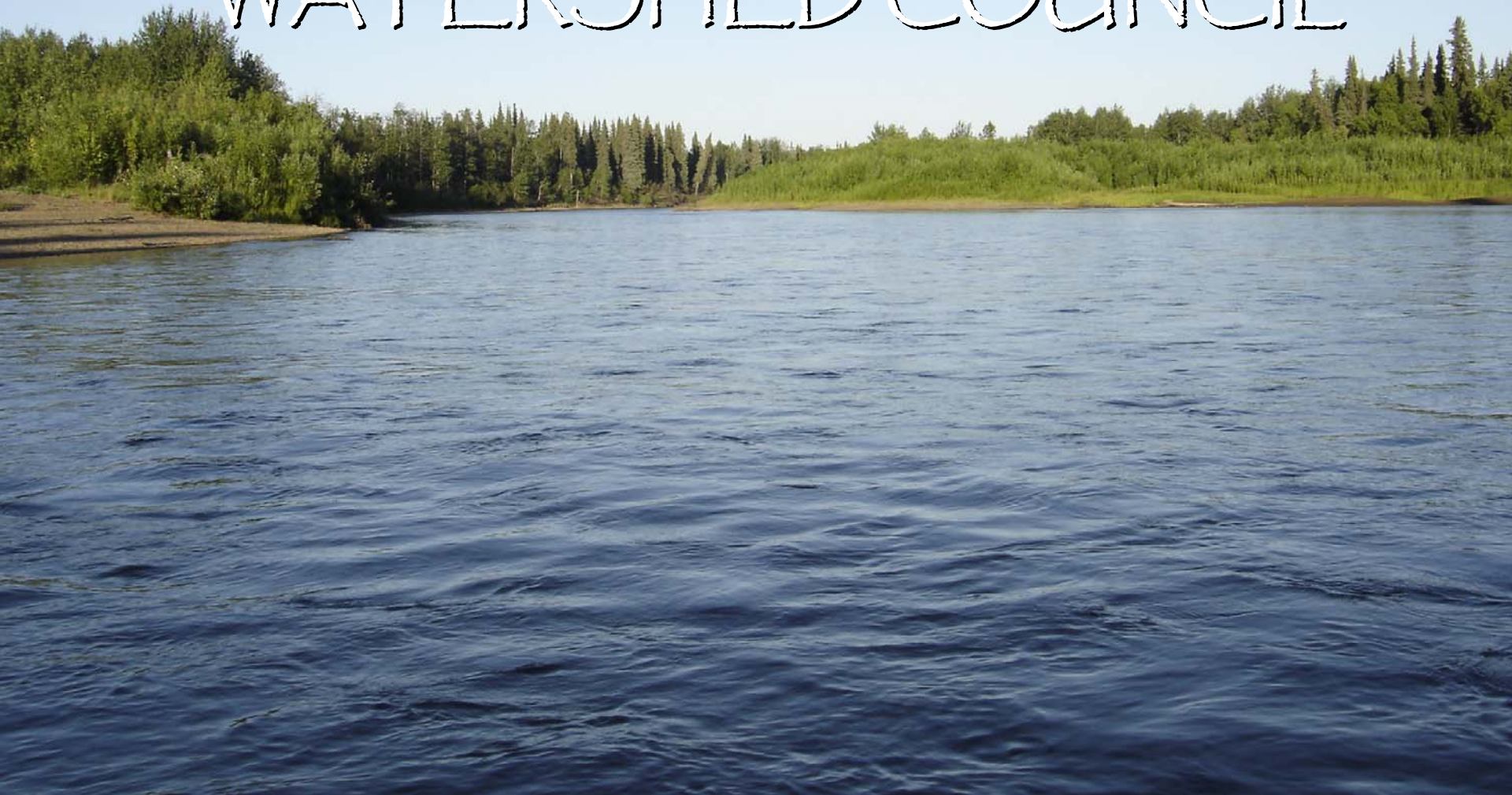


# YUKON RIVER INTER-TRIBAL WATERSHED COUNCIL





## 50 Year Vision

“To be able to drink directly from the Yukon River”

Created in 1997 by the Tribes and First Nations of  
The Yukon to clean up and protect the River.

There are 66 Indigenous governments that have  
signed the historic Inter-Tribal Accord.

# Our Mission:

- *We, the Indigenous Tribes/First Nations from the headwaters to the mouth of the Yukon River, having been placed here by our Creator, do hereby agree to initiate and continue the clean up and preservation of the Yukon River for the protection of our own and future generations of our Tribes/First Nations and for the continuation of our traditional Native way of life.*



The Yukon River Watershed is so small it fits on the map.



# Partnerships & Supporters

- North American Fund For Env. Cooperation
- EPA
- Environment Canada
- USGS
- Alaska DEC
- UAA/UAF
- River Network
- Native American Fish and Wildlife
- Council of Athabaskan Tribal Governments
- CPAWS-Yukon Chapter
- Tanana Chiefs Conference
- Indian Law Resource Center
- Indigenous Waters Network
- Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
- Environmental Dyn.
- National Geographic
- IBM
- Many other private companies

# Program Overview

- **WATER QUALITY/SCIENCE PROGRAM**

Conducts scientific research and provides for water quality testing and supervision of a riverwide monitoring effort.

- **GIS MAPPING PROGRAM**

Location, mapping and recording of contaminants throughout the watershed.

- **EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Our river-wide environmental education program engages Tribal, K-12 schools and municipal groups.

- **SOLID WASTE PROGRAM**

Addresses landfill and sewage matters.

- **BACKHAUL PROGRAM**

Provides for the removal of environmental contaminants from the watershed communities, which include:

- Worn out vehicles
- Heavy equipment
- Used oil
- Hazardous waste
- Old computers
- Old batteries
- Sno-Go's

# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- **Brownfields Program**

Establishes a public record regarding Brownfields sites and plans for remediation of contaminated sites

- **Circuit Rider Program**

Provides intensive capacity building support to Tribal Governments in the areas of grant reporting, writing, management and financial services.

- **Renewable Energy Program**

This program was recently established to assess, research, design and implement Renewable Energy systems on the Watershed.

- **Internships**

Provides Native Youth summer employment for on the job training and to encourage Environmental Stewardship.

# OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE SUCCESS

**Harvard Project on American Indian Development**

**2005 High Honors**

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**Salmon Nation/Buffer Award for  
Indigenous Leadership**

**Clarence Alexander and Harold Gatensby**

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**Yukon Circles**

**Native American Film & Video Festival**

**Patagonia Wild and Scenic Film Festival**

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**2005+2006 Superbowl**

**Half-Time Commercial**



# OUR FUTURE







