McCoy Oatman is a member of the Nez Perce Tribe and has served as a member of the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC) for the past 6 years. During his tenure on the NPTEC, Mr. Oatman has held the following positions: Secretary, Chairman, Chaplain, and Treasurer. As an official for NPTEC, Mr. Oatman has also served as the Tribe's representative for the US v. Oregon Management Agreement and the Inter Agency Bison Management Plan.

In addition to his service on the NPTEC, Mr. Oatman currently serves as the alternate Tribal Commissioner on the Pacific Salmon Commission. Mr. Oatman is also a commissioner for the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission and has previously served as the Chairman of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.