

Natural Floodplain Functions Alliance Webinar Series Presents:

Reducing Flood Risk and Restoring Ecosystems through Science and Planning

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Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions** (10 minutes)
- **Federal policy update** (15 minutes): Eileen Shader, American Rivers and Marla Stelk, ASWM
- **Webinar presentation** (40 minutes):
 - Kris Johnson, PhD (20 minutes)
 - Christine Shepard, PhD and Lily Verdone (20 minutes)
- **Questions and Answers** (20 minutes)



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2. Use sound science to develop fair and reasonable policies and programs that support restoration and conservation of natural floodplain resources
3. Integrate natural floodplain management into broader landscape and watershed management initiatives.
4. Facilitate creation and integration of programs and policies to sustain and restore natural floodplain resources
5. Support revision or elimination of policies and programs that degrade and destroy natural floodplain resources
6. Improve communication about the importance of natural floodplain resources at all levels of government

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Clean Water Act Section 401 Comment Letters Submitted

The Association of State Wetland Managers (ASWM) submitted a comment letter regarding pre-proposal recommendations to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as they examine the Section 401 Handbook as directed by Executive Order 13868, Promoting Energy Infrastructure and Economic Growth. ASWM recommends no changes to the scope of water quality review for §401 certifications and no restrictions on the types of conditions that states or tribes may judge to be reasonably appropriate to include in a certification. ASWM also selects

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Presenters:

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NFFA Federal Policy Update

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