

National Association of Wetland Managers
**Annual State/Tribal/Federal
Coordination Meeting**

Filling the Gaps & Embracing Change

National Conservation Training Center
Shepherdstown, WV

June 17-20, 2024



2024 THEME: FILLING THE GAPS & EMBRACING CHANGE

AGENDA

Monday, June 17

Day 1: Ripping Federal Protections

Breakfast available in Commons Dining Room from 6:30am – 9:00am.

Lunch available in Commons Dining Room from 11:30am – 1:30pm.

- 9:00am – 1:00pm Registration (Lobby near the Auditorium)
- 1:00pm – 1:30pm Opening Remarks & Welcome (Mark Biddle, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, and Board Chair, National Association of Wetland Managers)
- 1:30pm – 2:00pm Keynote Speech (Brenda Mallory, Chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality)
- 2:00pm – 2:30pm Changing the Narrative on Wetlands (Marla Stelk, Executive Director, National Association of Wetland Managers)
- 2:30pm – 3:00pm BREAK *Sponsored by Pew*
- 3:00pm – 4:00pm Panel: Aligning Wetland Programs Across the Federal Family (Moderator: Sara Gonzalez-Rothi, CEQ. Panelists: Brian Frazer, U.S. EPA Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds; Rachel Sears, FEMA; Dana Ashford-Kornburger, NRCS; Kara Meckley, NOAA; David Gordon, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Robyn Colosimo, U.S. Army Civil Works)
- 4:00pm – 5:00pm Panel: A Discussion with Association Partners on Key Issues and Areas of Collaboration (Moderator: Donna Downing, National Association of Wetland Managers. Panelists: Julia Anastasio, ACWA; Mark Humpert, AFWA; Chad Berginnis, ASFPM)

Dinner available in Commons Dining Room from 5:30pm – 7:30pm.

- 7:00pm – 8:00pm Technical training on WOTUS implementation by Dept. of Army & U.S. EPA

Tuesday, June 18

Day 2 Morning: Insulating the National Cabin

Breakfast available in Commons Dining Room from 6:30am – 9:00am.

- 7:30am – 9:00am Registration (Lobby near the Auditorium)
- 9:00am – 9:15am Welcome to Day 2
- 9:15am – 10:00am Panel: Mitigation Performance Standards – One Size Does Not Fit All (Moderator: Jeff Lapp, National Association of Wetland Managers. Panelists: Matthew Gilbert, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Brian Topping, U.S. EPA; Samantha Vogeler, Kentucky; Matthew Stahman, RES)
- 10:00am – 10:30am GROUP PHOTO & BREAK *Sponsored by USDOT FHWA*
- 10:30am – 11:00am Advancements in Mapping Potential Wetland Areas Across the Conterminous U.S. (Lauren Krohmer, U.S. EPA)
- 11:00am – 11:30am Creating High Resolution Land Cover as Part of a National Framework (John McCombs, NOAA)
- 11:30am – 12:00pm Tidal Restrictions Protocol for Wetland Protection, Resiliency, and Planning (Amanda Santoni, U.S. EPA)
- 12:00pm – 1:30pm LUNCH (available in Commons Dining Room)

Day 2 Afternoon: Building Strong State & Tribal Tide Gates

- 1:30pm – 2:00pm Reinterpreting Wetland Protection: Implications of the Sackett v EPA ruling for Texas Wetlands (Rachel Fern, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department)
- 2:00pm – 2:30pm Navigating the Murky Waters of Regulation Under the Changing Waters of the U.S. Definition (Mackenzie Moore, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality)
- 2:30pm – 3:00pm Creating a Tribal Wetland Inventory (Sehoy Thrower, Poarch Band of Creek Indians)
- 3:00pm – 3:30pm BREAK *Sponsored by USDOT FHWA*
- 3:30pm – 4:00pm Incorporating Traditional and Tribal Knowledge into Wetland Mitigation (Stacy Laravie, Ponca Tribe of Nebraska; Tyler Bell, Westervelt Ecological Services)
- 4:00pm – 4:45pm Panel: Permitting Watershed Restoration Projects with Wetland Impacts (Moderator: Jeff Lapp, National Association of Wetland Managers. Panelists: Matthew Gilbert, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Brandon Parsons, American Rivers; Dave Goerman, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection)
- 5:30pm – 6:30pm National Association of Wetland Managers (NAWM) Board Meeting

Dinner available in Commons Dining Room from 5:30pm – 7:30pm.

Day 2 Evening Activities:

- 8:00pm – 11:00pm Bonfire Gathering at Lemon Ring *Sponsored by USDOT FHWA*

Wednesday, June 19

Day 3 Morning: Moving Forward with Partnerships, Equity & Diversity

Breakfast available in Commons Dining Room from 6:30am – 9:00am.

- 8:00am – 9:00am Registration (Lobby near the Auditorium)
- 9:00am – 9:15am Welcome to Day 3
- 9:15am – 10:00am Panel: The Benefits of Regional State & Tribal Wetland Working Groups
(Moderator: Portia Osborne, National Association of Wetland Managers. Panelists:
Alexis DeGabriele and Mike Jones, Region 5 Tribal Wetlands Working Group;
Rick Savage, Carolina Wetlands Association; Tracy Hames, Wisconsin Wetlands
Association; Alison Rogerson, Delaware Department of Natural Resources &
Environmental Control)
- 10:00am – 10:30am BREAK *Sponsored by Meristem*
- 10:30am – 11:00am A History of Collaborative Wetland Conservation in Nebraska (Ted LaGrange and
Jessi Tapp, Nebraska Game & Parks Commission)
- 11:00am – 11:30am Beyond Regulations: Building Public & Political Support for Voluntary Wetland
Restoration (Erin O'Brien, Wisconsin Wetlands Association)
- 11:30am – 12:00pm Evaluating Environmental Justice Considerations in TMDL Prioritization
(Mackenzie Moore, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality)
- 12:00pm – 1:30pm LUNCH (available in Commons Dining Room)

Day 3 Afternoon: Buffering Programs with Resiliency and Watershed Planning

- 1:30pm – 2:00pm Wetland and Floodplain Restoration in New Mexico – Part 3: Engaging the Next
Generation of Wetland Restoration Professionals (Karen Menetrey, Rio Grande
Return; Andy Robertson, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota Geospatial Services)
- 2:00pm – 2:30pm The Blackfeet Nation Wetland Protection and Climate Adaptation Preparedness
Efforts (Emerald Grant, Blackfeet Nation; Tyler Bell, Harvard University)
- 2:30pm – 3:00pm Protecting Wetlands at the Local Level: Coastal Community Case Studies
(Portia Osborne, National Association of Wetland Managers)
- 3:00pm – 3:30pm BREAK *Sponsored by Meristem*
- 3:30pm – 4:15pm Panel: Low-tech Process-based Restoration - Challenges & Opportunities
(Moderator: Ian Grosfelt, National Association of Wetland Managers. Panelists:
Karen Menetrey, Rio Grande Return; Scott McGill, Ecotone; Joe Berg, BioHabitats)
- 4:15pm – 5:00pm Panel: Beneath the Surface - Harnessing Peatlands as a Natural Climate Solution
(Moderator: Jeff Lapp, National Association of Wetland Managers. Panelists:
Alex Clayton Moya, The Pew Charitable Trusts; Fred Wurster, U.S. Fish and Wildlife
Service)
- 5:00pm – 6:00pm General Membership Meeting

Dinner available in Commons Dining Room from 5:30pm – 7:30pm.

Day 3 Evening Activities

- 8:00pm – 11:00pm Gathering at Fire Tables outside Social Lounge *Sponsored by Pew*

Thursday, June 20

Day 4 Morning: Creative Caulking with Geospatial Analysis, Tools & Technology

Breakfast available in Commons Dining Room from 6:30am – 9:00am.

- 8:00am – 8:45am Registration (Lobby near the Auditorium)
- 8:45am – 9:00am Welcome to Day 4
- 9:00am – 9:30am Mapping Alabama’s Coastal Headwaters using Wetland Intrinsic Potential (Kurtis Fisher, Auburn University)
- 9:30am – 10:00am How Wet Must a Wetland Be to Have Federal Protections? Estimating a Range of Potential Impacts from Sackett v EPA Using Flood Frequency (Adam Gold, Environmental Defense Fund)
- 10:00am – 10:30am BREAK *Sponsored by Pew*
- 10:30am – 11:30am Panel: Tools for Conducting a Relatively Permanent Analysis (Moderator: Ian Grosfelt, National Association of Wetland Managers. Panelists: Andy Roberston, Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota Geospatial Services; Mark Biddle, Delaware Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control; Megan Lang, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory Program; Mackenzie Moore, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality)
- 11:30am – 12:00pm Wrap Up and Closing
- 12:00pm – 1:30pm LUNCH (available in Commons Dining Room – boxed lunches to go will also be available upon request)

Day 4 Afternoon: Optional Field Trip

- 1:30pm – 4:30pm Altona Marsh Visit

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