

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

FINAL DRAFT AGENDA

Monday, June 17

Day 1: Riprapping Federal Protections

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

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

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| 9:00am – 1:00pm | Registration |
| 1:00pm – 1:30pm | Opening Remarks & Welcome (Mark Biddle, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, Board Chair, NAWM) |
| 1:30pm – 2:00pm | Keynote: Brenda Mallory, Chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality |
| 2:00pm – 2:30pm | Changing the Narrative on Wetlands (Marla Stelk, Executive Director, NAWM) |
| 2:30pm – 3:00pm | BREAK <i>Sponsored by Pew</i> |
| 3:00pm – 4:00pm | Panel: Aligning Wetland Programs Across the Federal Family |
| 4:00pm – 5:00pm | Panel: A Discussion with Association Partners on Key Issues and Areas of Collaboration |

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

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| 7:00pm – 8:00pm | Technical training on WOTUS implementation by Dept. of Army & U.S. EPA |
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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 & Announce Jon A. Kusler Student Scholarship Students
9:15am – 10:00am	Panel: Mitigation Performance Standards – one size does not fit all
10:00am – 10:30am	GROUP PHOTO & BREAK <i>Sponsored by USDOT FHWA</i>
10:30am – 11:00am	Advancements in Mapping Potential Wetland Areas Across the Conterminous U.S.
11:00am – 11:30am	Creating High Resolution Land Cover as Part of a National Framework
11:30am – 12:00pm	Tidal Restrictions Protocol for Wetland Protection, Resiliency, and Planning
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
2:00pm – 2:30pm	Navigating the Murky Waters of Regulation Under the Changing Waters of the U.S. Definition
2:30pm – 3:00pm	Creating a Tribal Wetland Inventory
3:00pm – 3:30pm	BREAK <i>Sponsored by USDOT FHWA</i>
3:30pm – 4:00pm	Incorporating Traditional and Tribal Knowledge into Wetland Mitigation
4:00pm – 4:45pm	Panel: Permitting watershed restoration projects with wetland impacts
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 <i>Sponsored by USDOT FHWA</i>
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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 4
9:15am – 10:00am	Panel: The Benefits of Regional State & Tribal Wetland Working Groups
10:00am – 10:30am	BREAK <i>Sponsored by Meristem</i>
10:30am – 11:00am	A History of Collaborative Wetland Conservation in Nebraska
11:00am – 11:30am	Beyond Regulations: Building Public & Political Support for Voluntary Wetland Restoration
11:30am – 12:00pm	Evaluating Environmental Justice Considerations in TMDL Prioritization
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
2:00pm – 2:30pm	The Blackfeet Nation Wetland Protection and Climate Adaptation Preparedness Efforts
2:30pm – 3:00pm	Case Studies of Local Wetland Protections
3:00pm – 3:30pm	BREAK <i>Sponsored by Meristem</i>
3:30pm – 4:15pm	Panel: Low-tech Process Based Restoration - Challenges & Opportunities
4:15pm – 5:00pm	Panel: Beneath the Surface - Harnessing Peatlands as a Natural Climate Solution
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 <i>Sponsored by Pew</i>
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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
9:30am – 10:00am	How Wet Must a Wetland Be to Have Federal Protections? Estimating a Range of Potential Impacts from Sackett vs EPA Using Flood Frequency
10:00am – 10:30am	BREAK
10:30am – 11:30am	Panel: Tools for conducting a relatively permanent analysis
11:30am – 12:00pm	Raffle Drawing, 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

West Virginia DEP, NRCS, and TNC will lead us on a tour of the Altona marsh complex. The marsh complex is composed of 6 different aquatic resource types including a marl fen and marsh composed of rare plant populations. TNC in conjunction with WVDNR is currently managing the location for spotted turtles and rare plant population habitat. During the site visit you will have the opportunity to observe various wetland/aquatic resource types including a marl hardstem bulrush fen, marl marsh, goldenrod wet meadow, swamp/marsh mosaic, silver maple swamp and beaver influenced open water area. We will have an NRCS soil scientist at the site to discuss marl/peat soil types and formation. The location will also provide an opportunity for attendees to discuss beaver establishment best practices, invasive species control, and the balance between species and conflicting habitat requirements. We hope that you will be able to join NAWM and WVDEP for this opportunity to visit this unique West Virginia wetlands complex.

We plan to carpool from NCTC to visit this site. Lunch will be served in the dining hall prior to the field visit.

The visit will involve hiking and wet locations so please bring appropriate footwear along with water, bug repellent, sunscreen, and any other items you may need for the field. If you have any special needs or specific concerns, please let us know.

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