

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  |
| 2:00pm – 2:30pm | Changing the Narrative on Wetlands (Marla Stelk, Executive Director, NAWM)   |
| 2:30pm – 3:00pm | BREAK  |
| 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.*

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| 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  |
| 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

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| 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  |
| 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

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| 8:00pm – 11:00pm | Bonfire Gathering at Lemon Ring |
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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
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
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
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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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