

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: 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, 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 <i>Sponsored by Pew</i>   |
| 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.*

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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 (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 and Eli Heetderks, 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 4
- 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.*

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| 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 vs EPA Using Flood Frequency (Adam Gold, Environmental Defense Fund)  |
| 10:00am – 10:30am | BREAK   |
| 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) |
| 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 with rare plant populations. TNC in conjunction with WVDNR is currently managing the location for habitat for rare plants and animals. 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 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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