



NEW FEATURES AND PUBLICATIONS 2011-2012

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FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

[Assessing the Natural and Beneficial Functions of Floodplains: Issues and Approaches; Future Directions.](#) A report on current assessment methods for natural resources in the floodplain and recommendations for future actions. This report is in the final phase of revisions and is available on our website.

401 Certification of Nationwide Permits 2010. A report on the best practices used by states in completing 401 Certification of the nationwide permits in 2007.

Evaluation of Programmatic General Permits for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. A report on best practices used by Corps districts and states in developing and implementing programmatic general permits.

In-lieu Fee Program Best Practices. A report on best practices used by the Corp districts and states in developing and implementing In-lieu Fee programs.

Model Regulation for Water Quality Standards for Wetlands. A model regulation and analysis of the content and decision points states should evaluate in developing and applying water quality standards for wetlands appropriate to their state.

Wetland Program Plans: Planning for the Future. A report on how states and tribes can develop wetland program plans to improve and enhance wetland programs over time in one or more of four areas: wetland monitoring and assessment, wetland regulation, wetland water quality standards and wetland restoration.

NEW FEATURES & WEBPAGES

ASWM launched a new website and developed many new webpages in 2011. Some of the new features and webpages are briefly described below.

[I am a Legislator, I am an Educator, I am a Concerned Citizen, I am a Landowner.](#) Information on these webpages targets a selected audience concerned with wetland issues. Includes "[Wetlands as Classrooms](#)".

[Water Quality Standards for Wetlands.](#) Offers the developments of a work-group and publications.

[Floods & Natural Hazards.](#) An expanded webpage. ASWM will develop a page for the **Natural Floodplain Function Alliance** efforts in the final weeks of 2011. In addition, there is a new webpage on the [Mississippi River Flood](#) events of 2011 and related wetland issues.

[Clean Water Act Guidance.](#) A new webpage offers the latest information on the draft joint federal guidance that was released last spring. ASWM facilitated a coalition of organizations that submitted a comment letter on the draft guidance. Other new webpages highlight CWA-jurisdiction issues related to wetlands.

[Climate Change.](#) The latest tools, reports and resources on [Sea Level Rise](#), [Adaptation](#) and [Carbon Sequestration](#) are organized on new webpages. A weekly Climate Change Feature is also available.

Major [News](#) topics from “[Wetland Breaking News](#)” are organized into new webpages under ASWM’s “[News](#)” and “[WBN](#)” homepages. Find news on the [Gulf oil spill](#), [Ag news](#), [job postings](#), [webcasts](#), etc.

[Wetland Bookshelf](#): A new series of webpages features wetland-related books in several genres. The latest “[Recommended Reading](#)” is featured on the blog bi-monthly.

Twitter: ASWM is now on Twitter. Follow @StrangeWetlands on Twitter for the latest blog posts, news stories in between issues of WBN, updates to the ASWM website and other tidbits.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

[401 Certification Summary of the Case Studies, Best Practices](#). A report on the characteristics and best practices used by states in implementing Section 401 certification programs based on case studies of 11 state programs.

[2010 Wetland Mapping Summary](#). ASWM published its final report on the status of state wetland mapping efforts throughout the U.S. This report included webpages with state profiles showing the status of mapping efforts in the states that participated in the study.

[State Wetland Climate Change Adaptation Summaries](#). ASWM published a report on activities underway in state wetland programs to anticipate and adapt to climate change. This included a webpage with a series of state profiles for each state that participated in the study.

[CWA Section 404 Program Assumption: A Handbook for States and Tribes](#). In 2010, ASWM and the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS) convened a national workgroup to facilitate state and tribal “assumption” of the Section 404 Program. This handbook is a product of that workgroup. It is intended to provide concise information to states and tribes interested in 404 program assumption about how a state or tribal 404 program operates, the basic legal requirements for program assumption, and the process of applying, including submitting a complete application to EPA for program approval.

[401 Certification: 11 Case Studies of State Programs](#). ASWM published case studies of 401 Certification programs in 11 states highlighting successful approaches to using the states’ 401 certification authority under the Clean Water Act.

Water Quality Standards for Wetlands Series:

[Part I: State Water Quality Standards for Wetlands](#). This paper addresses the adoption of state water quality standards for wetlands under the Clean Water Act and Environmental Protection Agency.

[Part II: Total Maximal Daily Loads \(TMDLs\) and Wetlands](#). This paper addresses the question of what state and federal requirements have been set for applying Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) to wetlands.

[Part III: How Wetlands Differ from Traditional Waters: What this Means to Wetland Water Quality Standards](#). This paper makes recommendations based on “lessons learned” from 14 states that adopted wetland water quality standards.

[Part IV: Implications and Management Options for Wetlands that Fail to Meet Designated Use Criteria](#). This issue paper addresses the implications and management questions surrounding wetlands that are designated as a 303(d) list (“designated use” criteria), including policy and legal questions.