



2019

ASWM's Annual State/Tribal/Federal Coordination Meeting: Translating Wetland Science into Fair and Reasonable Government Policies

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The purpose of this annual meeting was to support state and tribal wetland program managers, and other wetland professionals as they respond to challenges in the coming year. Changes proposed to Clean Water Act jurisdiction anticipate a larger role for states and tribes in protecting state/tribal waters. These changes will require states and tribes to re-evaluate their respective programs for protecting water resources, specifically state/tribal dredge and fill programs. This could also lead to an increased interest in Section 404 State/Tribal Assumption, as well as require consideration of new legislation in many states that lack the authority to issue dredge and fill permits. Reduced federal or state jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act will also change the relationship between state wetland programs and other federal programs such as the Endangered Species Act, the Oil Pollution Control Act, the National Environmental Policy Act and floodplain management programs.

Changes in water resource programs should be grounded in sound science, smart policies, and integrated decision-making. New initiatives will require outreach about the benefits and challenges of proposed program changes with partners and the public on many levels. To meet these needs, presentations and discussions during this year's three-day meeting covered a range of topical issues.

There were approximately 119 attendees at the workshop and 56 attendees who participated remotely via webinar.

2018

ASWM's Annual State/Tribal/Federal Coordination Meeting: Federalism Re-envisioned: Exploring Possibilities for Enhanced State and Tribal Roles in Water Resources Protection, Conservation and Management

This workshop was held on April 11-12, 2018 at the National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown, West Virginia

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Changes in water resource programs should be grounded in sound science, smart policies, and integrated decision-making. New initiatives will require outreach about the benefits and challenges of proposed program changes with partners and the public on many levels. To meet these needs, presentations and discussions during this year's two-day meeting will cover a range of topical issues. Day one, Wednesday, April 11, will be an open meeting exploring changes proposed to Clean Water Act jurisdiction and adjustments this will require in carrying out state, federal and tribal programs. Day two, Thursday, April 12 will explore state and tribal program innovation and coordination with federal resources, programs and initiatives.

There were approximately 129 attendees at the workshop and 51 attendees who participated remotely via webinar.

2017

ASWM's Annual State/Tribal/Federal Coordination Meeting: Using Sound Science and Effective Communication to Strengthen Wetland Conservation, Restoration and Management

This workshop was held on April 11-13, 2017 at the National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown, West Virginia

The purpose of this annual workshop was to support state and tribal wetland program managers, federal agencies and other wetland professionals as they respond to challenges in the coming year. Every year brings new concerns and new opportunities. This year is no different. Long term protection of wetland resources requires sound science, smart policies, and application of ecosystem principles. Presentations and discussions during the three-day workshop will integrate wetland science, law, and policy to convey proven and effective approaches for state and tribal program managers.

The goal of this meeting was to ensure the states, tribes, federal agencies and other wetland professionals have the information needed to anticipate and respond to challenges in the coming year. To give state and tribal wetland managers an opportunity to share state and regional needs during wetland program and policy discussions. To facilitate collaboration and integration of programs and projects among wetland managers and other professionals involved in related state/tribal programs such as wildlife, stormwater, floodplains, transportation, energy, etc. To identify and prioritize the role of wetlands in broader watershed strategies including protection of

clean water as well as protection from floods and droughts. To identify opportunities for states and tribes and other partners to protect, conserve and restore wetlands and other aquatic resources.

There were approximately 123 attendees at the workshop and 83 attendees who participated remotely via webinar.

2016

ASWM's Annual State/Tribal/Federal Coordination Meeting: Managing Change - Wetland Protection and Restoration in an Era of Changing Water and Energy Demands

This workshop was held on March 29-31, 2016 at the National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown, West Virginia

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The goal of this meeting was to ensure the states, tribes, federal agencies and other wetland professionals have the information needed to anticipate and respond to challenges in the coming year. To give state and tribal wetland managers an opportunity to voice their concerns and to advance state and regional needs during wetland program and policy discussions. To facilitate discussions, collaboration and integration of programs and projects among wetland managers and other professionals involved in related state/tribal programs such as wildlife, stormwater, floodplains, transportation, energy, etc. To identify priority actions needed to protect, conserve and restore wetlands. To identify and prioritize broader watershed strategies including protection of clean water as well as protection from floods and droughts, development of hard and soft infrastructure and mitigation of the effects of a changing climate.

There were approximately 113 attendees at the workshop and 74 attendees who participated remotely via webinar.

2015

ASWM's Annual State/Tribal/Federal Coordination Meeting: The New World of Wetlands: Dealing with Shifting Landscapes, Laws and Climate

This workshop was held on March 24-26, 2015 at the National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown, West Virginia

The purpose of this annual workshop was to support state and tribal wetland program managers, federal agencies and other wetland professionals as they respond to challenges in the coming year. Every year brings new concerns and new opportunities. This year is no different. Long term

protection of wetland resources requires sound science, smart policies, and application of ecosystem principles. Presentations and discussions during the three-day workshop will integrate wetland science, law, and policy to convey proven and effective approaches for state and tribal program managers.

To ensure the states, tribes, federal agencies and other wetland professionals have the information needed to anticipate and respond to challenges in the coming year. To give state and tribal wetland managers—including not only wetland but also related state/tribal programs-- an opportunity to voice their concerns and to advance state and regional needs during wetland program and policy discussions. To identify priority actions needed to protect, conserve and restore wetlands. Waters subject to dredge and fill activity are increasingly reliant on state and tribal wetland programs to integrate avoidance and mitigation of physical alterations with broader watershed strategies including protection of clean water as well as protection from floods and droughts, development of hard and soft infrastructure and mitigation of the effects of a changing climate. Presentations will address wetlands as well as rivers and streams which are receiving increased attention in the context of stream identification, delineation, mitigation and natural hazards such as floods and hurricanes.

There were approximately 127 attendees at the workshop and 109 attendees who participated remotely via webinar.

2014

ASWM's Annual State/Tribal/Federal Coordination Meeting: Connectivity, Collaboration and the Application of Sound Science

This workshop was held on March 4-6, 2014 at the National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown, West Virginia

The purpose of this annual workshop is to support state and tribal wetland program managers, federal agencies and other wetland professionals as they respond to challenges in the coming year. Every year brings new concerns and new opportunities. This year is no different. Long term protection of wetland resources requires sound science, smart policies, and application of ecosystem principles. Presentations and discussions during the three day workshop will integrate wetland science, law, and policy to convey proven and effective approaches for state and tribal managers.

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There were approximately 104 attendees at the workshop and 67 attendees who participated remotely via webinar.

2013

ASWM's Annual State/Tribal/Federal Coordination Meeting: Conserving Wetlands and Waterways for Future Generations

This workshop was held on March 19-21, 2013 at the National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown, West Virginia

The purpose of this annual workshop was to support state and tribal wetland program managers, federal agencies and other wetland professionals as they respond to challenges in the coming year. Every year brings new concerns and new opportunities. This year is no different. Long term protection of wetland resources requires sound science, smart policies, and application of ecosystem principles. Presentations and discussions during the three-day workshop will integrate wetland science, law, and policy to convey proven and effective approaches for state and tribal managers.

The workshop was an opportunity to explore and comment on the potential implications of shifts in national priorities. It will enable states and tribes to anticipate these changes and include them in their strategic plans. Many states are currently developing wetland program plans--strategic plans for holistic wetland program development encouraged through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's wetland grant program. States and tribes' wetland program plans may focus on monitoring wetland health, developing water quality standards, building tools for implementing regulatory programs and/or pursuing restoration and other incentives for wetlands protection and conservation.

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There were approximately 73 attendees at the workshop and 84 attendees who participated remotely via webinar.

2012

ASWM's Annual State/Tribal/Federal Coordination Meeting: Sustaining the Nation's Commitment to No Net Loss of Wetlands Through Challenging Times,

This workshop was held on March 13-15, 2012 at the National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown, West Virginia

The purpose of this annual workshop is to help state and tribal wetland program managers and federal agencies respond effectively and cooperatively to challenges in the coming year. 2012 will be a year of change in wetland and water program policy at the state, tribal and national levels. Presentations and discussions during the three-day workshop will help participants respond to the changes and challenges ahead.

The goal of this meeting was to identify priorities and to ensure that the states, tribes and federal agencies had the information needed to effectively respond to changes in national and regional wetland policy and programs in the coming year. Agenda topics addressed all wetlands and also include rivers and streams, which are receiving increased attention in the context of physical alteration, stream delineation, mitigation and flooding. Waters subject to dredge and fill activity are increasingly reliant on state and tribal wetland programs to integrate physical alterations with watershed strategies that include protection of overall water quality and moderation of water quantity (protection from floods and droughts).

There were approximately 102 attendees at the workshop and 53 attendees who participated remotely via webinar.

2011

ASWM's Annual State/Federal Coordination Meeting: Conservation, Regulation and Management of Headwater Wetlands,

This workshop was held on March 22-24, 2011 at the National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

The purpose of this annual workshop was to help state and tribal wetland program managers and federal agencies respond effectively and cooperatively to challenges in the coming year. The meeting provides a forum for discussing new guidance, policies and proposed rules. New scientific research and data collection/analysis innovations were also included among the topics discussed.

The goal of this workshop was to identify priority actions and to ensure the states, tribes and federal agencies have information needed to effectively respond to changes in national and regional wetland policies and programs in the coming year. Agenda topics addressed all wetlands overall but was particularly applicable to headwater wetlands that are increasingly reliant on state and tribal wetland programs for conservation, regulation and management.

There were approximately 83 attendees at the workshop and 42 attendees who participated remotely via webinar.

2010

ASWM's Annual State/Federal Coordination Meeting: Clean Water, Wetlands and the Law: New Tools and Opportunities

This workshop was held on February 23-25, 2010 at the National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

The focus was to help state and tribal wetland program managers, and federal agencies respond effectively and cooperatively to challenges in the coming year. This will be a year of change in wetland and water program policy at the state, tribal and national levels. Workshop presentations and discussions during the three-day workshop helped participants respond to the changes and challenges ahead.

The goal of this workshop was to identify priority actions and to ensure the states, tribes, and federal agencies have information needed to effectively respond to changes in national and regional wetland policies and programs in the coming year.

There were approximately 95 attendees.

2009

ASWM's Annual State/Federal Coordination Meeting: Opportunities to Streamline and Integrate Section 404 with Other Clean Water Act Programs through State/Tribal Leadership

This workshop was held on March 17-19, 2009 at the National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

The purpose of this annual workshop was to help state and tribal wetland program managers and federal agencies respond effectively and cooperatively to protect federal, state, and tribal waters. Presentations and discussions during the three-day workshop helped participants prepare for the challenges ahead.

The goal of this workshop was to identify priority actions and to ensure the states, tribes, and federal agencies have information needed to effectively integrate Section 404 with other Clean Water Act programs.

There were approximately 93 attendees.

2008

ASWM's Annual State/Federal Coordination Meeting, May 28-30, 2008

This workshop was a series of concurrent sessions at the Society of Wetland Scientists 2008 annual conference: Capitalizing on Wetlands. It was held on May 26-30 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC. ASWM's state/federal coordination session ran from Wednesday, May 28 through Friday, May 30th. This symposium addressed State/Federal

coordination and focused on opportunities for restoring, protecting and enhancing wetlands by applying sound science to national, state, tribal and local wetland policy and programs.

Wetlands 2008: Wetlands and Global Climate Change, September 16-18, 2008

This workshop was held at the Doubletree Hotel & Executive Meeting Center Portland-Lloyd Center, Portland, Oregon. The purpose of this symposium was to identify opportunities and cooperative strategies for managing wetlands and water resources in response to climate change while meeting the ongoing challenges of conserving and protecting wetlands.

There were 375 attendees.

2007

State/Tribal/Federal Coordination Workshop: The Clean Water Act: Applying Sound Science to Address Program Revisions, Court Challenges and Opportunities for Wetlands and Headwaters, March 27-29, 2007

This workshop was held at the National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. ASWM's annual winter meeting on State/Federal coordination focused on the opportunities for restoring, protecting and enhancing wetlands through improved programs and stronger partnerships. Opportunities and challenges created by, federal and state rule-making, federal/state opportunities for program integration, Supreme Court decisions, limited funding, natural hazards, wetland mapping, global climate change, wetland quality standards and other issues were explored.

Strengthening the Roles of Local Governments, Land Trusts, and Watershed Councils in Protecting Vulnerable Wetlands and Aquatic Resources, June 3-6, 2007

This workshop was held in Park City, Utah and addressed the challenges to protecting, managing and conserving wetlands in the West, particularly those wetlands and waters excluded from protection under the Clean Water Act. There are a number of unique issues that affect wetlands in the West such as low precipitation, water rights and high competition for all water resources. The workshop identified tools, programs, funding, and other resources that are available to local governments, land trusts and watershed councils. It highlighted case studies and provided special emphasis on the application of science in local approaches to wetlands conservation, protection and management.

There were approximately 85 attendees.

Wetlands 2007: Watershed Strategies to Protect and Restore Wetland Ecological and Social Services: Conserving Headwater Wetlands and Streams to: Improve Water Quality, Reduce Natural Hazards, Maintain Biodiversity, and Protect and Restore Coastal Resources, August 27-29, 2007

This workshop was held at the Colonial Williamsburg Lodge and Conference Center, Williamsburg, Virginia. In recent years, scientific and engineering studies have documented the value of ecological and social services provided by headwater wetlands and streams. Protecting

and restoring these areas is critical to sustaining the ecological and social services provided by broader aquatic resources including larger riverine and coastal systems. The loss of these critical resources results in threats to human health and safety, and higher costs for drinking water, storm water control, flood protection and recreation. However, federal, state and local programs have encountered numerous challenges in efforts to restore and maintain these critical resources. The purpose of this symposium was to identify opportunities and integrated strategies for protecting and restoring headwater wetlands, streams and related waters.

There were approximately 230 attendees.

2006

Strengthening Federal/State Cooperation in Wetland Programs-Opportunities and Challenges, February 28 - March 2, 2006

This workshop was held in Washington, DC. ASWM's annual winter meeting on State/Federal coordination focused on the opportunities for restoring, protecting and enhancing wetlands through stronger partnerships. Opportunities and challenges created by natural hazards, Supreme Court challenges, limited funding, federal and state rule-making, federal/state opportunities for program integration, wetland status and trends analyses, mapping, wetland water quality standards and other issues was also explored.

There were approximately 107 attendees.

Wetlands 2006: Applying Scientific, Legal, and Management Tools to the Great Lakes and Beyond, August 28-31, 2006

This workshop was held at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme, Michigan. ASWM's Wetlands 2006 annual conference addressed issues of importance in the Great Lakes region of the United States and Canada. Topics included restoring northern forested wetlands, invasive species, watershed restoration, public trust and legal issues in the Great Lakes states, monitoring and assessment, changing lake levels, and other topics.

There were approximately 286 attendees.

2005

From Net Loss to Net Gain: Measuring Wetland Quality and Quantity - Opportunities and Challenges, March 22-24, 2005

This workshop was held in Washington, DC. ASWM's annual winter meeting on State/Federal Coordination focused on the President's Earth Day goal of restoring, protecting and enhancing three million wetland acres over the next five years. The workshop addressed data collection, mapping and status and trends issues associated with measuring progress towards achieving the net gain goal.

There were approximately 100 attendees.

Wetland Assessment Techniques Workshop: Reconciling Assessment Methods for Riverine Wetlands, Streams, Riparian Areas, and Floodplains in a Watershed Context, May 4, 2005

This workshop was held at the Hall of States in Washington, DC. The overall goal of this workshop was to hold a one-day forum with experts in assessment to discuss how to simultaneously apply stream, riverine wetland, riparian area, and floodplain management assessment techniques. This includes use of techniques in regulatory and restoration contexts on both a case-by-case (e.g. permit-by-permit basis) and for use on a watershed or area-wide basis.

There were approximately 21 Attendees.

Symposia on Measuring Net Gain, Assessing Cumulative Impacts, Regionalizing the '87 Manual and Workshop for Local Governments. *These symposia was conducted as part of the Society of Wetland Scientists (SWS) 26th Annual International Wetlands Meeting, Coastal Plain Wetlands: Ecological, Landscape, and Regulatory Transformations on June 5-10, 2005 in Charleston, South Carolina. The Association of State Wetland Managers (ASWM) held three symposiums and one half-day workshop as part of the SWS Annual Conference.*

The ASWM annual conference was conducted as part of the SWS annual meeting to promote collaboration between scientists and wetland program managers and encourage the incorporation of sound science into wetland program delivery.

Wetland and Riparian Area Legal Workshop: Identifying "Waters of the U.S." After SWANCC, October 18-19, 2005

This workshop was held at the Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid North in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The goals of this workshop were to help attendees understand the impact of SWANCC, including what wetlands and related waters are "waters of the U.S." after SWANCC. The workshop also considered techniques for filling the gaps created by SWANCC. Legal materials were developed and compiled for use by workshop participants and for distribution at other ASWM meetings during the coming year.

There were approximately 118 attendees.

Workshop: Integrated Restoration of Riverine Wetlands, Streams, Riparian Areas, and Floodplains in Watershed Contexts, November 15-16, 2005

The workshop was held at the University of Amherst Campus Center, Amherst, Massachusetts. The principal workshop goal was to build state, tribal, local government, federal, and private stream, riparian, and floodplain capabilities to simultaneously restore riverine wetlands, streams, riparian areas, and floodplains in a watershed context.

There were approximately 155 attendees.

2004

Annual Federal/State Wetland Programs Winter Meeting: Pre-Workshop: Improving State/Federal Cooperation Through Improved Partnerships Under the Clean Water Act and the 2002 Farm Bill, March 24, 2004

The workshop was held at the Hall of the States, Washington, D.C. The goal of the workshop was to provide updates on State and Federal Agency policies, regulations, and other activities; improve cooperation in Federal/State wetland efforts; discuss/compare state-based solutions to program and policy implementation; analyze court decisions effecting wetlands; compare federal and state compensatory mitigation policies; discuss federal funding for implementation of state wetland programs; identify opportunities for State/Federal cooperation under the 2002 Farm Bill; and identify future challenges for state and federal programs.

There were approximately 65 attendees.

State/Federal Technical Workshop: Developing “Outcome-Based” Wetland Protection and Restoration Programs; Measuring and Monitoring Success, March 25-26, 2004

This workshop was held at the Hall of the States, Washington, D.C. This workshop assisted state, federal agencies, and local governments in the development and implementation of “outcome” based wetland protection and restoration efforts to improve monitoring and assessment, compensatory mitigation, and protection of vulnerable wetlands. The workshop focused on implementation of a “no net loss/net gain” goal.

There were approximately 65 attendees.

Wetlands 2004: Wetlands and Migratory Birds: Protecting and Restoring Wetlands of International Significance, October 19-22, 2004. With a Field Seminar: Wetlands and Bird Habitat in Living Landscapes, October 21-22, 2004, Great Bend, Kansas

This workshop was held in Kansas City, Missouri. The goal of this symposium and field seminar was to build wetland/bird partnerships and provide training and technical assistance to attendees to better protect and restore wetlands of international significance. These wetlands include some of the nation's most vulnerable wetlands including Prairie Potholes, playas, bogs, and coastal salt marshes.

There were approximately 125 attendees.

2003

Annual State/Federal Cooperation Workshop, January 28-29, 2003

This meeting was held at the Hall of States, Washington, D.C. for State Agency Wetland Managers, Federal Agency staff and others. This three-day meeting included discussions on state and federal legislative and policy/program activities such as mitigation, wetland water quality regulations, wetland restoration, and new wetland status and trends studies.

There were 75 attendees.

Reconciling and Applying Assessment and Monitoring Techniques for Wetlands and Related Ecosystems, Invitational Workshop, May 6, 2003

The meeting was held in Washington, DC. The goal of this project was to improve capacity of states and local governments, tribes, federal agencies and consultants to apply and reconcile wetlands monitoring and assessment techniques for use on both a case-by-case (e.g. permit-by-permit basis) and over the longer term for use on a regional or area-wide basis.

National Symposium: Wetlands 2003: Landscape Scale Wetland Assessment and Management, October 20-24, 2003

The symposium was held in Nashua, New Hampshire. The overall goal of this national symposium was to build the capabilities of local governments, states, federal agencies, not for profits and others to assess and manage wetlands and related ecosystems on a landscape level basis.

There were 240 attendees.

Restoring Streams, Riparian Areas, Floodplains; Tailoring Restoration to Community Needs and Scientific Contexts, Inventory and Monitoring, November 16-19, 2003

This workshop was held at the Macey Center in Socorro, New Mexico. The purpose of this workshop was to build state, tribal, local government, federal, and private capabilities to restore streams, riparian areas, and floodplains in the Southwest. The overall question for the workshop is: "How can the effectiveness of stream, riparian area, and floodplain restoration be improved?" Presentations focused on the status and progress of restoration science and the application of scientific methods "on the ground."

There were approximately 100 attendees.

Wetlands and Floodplains: State/Federal Legal Workshop: Filling the Gaps in State and Federal Programs Through State and Local Actions; Avoiding Takings and Other Problems, December 2-3, 2003

This workshop was held at the Lowes L' Enfant Plaza, Washington, D.C. This two-day workshop focused on 1) identifying gaps in wetland and floodplain protection, 2) providing an update on recent relevant court decisions, 3) identifying state legislation that could address gaps, and 4) describing strategies for avoiding "taking" and enforcement challenges and 5) preparing for court litigation when necessary.

There were approximately 65 attendees.

2002

Annual State Wetland Programs Winter Meeting, February 2002

The goal of this meeting was to provide updates on state and federal agency policies, regulations, and other activities; improve cooperation in federal/state wetland efforts; discuss/compare state-based solutions to program and policy implementation; analyze the potential for national court and legislative action effecting wetlands; and identify future challenges for state and federal programs. This meeting was held at the Hall of States in Washington, D.C.

There were 80 attendees.

Wetlands and Climate Change, June 2002

This symposium was held in conjunction with the Society of Wetland Scientist International Committee meeting in Lake Placid, New York. The goal was to assess the status of scientific knowledge about the roles of wetlands in carbon sequestering and methane production.

Wetlands 2002: Restoring Impaired Wetlands and Other Waters, October 2002

The 2002 annual association meeting was held in Indianapolis, Indiana, October 7-9, 2002. The goal of the meeting was to examine the successes and failures of science and policy related to restoration of wetlands and related waters and, most importantly, to point to methods for improving future success.

There were more than 300 attendees.

Mid-Atlantic Stream Restoration Workshop, November 2002

The goal of this workshop was to build state, tribal, local government, federal, and private capabilities to restore streams, wetlands, riparian areas, and floodplains in the Mid-Atlantic States. This workshop was held at the Bear Mountain Inn, Bear Mountain, New York.

There were 200 attendees.

2001

Annual State Wetland Programs Winter Meeting, March 2001

The goal of the workshop was to provide updates on state and federal agency policies, regulations, and other activities; improve cooperation in federal/state wetland efforts; discuss/compare state-based solutions to program and policy implementation; analyze the potential for national court and legislative action effecting wetlands; and identify future challenges for state and federal programs. This meeting was held at the Hall of States in Washington, D.C.

There were 75 attendees.

Creating a Northeast Action Agenda: Dam Removal and the Restoration of Biological Integrity, May 1-2, 2001

The goal of this workshop was to bring together technical experts and groups working with dam removal in the Northeast to meet each other, learn from their respective projects and to build consensus among Northeastern experts on future directions for dam removal. This workshop was held at the Sheraton Inn in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

There were 55 attendees.

National Symposium and Workshop Coastal and Estuarine Wetland Restoration Into The New Millennium: Improving Effectiveness, June 2001

The goal of this symposium was to improve the effectiveness of coastal and estuarine wetland restoration in the new Millennium. What have we learned? What are the gaps? What are productive future directions? What are sources of possible future funding? This symposium was held at the Radisson Hotel in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

There were 200 attendees.

Training Workshop: Restoring Streams, Riparian Areas and Floodplains in the Southwest: Improving Landowner Assistance; Incorporating Scientific Advances, October 2001

The goal of this workshop was to build state, tribal, local government, federal and private stream, riparian, and floodplain capabilities to restore streams, riparian areas, and floodplains in the Southwest. The guiding question for the workshop was: "How can the effectiveness of stream, riparian areas, and floodplain restoration be improved?" This workshop was held at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

There were 300 attendees.

2000

State Wetland Programs: Taking Stock at the Millennium, February 2000

The goal of this workshop was to provide updates on federal agency policies, regulations, and other activities; improve cooperation in federal/state wetland efforts; analyze the potential for national legislation that addresses wetlands and related issues; provide state wetland program managers with opportunity to exchange information on their programs; and identify future trends with regard to state and federal programs. It was held at the Hall of States in Washington, D.C.

There were 75 attendees.

Northeast Training Workshop Stream Restoration: Natural Channel Design, May 2000

The goal of this workshop was to promote and build the capabilities of local governments, states, federal agencies, nonprofits and others in the Northeast to protect and restore rivers, streams, and associated wetlands, with special emphasis on natural channel design for problem solving and prevention. This workshop was held at the Lake Morey Inn Resort in Fairlee, Vermont.

Approximately 300 attended this workshop.

Wetland, Migratory Birds, & Ecotourism Workshop, October 2000

The goal of this workshop was to provide participants with the tools needed to put together wetlands, migratory bird, and ecotourism planning processes; demonstrate the economic benefits of wetland and migratory bird ecotourism; develop recommendations and/or solutions for implementing community-based wetland tourism practices that have the potential to be replicated in other parts of the world; and to help establish the tools needed for an ecotourism planning process in the Gulf of Maine. The workshop was held in Newburyport and Ipswich, Massachusetts.

There were approximately 80 attendees.

1999

Wetlands and Climate Change: Scientific Knowledge and Management, February 1999

The primary goals of this workshop were to review and provide recommendations for revising a White Paper on wetlands and climate change that will summarize, on a preliminary basis, scientific knowledge and wetland management options. This workshop also provided a forum for the presentation of relevant U.S. Global Climate Change and IPCC programs and research findings, and the identification of wetland systems of greatest risk from global change and other stresses. It also defined research priorities and information needs. There were 100 attendees. A White Paper was prepared. This workshop was held at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Patuxent Research Refuge in Laurel, Maryland.

Building Conservation Partnerships With Indigenous Peoples in the Northeast: Joint Education and Capacity Building, September 1999

The goal of this workshop was to build conservation and restoration partnerships for wetlands, floodplains, rivers, and related ecosystems between indigenous peoples and federal agencies, states, local governments, not for profits and other groups and individuals. It was held at the Kanatoken (St. Regis) Recreation Center, St. Regis Mohawk Reservation, Hogansburg, New York and Adirondack Park Visitor Interpretive Center, Paul Smiths, New York.

There were 125 attendees.

Wetland Public Outreach and Education Forum “Getting the Message Out: New Techniques and New Partners for the Millennium”, September 1999

The goals of this workshop were to define important messages, key audiences, and effective techniques to improve wetland outreach and education efforts. There were 45 attendees. It was held at the Channel Inn Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Building Wetland Protection & Restoration Capacity in Developing Nations, September 1999

The goals of this meeting were to acquaint members of the Coordinating Council with each other and to review council objectives, help organize and develop an agenda for Wetlands International - USA, identify measures that various groups and organizations are undertaking to build the capacity of developing nations in the protection and restoration of wetlands, define present unmet needs in underdeveloped countries, and identify opportunities and possible joint measures to improve capacity of those countries. There were 30 attendees. This meeting was held at the Channel Inn in Washington D.C.

Wetlands '99 Restoration: Applying Restoration Science, October 1999

The goal was to build support at all levels of government for the restoration, creation and enhancement of wetland, riparian area, floodplain, river and stream, coastal and estuarine and related ecosystems. This meeting was held at the Radisson Hotel in Annapolis, Maryland.

There were 250 attendees.

1998

Landscape Level Wetland Assessment, April 1998

This workshop was held in Arlington, Virginia with the goal of helping improve landscape-level (area-wide) assessment of wetlands and related ecosystems for local land planning, local water planning, infrastructure planning, public land regulation, acquisition, and other purposes.

There were 100 attendees.

Selecting and Using Wetland Reference Sites, May 1998

The goal of this workshop was to help answer the questions: “How can wetland reference and reference sites be used to help protect, restore, and manage wetlands and related floodplain and aquatic ecosystems on a landscape level basis?” More specifically, “How can wetland reference and reference sites be best used to meet planning, regulatory, restoration, educational, interpretation, research, monitoring, and other management needs?” This workshop was held at the Institute of Ecosystem Studies, Millbrook, New York.

There were 65 attendees.

Wetlands '98: Integrating Wetland/Floodplain Ecosystems into Water Resources/Watershed Management, September 1998

The goal of this workshop, held in St. Louis, Missouri, was to help improve communication and reduce the gap between wetland/floodplain ecosystem management and water resources development/watershed management; bring ecologists and water resource engineers together to identify common needs and interests; facilitate the development and application of landscape-level ecosystem and water resources assessment techniques for application by the states, federal agencies, local governments, and the private sector; facilitate the development of wetland/floodplain ecosystem impact reduction and compensation measures in water resources development and watershed management; and develop a priority set of recommendations for better integrating wetlands and water resources/watershed management at state, federal and local levels.

There were 200 attendees.

Wetlands and Water Resources (Watershed) Management, November 1998

The goals of this workshop were to facilitate communication between local governments, federal and state agencies, nonprofit organizations, academic institutions, consultants, landowners, developers and others working with wetlands and watershed management in New York and the Northeast; provide “how-to” training and guidance about wetland and watershed management, including specific techniques and approaches; and to improve communication and reduce the gap between wetland/floodplain management and water resources development/watershed management.

This workshop was held in Saratoga Springs, New York and had 125 attendees.

1997

Wetlands'97: The Future of Wetland Assessment: Applying Science through the Hydrogeomorphic Assessment Approach and Other Approaches, March 1997

The principal goal of this symposium and workshop was to provide a forum on the use and improvement of wetland assessment techniques, including uses and limitations for regulatory, acquisition, restoration, land and water management.

This symposium was held in Annapolis, Maryland and had 310 attendees.

Building Native American Partnerships: Wetlands Conservation Planning for the Protection and Restoration of Wetland, Floodplain, and River Systems, June 1997

The goal of this workshop, held in Green Bay, Wisconsin, was to help Native Americans and others develop and implement cooperative wetland/floodplain/riparian zone conservation partnerships.

There were 150 attendees.

1996

State/Federal Cooperation to Resolving Conflicts in Wetlands and Agriculture, February 1996

This workshop, held in Washington, D.C., was attended by state wetland managers, representatives, federal agency staff, representatives of the agricultural community and representatives of not-for-profits.

There were 55 attendees.

Wetland Assessment: Implementing the HGM Methodology and State Programmatic and Nationwide Permits, April 1996

This workshop, held in Washington, D.C., aimed to formulate a work plan for cooperation between federal agencies and the states in implementing HGM and to discuss approaches for making the nationwide permits more effective in protecting wetland resources and better meeting landowner needs. There were 65 attendees.

Workshop Coordinator: Jon Kusler, Association of State Wetland Managers

Wetlands '96: Forming Fair and Effective Partnerships with a National Workshop and Training Session in Wetland Floodplain and River On-line Services and GIS Applications, July 1996

The goal of the workshop, held in Arlington, Virginia, was to help states, federal agencies, local governments, consultants and others evaluate the uses and limitations of various geoinformation and other on-line services and help them make better use of such approaches. There were 250 attendees.

1995

Solving Landowner Problems and Improving the Protection and Restoration of Wetland and Riparian Systems, February 1995

This meeting, held in Columbia, Missouri, focused on solving landowner problems and improving the protection and restoration of wetland and riparian systems.

There were 100 attendees.

Strengthening State, Federal and Local Partnerships, March 1995

The goal of the workshop, held in Washington, D.C., was to strengthen state, federal, and local partnerships to better protect and restore wetlands.

There were 75 attendees.

Wetlands '95: National Symposium: Watershed Management and Wetland Ecosystems, Implementing Fair, Flexible, and Effective Approaches, April 1995

The goal of this project and symposium, held in Tampa, Florida, was to promote the management of wetlands in a watershed context and the integration of wetlands and other aquatic ecosystem management into broader watershed management efforts, including floodplain management, stormwater management, water supply, water quality protection, and recreation.

There were 250 attendees. A proceeding was prepared.

Meeting Landowner and Resource Conservation Needs Through Partnership Approaches, June 1995

The goal of the workshop, held in Omaha, Nebraska, was to aid state and local government needs in planning, managing and restoring wetlands and riparian areas.

There were 150 attendees.

1994

Identifying Potential Post-Flood Floodplain/Wetland Restoration Sites for the Mississippi Basin (Including the Missouri and Other Tributaries): Meeting Short-Term and Long-Term Programmatic Needs: Looking For Win/Win Opportunities, January 1994

This workshop was the third in a series dealing with post flood recovery and mitigation of future losses. The goal was to focus on the identification of restoration sites.

It was held in St. Louis, Missouri with 55 attendees.

Restoration of Aquatic Ecosystems: Developing a National Agenda, June 1994

The goal of this symposium, held in St Paul, Minnesota, was to help develop a national strategy for facilitating the restoration of wetlands, streams and lakes on a watershed basis at all levels of government and the private sector in the United States and in other countries.

There were 225 attendees.

1993

Wetlands and Watershed (Water Resources) Management, 1993

A series of five workshops with 600 participants were conducted in the fall of 1992 and spring of 1993 by the association or cooperating parties in conjunction with the association in West Palm Beach, Florida; Eugene, Oregon; Niagara Falls, New York; Atlanta, Georgia; and Reno, Nevada.

Annual Membership Meeting and International Wetland Symposium: Improving Wetland Public Outreach, Training and Education, Interpretation, June 1993

The goal of this symposium was to improve wetland regulatory, planning, land management and other wetland conservation efforts through improved wetland education, interpretation, training, technical assistance, and other outreach efforts.

There were 150 attendees. A proceeding was prepared.

Post Flood Recovery and the Restoration of Mississippi Basin Floodplains, Including Riparian Habitat and Wetlands, September 1993

This workshop was the second in a series dealing with post-flood recovery and mitigation of future losses. The goal of this workshop was to explore potential opportunities and incentives for private landowners and governmental units who wished to relocate and/or restore floodplain areas. A second goal was to help form partnerships for restoring (or managing) the Mississippi Basin floodplains as part of post flood recovery.

There were 150 attendees.

1992

Strengthening State/Federal Wetland Protection and Restoration in Water-Scarce Regions, March 1992

The goal of this meeting, attended by 30 people in Houston, Texas, was to identify approaches for the states to strengthen wetland and riparian habitat protection and restoration in cooperation with the federal governments and the private sector.

State Perspectives on Wetland Classification, March 1992

This technical workshop had 80 participants from 23 states and was held in Washington, D.C. A report was prepared.

Wetland Delineation: Drafting a State Wetland Delineation Manual or Revising the Proposed Federal Wetland Delineation Manual, March 1992

This technical workshop dealt with wetland delineation. It had approximately 100 participants from 22 states and was held in Washington, D.C.

National Wetland Symposium: Effective Mitigation: Mitigation Banks and Joint Projects in the Context of Wetland Management Plans, June 1992

The focus of this meeting, held in West Palm Beach, Florida, was mitigation banks and joint projects in the broader context of wetland management. There were 375 attendees. A proceeding was prepared.

1991

National Workshop on State Wetland Regulations: Wetlands and Water Quality, Clean Water Act Reauthorization, and State Wetland Conservation Plans, May 1991

This three-day invitational workshop, held in Wilmington, Delaware, was attended by 130 individuals from 25 states.

National Symposium and Annual Meeting: Regulation of Altered, Artificial, and Managed Wetlands, September 1991

This meeting, held in Chicago, Illinois, focused on the difficult technical and policy issues in regulating altered, artificial, and managed wetlands with special emphasis on agricultural wetlands. A proceeding was prepared. About 300 people attended.

1990

No Net Loss and the Role of Restoration/Creation, April 1990

This association meeting was hosted by the U.S. Army Waterways Experiment Station in Jackson, Mississippi. There were 420 participants. Many of the papers presented are in the new Island Press/EPA publication: Wetland Creation and Restoration: Status of the Science, edited by Jon Kusler, ASWM, and Mary Kentula, EPA.

Urban Stream and River Corridors: A Multi-objective Management Symposium, April 1990

The Portland, Oregon Audubon Society presented this meeting with which the association cooperated. Topics addressed included multi-objective management and restoration of urban streams, river corridors, and wetlands.

There were 650 attendees and speakers.

International Symposium: Wetlands of the Great Lakes, May 1990

Approximately 200 attended this meeting in Niagara Falls, New York. Half of the speakers and attendees were from the U.S. and half were from Canada. The focus of the program was on techniques to better protect and restore Great Lakes wetlands in both the U.S. and Canada. A proceeding was prepared.

Federal Wetland Delineation Manual Training Workshop, September 1990

This training-the-trainers delineation course was conducted in Zion, Illinois. The program had 50 participants from 23 states. Problems and issues with the Federal Wetland Delineation Manual were also addressed.

State Wetland Workshop: Addressing Critical Issues – Federal/State Coordination and Cooperation, September 1990

This Washington, D.C. meeting focused on emerging issues in federal/state wetland programs. It identified new directions and innovative approaches in state programs, and made recommendations for improving federal/state coordination and cooperation. There were 50 representatives from various states, although not all states participated.

International Symposium: Ecotourism and the Conservation of Natural Resources, November 1990

This meeting was held in Miami Beach, Florida, and attended by more than 400 individuals from 30 countries. The meeting focused on opportunities for reconciling resource protection with economic development. A proceeding was prepared.

1989

1st International Symposium: Ecotourism, April 1989

This symposium was held in Mérida, Mexico and focused on the Yucatan, with presentations from the U.S. and participation from other countries.

A proceeding was prepared. There were 225 attendees.

International Symposium: Wetlands and River Corridor Management, July 1989

This meeting was held in Charleston, South Carolina and was attended by 380, and included representatives from 20 countries. Presentations addressed river and stream corridor management, including the adjacent riverine and estuarine wetlands, from a natural systems protection and restoration perspective. A proceeding was prepared.

Implementing No Net Loss: Issues and Options for the States, November 1989

This Washington, D.C. meeting drew approximately 200 individuals from 42 states. A variety of concerns about the no net loss goal were raised, and many recommendations for implementation of this goal were made by attendees.

Translating No Net Loss Into Regulations, November 1989

The association collaborated on this meeting, which was conducted and hosted by the New Hampshire Wetlands Board in Manchester, New Hampshire.

Approximately 200 people attended.

1988

National Wetland Symposium: Urban Wetlands, June 1988

This symposium focused on urban wetland management issues. A proceeding was prepared.

There were 450 attendees.

1987

National Wetland Symposium: Wetland Hydrology, September 1987

This symposium focused on wetland hydrology. A proceeding was prepared. There were 250 attendees.

1986

National Wetland Symposium: Mitigation of Impacts and Losses, October 1986

This symposium was held to answer the question: What progress has been made in developing techniques for reducing the impacts of activities conducted in wetlands or compensating for such impacts through wetland restoration or creation?

A proceeding was prepared. There were 520 attendees.

1985

National Wetlands Assessment Symposium, June 1985

This symposium addressed wetland assessment issues. A proceeding was prepared. There were 250 attendees.

1984

Wetland Protection: Strengthening the Role of the States, September 1984

This national symposium addressed state wetland protection programs. A proceeding was prepared. There were 220 attendees.