ASWM ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2017

The Association of State Wetland Managers (ASWM) has had a very busy year. There have been many opportunities and complex issues to address. Below, this document provides an overview of the major projects and activities of ASWM during 2017.

ASWM Studies/Reports/Tools Published in 2017:

- Wetland Restoration White Paper: Contemporary Issues and Lessons Learned
- ASWM Wetland Communications Case Studies Project Report
- Government Liability for Flood Hazards

ASWM-hosted Webinars Delivered in 2017 (30 total):

- Hosted 7 Members' webinars with topics alternating between science, policy and legal issues
- Hosted 7 Hot Topics webinars and responded to time sensitive critical issues such as the new Nationwide Permit Rule
- Hosted 5 Wetland Mapping Consortium webinars
- Hosted 3 Invasive Species webinars
- Hosted 6 Natural Floodplain Functions Alliance webinars
- Hosted 2 Clean Water Act Webinars
- Posted webinar downloads reached 7,965 in 2017 (18.8% increase since 2016)
ASWM Online Training Modules Developed in 2017:
- 12 Hydric Soils online training modules with knowledge quizzes and certificates

ASWM-coordinated On-the-Ground Training in 2017:
- 2017 State/Tribal/Federal Coordination Meeting
- EPA Region 7 Plant ID field workshop
- Region 4 Training
- Guidance Document for On-the-Ground Hydric Soils Training

ASWM Served on FACA Committee on Assumable Waters
- Served on EPA’s Assumable Waters Subcommittee convened under the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT)
- Co-wrote draft Final Report of the Assumable Waters Subcommittee

Formal Comment Letters Submitted in 2017:
- Comment Letter on the Proposal to Amend the Effective Date of the 2015 Clean Water Rule
- Comment Letter in Response to Outreach Request on CWA Jurisdiction Step 2 Rulemaking
- ACWA/ECOS/ASWM Comment Letter to House Leadership Highlighting Concerns about H.R.3043, Hydropower Modernization Act of 2017
- Comment Letter on Proposal to Rescind the 2015 Clean Water Rule
- Signed onto Letter on Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA)
- Co-Signed Letter on Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (S.1120)

Social Media Outreach in 2017:

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ASWM Periodic Publications Ongoing in 2017:
- Wetland Breaking News (monthly)
- Insiders’ Edition (weekly)
- Wetland News (Bi-monthly)

ASWM Membership Development in 2017:
- Implemented ASWM Membership development plan, including new fee structure and benefits
- Between December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2017, welcomed 130 new members, representing a 22% increase in memberships
- Current number of members (April 2018): 871 members

ASWM Speaking Engagements/Presentations in 2017:
- Association of State Floodplain Managers Conference
- Society of Wetland Scientists Annual Conference
- River Rally
- Interagency Riparian and Wetland Assessment Workshop
- Michigan Wetlands Association Annual Conference
- American Law Institute Clean Water Act Meeting
- AWRA Conference
- Association of State Floodplain Managers Annual Meeting
Organizational Capacity Building/Recognition Efforts:

- Reviewed and updated ASWM Constitution
- Reviewed and revised ASWM’s Five-Year Strategic Plan
- Conducted two ASWM Board of Director Orientation Sessions
- Developed transition plan for Executive Director Position
- Reviewed and enhanced membership recruitment and benefits, increasing membership
- Created a new system to automate the delivery of certificates for webinars/online modules
- Revised ASWM accounting systems
- Updated telephone system
- Co-nominated National Wetland Award Winner Collis Adams, New Hampshire DES and attended Award Ceremony at the National Arboretum
- ASWM Distinguished Service Award presented to Jim Pendergast
- ASWM Ruby Slippers Award presented to Stephen Samuels
- American Wetland Month Facebook Photo Contest

ASWM PROJECTS & INITIATIVES FOR 2018:

- Improving Wetland/Aquatic Resource Protection through §401 Certification of Linear Oil and Gas Energy Transmission Development Project Permits
- Healthy Wetlands, Healthy Watersheds: Leveraging state wetland restoration and protection programs to improve watershed health
- NRCS Conservation Planning Wetland Training Project
- Army Corps of Engineers: Advanced Topics in Compensatory Mitigation Training
- Silviculture and Forested Wetlands: Reversing Coastal Wetland Loss through Improved Communication and Stakeholder Engagement
- Exploring Opportunities for Integrated Mapping and Functional Assessment of Riverine and Coastal Floodplains and Wetlands
- Invasive Species in Coastal Wetlands: Current and Future Challenges and Management Implications
- Attenuating flow using beavers and beaver analog devices
- Hiring and transitioning to new Executive Director; shifting or adding program/policy staff