Adaptation & Resiliency for the Advancement of Wetland Science, Policy and Practice

AGENDA

*ALL TIMES ARE IN EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME*

Monday, April 12th

Day 1: Wetland Science, Policy, and Climate Change Resiliency

1:00pm – 1:15pm  Welcome and Opening Remarks: Marla Stelk, Executive Director, Association of State Wetland Managers

1:15pm – 1:30pm  Wetlands, Adaptation and Resiliency: Mark Biddle, Chair, Association of State Wetland Managers

1:30pm – 2:00pm  Keynote Speaker: John Goodin, Director, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds

2:00pm – 2:30pm  New Challenges in Federal Water Regulation: Denise Keeler, Assistant Secretary, Maryland Department of the Environment

2:30pm – 3:00pm  BREAK

3:00pm – 3:30pm  Tribal Sovereignty & Policy Input: Nancy Schuldt, Water Projects Coordinator, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa


4:15pm – 4:30pm  Day 1 Wrap Up
Tuesday, April 13th

Day 2: Federal Policy Updates and Significant Court Cases

1:00pm – 1:15pm  Welcome: Donna Downing, Association of State Wetland Managers

1:15pm – 1:45pm  Waters of the U.S.: Damaris Christensen, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

1:45pm – 2:15pm  Clean Water Act § 401: Lauren Kasparek, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

2:15pm – 2:45pm  BREAK


4:15pm – 4:30pm  Day 2 Wrap Up

Wednesday, April 14th


12:00pm – 12:05pm  Welcome: Marla Stelk, Association of State Wetland Managers

12:05pm – 12:45pm  The Society of Wetland Scientists Professional Certification Program: What is it and how can you become certified? Kimberli Ponzio and Matt Schweisberg, SWSPCP Program.

12:45pm – 1:00pm  BREAK

1:00pm – 1:15pm  Welcome: Brenda Zollitsch, Association of State Wetland Managers

1:15pm – 2:00pm  Panel: Program Adaptations in Response to the COVID Pandemic and a Rapidly Changing Federal Regulatory Environment: Moderator – Brenda Zollitsch, Association of State Wetland Managers. Panelists – Stacia Bax, Missouri Department of Natural Resources; and Rick Mraz, Washington Department of Ecology.

2:00pm – 2:30pm  Drones in Environmental Assessment-Getting Michigan’s Program off the Ground: Art Ostaszewski, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy

2:30pm – 3:00pm  BREAK

3:00pm – 3:30pm  Wetland Water Quality Standard Development in Utah: Becka Downard, Utah Division of Water Quality

3:30pm – 4:15pm  Panel: Are We There Yet? Improving the Mitigation Bank Establishment Process: Moderator – Brenda Zollitsch, Association of State Wetland Managers. Panelists – Sara Johnson, Ecological Restoration Business Association; Matthew Stahman, RES; and Michael Hare, RES

4:15pm – 4:30pm  Day 3 Wrap Up

4:30pm – 5:00pm  Virtual Bonfire
Thursday, April 15th

Day 4: Innovations in Wetland Mapping and Functional Assessment

1:00pm – 1:15pm  **Welcome:** William Dooley, Association of State Wetland Managers

1:15pm – 1:45pm  **National Wetlands Inventory Update:** Megan Lang and Jeff Ingebritsen, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

1:45pm – 2:15pm  **NWIPPlus Mapping in Vermont: The Importance of an Integrated Team Approach:** Laura Lapierre, Vermont Agency of Natural Resources; Sean MacFaden, University of Vermont; and Levi Keszey, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.

2:15pm – 2:45pm  **BREAK**

2:45pm – 3:15pm  **Technological Advances in Resilient Tidal Marsh Restoration Design and Monitoring:** Stewart DesMeules and Sundaran Gillespie, WRA, Inc.

3:15pm – 4:15pm  **Panel: State & Tribal Functional Assessment:** Moderator – Andy Robertson, Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota. Panelists – Tanya Sand Driver, Three Affiliated Tribes Community; Emile Sawyer, New Mexico Environment Department; Elizabeth Byers, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection; and Frank Nelson, Missouri Department of Conservation.

4:15pm – 4:30pm  **Wrap Up and Closing Remarks:** Marla Stelk and William Dooley, Association of State Wetland Managers