"Conserving Wetlands and Waterways for Future Generations"

Agenda

Monday, March 18

**PowerPoint’s Added** *(Last updated on 4-29-13)*

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  **Registration** (Lobby near the Auditorium)

Tuesday, March 19 (Auditorium)

**Day 1**

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.  **Welcome** – Dave Davis, Chair, and Jeanne Christie, Executive Director, Association of State Wetland Managers; and Gary Frazer, Assistant Director Endangered Species Program, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  **State/Federal Round Table** – Sharing Activities and Concerns – Workshop participants will briefly share current challenges and opportunities in their respective programs (All)

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  **Break**

10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  **State/Federal Round Table** cont.

11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.  **Future Directions and Opportunities** – Ken Kopocis, Senior Advisor, Office of Water, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  **Lunch**

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  **Future Challenges: What are the major issues ahead?** – Russ Kaiser, Chief, Wetlands and Aquatic Resources Regulatory Branch, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  **Wetland Conservation Gaps and Needs in Coastal Watersheds** – Susan Marie Stedman, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Jennifer Linn, Environmental Protection Agency

2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  **Delaware study on wetland loss and economic value, and building a wetland program** – Mark Biddle, Delaware Department of Natural Resources

3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  Break

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  **Setting Mitigation and Restoration Priorities: Planning Tools** – **Moderator**, Dave Fowler, Association of State Floodplain Managers – **Panelists** – Jessica Wilkinson, The Nature Conservancy; Esther Lev, The Wetland Conservancy; and Scott Owen, Terra Aquatica Environmental, LLC

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  **Reception** (Roosevelt Room, the Commons)

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  **Effective Partnerships: Secrets to Crafting Relationships that Improve Wetland Programs – Panel Discussion** – Jan Goldman-Carter, National Wildlife Federation; Dave Evans and Yvonne Vallette, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and Erin O’Brien, Wisconsin Wetlands Association

Wednesday, March 20 (Auditorium)*  
*See also Wednesday concurrent sessions on State Assumption and Wetland Mapping on page 5

**Day2**

7:00 a.m.  **Breakfast – ASWM Board Meeting** (Cafeteria)

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.  **Special Issues Permitting Wetland Restoration Projects** – Peg Bostwick, Association of State Wetland Managers

8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.  **Hurricane Sandy and Natural Disaster Recovery Opportunities to Restore Natural Landscapes** – Dave Fowler, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District and Shana Udvardy, Udvardy Consulting

9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  **Recent Court Cases on Takings that are Relevant to Wetland Programs** – Jon Kusler, Association of State Wetland Managers (2nd presentation) and Jan Goldman-Carter, National Wildlife Federation
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  Break

Moderator, John Kusler, Association of State Wetland Managers

10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.  Oil Spills, Climate Change, Sea Level Rise - Remote Sensing and GIS for Future Wetlands Management – John Amos, SkyTruth

11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  Valuing Ecosystem Services Provided by Wetlands – David Batker, Earth Economics

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  Lunch

Moderator, Maryann McGraw, New Mexico Environment Department

1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.  The Ordinary High Water Mark: Concepts, Research, and Applications – Matthew Mersel, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Engineer Research and Development Center

1:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.  Site Selection and Design for Stream Mitigation – Will Harman, Stream Mechanics

2:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.  Break

Moderator, Dave Fowler, Association of State Floodplain Managers

3:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.  Out of Kind stream mitigation – Brian Topping, Wetland Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

3:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  Addressing Water Quality and Water Quantity: Working Toward a Truly Integrated Approach – Ian McMillan, Jucilene Hoffman and Harold Brady, North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources

4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  Science Advisory Board Nominations Discussion – Moderator, Jeanne Christie, Association of State Wetland Managers

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  ASWM Annual Meeting (151 Instructional West)

7:30 p.m.  Bonfire - Celebrating 1st Day of Spring and Vernal Equinox
Thursday, March 21 (Auditorium)

**Day 3**

8:30 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.  
**20 Years of Data Collection: Data Rich and Analysis Poor? (panel presentations and discussion)**

Using Monitoring and Assessment Data to implement wetland programs – Regina Poeske, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Rob Brooks, Pennsylvania State University; Kirk Havens, Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences; and Michelle Henicheck, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

9:50 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.  
Break

10:20 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
**Using Wetland monitoring and assessment data to inform decision-making – Panelists** – Mark Gernes, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency; Maryann McGraw, New Mexico Environment Department; Lori Montgomery, North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources; and Alan Quackenbush, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Lunch

12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
**National Wetland Condition Assessment: Status and Next Steps** – Gregg Serenbetz, Wetlands Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Plans for analysis and reporting of data collected for national and State-specific intensification studies under the National Wetland Condition Assessment – Panel Presentations and Discussion – **Moderator**, Gregg Serenbetz, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Panelists – Ted LaGrange, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission; Lindsey Meyers, North Dakota State University; Cara Clark, Moss Landing Marine Laboratories; Sandy Crystall, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services; Rick Savage, North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources; Joanna Lemley, Colorado Natural Heritage Program; and Tom Bernthal, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Break
3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.  Using Wetland monitoring and assessment data to educate public about the quality of state wetland resources – Andrew Pelloso, Geosyntec Consultants and Jeanne Christie, Association of State Wetland Managers

4:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  Wrap-up

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  Evening Session: States/Tribes Only – This is an opportunity for states and tribes to share opportunities and concerns identified during the workshop and agree on next steps.

Wednesday, March 20 (151 Instructional West)

Day2

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  State Assumption of Section 404 Special Session

1. Update of each state’s status with respect to pursuing assumption.
2. Discussion on a proposed formal state position on an appropriate division of assumable and nonassumable waters.
3. Comments on fact sheet.
4. Identification of the assumption program changes that are needed.
5. Next Steps.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  Lunch

Wetland Mapping Consortium

Moderators, Andy Robertson, St. Mary’s University of Minnesota and Ric Gitar, Fond du Lac Reservation

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  Documenting the Importance of the National Wetlands Inventory – Jeanne Christie, Association of State Wetland Managers

2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  Overview of Restore Act and Gulf Oil Spill Funding – Jim Pendergast, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  Break

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  Establishing Wetland Restoration Priorities through GIS Landscape Analysis: Case Studies and Discussion – Andy Robertson, St. Mary’s University of Minnesota; Bill Wilen, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and Shelly Barnes, New Mexico Environment Department
4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  Identifying Opportunities to Provide Education on Appropriate Use of GIS data – Discussion led by John Galbraith, Virginia Tech