

Pacific Northwest Tribal Climate Change Project
DRAFT Meeting Notes – Wednesday, July 16, 2014

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Upcoming PNW Tribal Climate Change Network Conference Call Dates

- August 20, 2014
 - September 17, 2014
 - October 15, 2014
 - November 19, 2014
 - December 17, 2014
- Call-in Information:*
Call Time: 10:00 am - 11:30 Pacific
Call-in #: 1-888-858-2144
Pass code: 5064716

White House Climate Initiatives

On July 16, 2014, the White House issued a fact sheet, "Taking Action to Support State, Local, and Tribal Leaders as They Prepare Communities for the Impacts of Climate Change." This fact sheet is available at: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2014/07/16/fact-sheet-taking-action-support-state-local-and-tribal-leaders-they-pre>. There are several actions that may be of particular interest to tribes, including the following information taken directly from the fact sheet:

- **["National Disaster Resilience Competition"](#)**. The nearly \$1 billion National Disaster Resilience Competition, [announced](#) by the President on June 14, will make resources available to communities that have been struck by natural disasters in recent years. Building on the success of the Rebuild by Design competition after Hurricane Sandy, this competition will create replicable models of modern disaster recovery that apply science-based and forward-looking risk analysis to address recovery and resilience needs. The competition will also help communities create and implement disaster recovery plans that will make them better prepared for future extreme weather events and other shocks. Today, new details for the competition are being announced by the President. The year-long competition will have two phases: (1) risk assessment and planning; and (2) design and implementation. Many communities will be eligible for funding and technical assistance during Phase 1 to develop innovative, data-driven, and community-led approaches to recovery that increase preparedness for future disasters. A subset of these communities will be invited to continue in Phase 2 to design solutions for recovery and future resilience. The best proposals will receive funds for implementation to demonstrate how communities across the country can build a more resilient future. More information is available at http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=FactSheet_071514.pdf."
- **["Helping tribes prepare for climate impacts"](#)**. The Department of the Interior's (DOI) Bureau of Indian Affairs today launched a new \$10 million Federal-Tribal Climate Resilience Partnership and Technical Assistance Program that will help tribes prepare for climate change by developing and delivering adaptation training. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Gina McCarthy will establish an interagency group to provide tribes with data and information, improve Federal collaboration, and assist with climate change adaptation and mitigation efforts."

Gary mentioned that a letter was submitted this week to the State, Local, and Tribal Leaders Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience from Rising Voices, a group of Indigenous leaders, Indigenous and non-Indigenous environmental experts, students, and scientific professionals, including representatives from tribal, local, state, and federal resource management agencies, academia, tribal colleges, and research organizations. Participants of Rising Voices convened recently at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, CO on June 30-July 2, 2014 to discuss the needs of Indigenous peoples in the face of extreme weather and climate change and submitted the letter to the task force as an outcome from that meeting.

Gary also mentioned a House Bill introduced in May 2014 cited as the '[Ocean Acidification Innovation Act of 2014](#)' authorizes Federal agencies to establish prize competitions for innovation or adaptation management development relating to ocean acidification.

Guidelines for Considering Traditional Knowledges in Climate Change Initiatives: Draft for Review

As a result of a request from the Department of Interior Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resources Science (ACCCNRS), two publications have been developed over the past several months:

- [Climate Change and Indigenous Peoples: A Primer](#) is intended to provide tribal perspectives on foundational information on Climate Change, Indigenous Peoples, and Tribes to the ACCCNRS on three major topics: 1) the impact of climate change on tribal and Indigenous Peoples; 2) relationships between Indigenous Peoples and the Federal-Government; and 3) the availability of funding to support the participation of Indigenous Peoples in federal climate initiatives.
- [Guidelines for Considering Traditional Knowledges in Climate Change Initiatives](#) is intended to provide foundational information on the role of traditional knowledges (TKs) in federal climate change initiatives to the ACCCNRS on the principles of engaging with tribes on issues related to and actions for federal agencies and tribes to consider in order to establish processes and protocols that govern the sharing and protection of TKs.

Gary Morishima developed the Primer, and an informal workgroup developed the TKs Guidelines for consideration by the ACCCNRS. Both of these documents are undergoing review and revision, with the hope of completing versions for public access this fall. Please provide comments and suggested revisions on the Primer using line numbers for reference to: Gary S. Morishima, Quinault Management Center, email: morikog@aol.com or Ann Marie Chischilly, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals, email: Ann-Marie.Chischilly@nau.edu. The document is a work in progress. The workgroup anticipates revisiting it over time. **Download the primer and guidelines downloaded from ITEP's website at: <http://www4.nau.edu/itep/index.asp>.**

Paul McCollum commented on the importance of using terminology (e.g., traditional indigenous knowledge) that resonates with individual tribes when discussing traditional knowledges. He also discussed the importance of funding to support tribes and elders to work together in sharing traditional knowledges (in a way led and deemed appropriate by the tribe and knowledge holders).

Don Sampson mentioned that there would be a half-day session at the fall meeting of the [Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians](#) on climate change, and that perhaps that would be a chance to share information on the Primer and Guidelines. For those not familiar with ATNI, Don mentioned that ATNI includes 54 tribes in the Pacific Northwest, including tribes in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Western Montana.

ITEP Tribal Climate Change Webinar Series

In April, May and June 2014, four webinars focused on the Pacific Northwest were offered by the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) at Northern Arizona University with support from the USDA Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station (RMRS), and in collaboration with the Pacific Northwest Tribal Climate Change Project at the University of Oregon, the North Pacific Landscape Conservation Cooperative, and PNWRS. The webinars, which attracted 30-70 participants each, focused on four key topics:

- Climate Change Impacts on Fisheries
- Climate Change and Marine Issues
- Climate Change and Invasive Species and Pests
- Climate Change Impacts on Forests

In June 2014, ITEP (with support from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency) has been offering a series of four national webinars discussing impacts of climate change on tribal water resources and traditional foods, the role of traditional knowledge in climate change initiatives, and communicating about climate change. Three of these webinars took place earlier in June, attracting 120-170 participants each. The webinars focused on the following topics:

- Climate Change Impacts on Traditional Foods
- Climate Change Impacts on Tribal Water Resources
- The Role of Traditional Knowledges in Climate Change Initiatives
- Communicating about Climate Change – From Impacts to Solutions

Webinar power point presentations and videos are available at:

http://www4.nau.edu/itep/climatechange/tcc_webinars.asp.

September 2-3, 2014 ITEP Tribal Climate Change Training in Portland

ITEP will be conducting a workshop in Portland, September 2-3, 2014, which will be hosted by the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) at their offices in Portland. This training will provide an introduction to the process of planning for climate change impacts, from getting started to impact and vulnerability assessment to developing adaptation strategies. It is intended for tribal environmental and natural resource professionals who expect to be involved in climate change adaptation planning. Course materials and the Tribal Climate Change Adaptation Planning Toolkit will be available for download. Tuesday, September 2 (1:30-5:30 PM) – Wednesday, September 3 (8:30 AM - 5:30 PM). Portland, OR. The Registration form for the climate change adaptation training is attached, and the deadline for registration is **July 29, 2014**. *For more information, contact Sue Wotkyns, Climate Change Program Manager, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals, Northern Arizona University, Susan.Wotkyns@nau.edu, 928-523-1488. <http://www4.nau.edu/itep/>*

September 4, 2014 North Pacific LCC Fall Tribal/First Nations Committee Meeting

On September 4, 2014, the North Pacific Landscape Conservation Cooperative (NPLCC) is planning a one-day workshop, which will also be held at the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) offices in Portland. This workshop is intended to enhance provide opportunities for tribal engagement within the NPLCC and will involve tribal leaders involved in both policy and as technical staff. For more information, contact John Mankowski at john_mankowski@fws.gov.

Joe Hostler is on the planning committee for the NPLCC meeting and talked about the NPLCC's effort to try and get more Tribal and First Nation involvement that is on equal footing with the NPLCC steering committee. This meeting on September 4th will be the first opportunity to bring together the Tribes and First Nations within the NPLCC region to discuss research, funding sources for climate change, and other issues and opportunities within the NPLCC. There may be some funding to assist with travel costs. Don Sampson suggested that he could connect with John Mankowski to discuss potential opportunities for additional travel support through ATNI if that is needed. Linda Kruger encouraged people in the Tribal Climate Change Network to spread the word about these events, as well as the recorded webinars that are now available online at: http://www4.nau.edu/itep/climatechange/tcc_webinars.asp

[New Tribal Climate Change Profile - Nez Perce Tribe: Clearwater River Subbasin Climate Change Adaptation Plan.](#)

In an effort to prepare for changes to their homelands' ecology, the Nez Perce Tribe's Water Resources Division created a climate change adaptation plan for the Clearwater River Subbasin in 2011. The plan focuses on climate impacts to water and forestry resources, two areas of natural resource management that are both culturally and economically important to the Nez Perce Tribe. The adaptation plan includes an assessment of existing conditions in the subbasin, and data on how changes in climate may impact forests, waters, and the local economy. This profile highlights the efforts of the Nez Perce Tribe to increase awareness of climate change issues in their region through this plan, as well as their strategies for integrating adaptation into existing and future management plans. Also available at: http://www4.nau.edu/tribalclimatechange/tribes/northwest_nezperce_clearwater.asp

General Updates

Tribal Wildlife Grant (TWG) proposals due September 2, 2014.

The FY 2015 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) Tribal Wildlife Grant (TWG) cycle will close September 2, 2014. For participating Tribes in California, Nevada, and the Klamath Basin in Oregon proposals must be **postmarked or emailed to Damion Ciotti no later than September 2, 2014**. The TWG grant program provides a competitive funding opportunity for Federally recognized Tribal governments to develop and implement projects for the benefit of fish and wildlife and their habitat. Due to reduced funding and the already highly competitive nature of TWG, proposals that target Service priorities and emerging issues will generally have greater success. Applicants are encouraged to work with Service staff in developing proposals. For more information on the TWG grant program please see our website <http://www.fws.gov/nativeamerican/grants.html> and the attached application kit. Email TWG proposals to damion_ciotti@fws.gov or mail to: Damion Ciotti, Habitat Restoration Division, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 11641 Blocker Drive, Suite 110, Auburn, CA 95603. If you have questions or would like assistance in developing your proposal please contact Damion Ciotti at (530) 889-2327.

- **Webinar: FWS Tribal Wildlife Grant – Wednesday, July 23 from 1pm – 2pm PST.** Register at: anymeeting.com/PIID=EA58DF84894F31. This Webinar is offered by **Joshua M. Simmons**, Principal Consultant / Attorney, **Prosper Sustainably**. This webinar is sponsored by Prosper Sustainably, a company that assists tribal communities develop and implement lasting solutions to meet environmental and sustainability needs. These webinar are NOT sponsored or endorsed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). They should not be considered a representation of EPA, BIA or FWS opinions in any way.

Request For Nominations Of Expert Peer Reviewers: Global Climate Change, Food Security, and the U.S. Food System

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites the public to nominate scientific experts to be considered as peer reviewers for the external peer review of the draft document entitled, "Global Climate Change, Food Security, and the U.S. Food System." The draft document was prepared by USDA and a team of multi-institutional experts to support the National Climate Assessment. The draft document is a technical analysis of the issues, and policy considerations are outside its scope. Responses to this notice are due August 7, 2014. <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2014/07/08/2014-15872/office-of-the-chief-economist-global-climate-change-food-security-and-the-us-food-system>

Tribal Climate Change Funding Guide

We are frequently updating the tribal funding guide. The Funding Guide is intended to provide up-to-date information on grants and programs that may assist tribes in addressing climate change through a broad range of sectors. To access the funding guide, please visit <http://envs.uoregon.edu/tribal-climate/>

Forest Service Office of Tribal Relations' Summer 2014 Newsletter

<http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/tribalrelations/documents/news/Summer2014OTRNewsletter.pdf>

Participant Updates and Questions:

- Don Sampson mentioned that there would be a half-day session at the fall meeting of the [Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians](#) on climate change, and that perhaps that would be a chance to share information on the Primer and Guidelines 9as discussed above). For those not familiar with ATNI, Don mentioned that ATNI includes 54 tribes in the Pacific Northwest, including tribes in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Western Montana. ATNI is in the process of developing the agenda and are focused on sharing information to tribes not yet engaged in climate change and engaging tribal leaders on these issues. In this 4-hour workshop, ATNI hopes to bring tribal leaders in to hear about projected climate change impacts, learn about what other tribes are doing to address climate change and foster dialogue about addressing climate change among tribal council, tribal staff and tribal members. Don will provide more information in a future network call.
- Linda Kruger mentioned that she is working on a report focused on subsistence in Alaska and the lower-48 states for a national report on sustainable forests. Specifically, she is looking for studies on hunting, fishing, trapping and gathering that contribute to material or cultural survival and changes that are occurring because of climate change, government policies, or other factors. If you are aware of studies in the last 3-5 years, contact Linda by email at lkruger@fs.fed.us. Tricia Tillman mentioned that in 2011 the North Pacific LCC developed several reports that may have relevant information.
- Paul McCollum mentioned that the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe is working on their climate change adaptation assessment and are seeking climate change experts focused on salmon and sea level rise to potentially contract with. Kathy suggested connecting with the [Northwest Climate Science Center](#), the [Climate Impacts Research Consortium](#) and the [North Pacific Landscape Conservation Cooperative](#) to find out if any research is already under way to potentially partner with. Other groups focused on climate assessments in the region include [Climate Impacts Group](#), [Washington Sea Grant](#), [Cascadia Consulting Group – Climate Planning and Adaptation](#), [Adaptation International](#), and the Geos Institute. If you have other suggestions for Paul, please email him at: paulm@pgst.nsn.us.

Events and Webinars

July 21-23, 2014, First Stewards 2014 Symposium, Washington, D.C.

The First Stewards 2014 Symposium will take place in Washington, D.C., July 21-23. This year the Symposium's theme is United Indigenous Voices Address Sustainability: Climate Change & Traditional Places. The event will include five panels composed of representatives from each region, tribal leaders and tribal and Western scientists who will examine how native people and their cultures have adapted

to climate change for hundreds to thousands of years, and what their future—and that of America—may hold as the impacts of climate change continue. Specifically, the panels will include:

- Cultural & Food Security
- Rights & Responsibilities
- Traditional Natural Resources Management Practices
- Cultural Resource Damage Assessments
- Moving Forward Panel

For more information on the 2014 Symposium, please visit: <http://www.firststewards.org/>
If you are interested in attending, please contact whitenergrouper@gmail.com.

July 23, 2014, 9 am Pacific - NPLCC Science-Management Webinar: Managing Coast Redwoods for Resilience in a Changing Climate

This webinar will focus on the Geos Institute project Managing Coast Redwoods for Resilience in a Changing Climate, which was jointly funded by the North Pacific and California LCCs. Speaker Marni Koopman, Climate Change Scientist from Geos Institute, will discuss collaboratively developed climate adaptation management actions for California Coast Redwoods. These actions were developed through a recent workshop that pulled together expertise on how the climate of the Coast Redwood region is changing, what key opportunities for managing Coast Redwoods in a changing climate are, and how to translate the science for on-the-ground implementation.

[Pre-registration is required; space is limited.](#)

Call-in number: 1-866-737-4154

Passcode: 287 267 0

[Register for the meeting here](#)

July 24, 2014, 10 am Pacific - NPLCC Science-Management Webinar: Mapping Pacific Northwest Riparian Areas: Measuring Current Condition and Prioritizing for Climate Change Adaptation

Managing for well-connected landscapes is a key strategy to enhance resilience and ensure the long-term viability of plant and animal populations. Connectivity conservation is also a leading climate adaptation strategy; many species will require highly permeable, well-connected landscapes to maintain dispersal and complete climate-induced range shifts. Objectives for this project were to produce fine resolution maps identifying riparian areas, their condition, and their climate adaptation potential, for the Pacific Northwest. Please join the NPLCC to hear more about results of this project including finalized data layers and reports analyzing prioritized riparian areas for climate adaptation.

[Pre-registration is required; space is limited.](#)

Meeting password: nplcc

Call-in number: 1-866-628-1318

Passcode: 695 954 9

[Register for the meeting here](#)

August 22 - 23, 2014. Washington State Strategy Summit on Oil Trains, Evergreen State College Longhouse

Friday, August 22nd from 5:00pm – 8:00pm and Saturday, August 23rd from 8:00am – 5:00pm at the Evergreen State College Longhouse. The purpose of the summit is for local organizers from around the state to meet with each other face to face, analyze their current campaigns and plan statewide strategies to deal with the proposed increases in oil trains and oil terminals. Speakers: Fawn Sharp,

President Quinault Nation, Carleen Thomas, Tseil-Waututh Nation. This Summit is a project of the students and faculty of The Evergreen State College's Second Session Summer Class: "Virtual Pipelines: New Oil and the Pacific Northwest." Register for the Summit online by August

1st: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1OAVN2s7aPyoPOJaGiltPPH4dmRNiXznzYAeSG9DNstg/viewform>

Sept 9, 11am-noon (Pacific Time) Climate Change Adaptation for an at Risk Community - Shaktoolik Alaska, Speaker: Terry Johnson, Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program, OneNOAA webinar, [click here for more info](#)

September 9-10, 2014, Pacific Northwest Climate Science Conference, Seattle, WA

The PNW Climate Science Conference (September 9-10, 2014 in Seattle, Washington) brings together more than 250 researchers and practitioners from around the region to discuss scientific results, challenges, and solutions related to climate impacts on people, natural resources, and infrastructure in the Pacific Northwest. <http://pnwclimateconference.org/>

September 23-25, 2014, Developing and Implementing Tribal Solid Waste Codes course, Seattle, Washington.

Itep, in cooperation with US EPA and the United South and Eastern Tribes (USET), is offering a course focused on creating, and effectively implementing, tribal solid waste codes. This special two and a half day course will take place September 23-25, 2014, in Seattle Washington and will feature a series of presentations by experts in the field, as well as small group activities and discussions. This course is designed to be very hands-on. You will be working with the instructors and your fellow tribal attendees throughout the course, starting with identifying your tribe's primary objectives and moving through the crafting of a draft code. For more information, please contact Todd Barnell, Program Manager, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals, Tribal Solid Waste Education and Assistance Program at 928-523-3840 or todd.barnell@nau.edu.

September 24-26, 2014. Our Food is Our Medicine: Resiliency in a Time of Change. Suquamish, WA

Our Food is Our Medicine Third annual gathering: Resiliency in a Time of Change a conference hosted by the Northwest Indian College's Institute of Indigenous Foods & Traditions. Three dynamic tracks: Teachings of the Plant People, Healing Our Waters, and Community Activism.

Join us for hands-on workshops, dynamic speakers, a clam bake on the beach, and three days of cultivating a vibrant native foods community. For more information or to register, please contact Institute coordinator La Belle Urbanec: 360.255.4413 or lurbanec@nwic.edu or visit <http://www.nwic.edu/news/our-food-our-medicine>.

September 23, 2014 from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM (PDT), [TRADITIONAL ECOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE WORKSHOP](#)

3020 State University Dr. East, Modoc Hall, Room 1005, California State University, Sacramento, Sacramento, CA 95819

The CA LCC, DWR, and co-sponsors are hosting this one-day workshop for state and federal agency staff, NGOs, and Tribes with interest in how Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) can help ensure resilient and sustainable natural landscapes for California in the face of climate change and other ecological stressors. Participants will learn from Tribal instructors about what TEK is, how it has been cross-walked with Western science to gain valuable insights about species and ecological cycles, and how to talk with Tribes about TEK. Attendees will come away with an increased understanding of TEK and indigenous peoples of California, and how we can work together in the future. Please register by July 4 to secure your seat.

Oct 23-24, 2014. Washington DC, National Workshop on Large Landscape Conservation:
<http://www.largelandscapenetwork.org/2014-national-workshop/>

October 28-30, 2014, Climate-Smart Conservation Class (Olympia, WA):

NPLCC is paying for class. Register and pay for travel. Limited number of seats, so apply early. Popular class providing technical details around CC vulnerability. Contact Jennie Hoffman with additional questions/comments.

<http://training.fws.gov/nctcweb/catalog/CourseDetail.aspx?CourseCodeLong=FWS-ALC3195>

December 2-3, 2014 Climate Change and Indigenous Peoples Conference - Save the Date!

The University of Oregon will host the 3rd Annual Climate Change and Indigenous Peoples Conference and Student Symposium on December 2-3, 2014. The University will welcome two distinguished keynote speakers to the conference: Dr. Myrna Cunningham Kain and Patricia Cochran. Dr. Cunningham Kain is an internationally renowned advocate for Indigenous peoples' rights and women's rights who has served Indigenous peoples in countless fashions, most recently as chair of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (2011-2013). Patricia Cochran is currently Executive Director of the Alaska Native Science Commission (ANSC), an organization that works to create links and collaborations among scientists, researchers and Alaska Native communities.

For more information on the Conference, please visit: <http://ccip.uoregon.edu/>

Feb 17-19, 2015: [Great Basin Consortium Conference](#), Boise State University, Idaho

May 12-15, 2015: 2nd National Adaptation Forum, <http://nationaladaptationforum.org/>