

**Pacific Northwest Tribal Climate Change Project
DRAFT Meeting Notes – Wednesday, March 27, 2013**

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- Brian Duggan, Coquille Indian Tribe
- David Fuller, Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe
- Laura Gephart, Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission
- Sean Hart, Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Keith Hatch, Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Joe Hoestler, Yurok Tribe
- Jennie Hoffman, Research and Consulting
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- Kathy Lynn, University of Oregon
- Mary Mahaffy, North Pacific Landscape Conservation Cooperative
- Paul McCollum, Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe
- Ian Miller, Washington Sea Grant
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- Don Motanic, Intertribal Timber Council
- Patricia Tillmann, National Wildlife Federation
- Steve Todd, Suquamish Tribe
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2013 PNW Tribal Climate Change Network Conference Call Dates

- April 24, 2013
 - May 22, 2013
 - June 26, 2013
 - July 24, 2013
 - August 28, 2013
 - September 25, 2013
 - October 23, 2013
 - November 20, 2013
- Call-in Information:
Call Time: 10:00 am Pacific
Call-in #: 1-888-858-2144
Pass code: 5064716

MEETING NOTES

Draft Third National Climate Assessment Report – Public Comment Period

The National Climate Assessment Development and Advisory Committee (NCADAC), the federal advisory committee for the National Climate Assessment, approved their draft of the Third National Climate Assessment Report for release for public comment on January 11, 2013. The draft report is available for download - both as a single document and by chapter - at <http://ncadac.globalchange.gov>. The public comment period for the report is from **January 14 - April 12, 2013**. All comments must be submitted via the online comment tool is available at <http://ncadac.globalchange.gov>.

At the March 12th Northwest Town Hall for the National Climate Assessment, small groups were formed to discuss the various chapters of the NCA. Key findings from the group that discussed the chapter on the Impacts of Climate Change on Tribal, Indigenous, and Native Lands and Resources are listed below.

- The impacts of climate change are place-based and as such will impact culture, sovereignty, economies and traditional ways of life among American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and other indigenous peoples in the United States.
- Tribes are not just vulnerable populations or just another stakeholder; tribes are sovereign nations and must have a distinct place in the NCA. There are opportunities for tribal leadership, collaboration co-management and engagement in climate research, assessments, and other initiatives.
- Traditional knowledge can inform understanding of climate impacts and adaptation strategies. The knowledge is culturally-sensitive and should be protected; but tribes can share what they learn to inform broader assessments, federal processes.

General Discussion on the National Climate Assessment and commenting process:

- Sean Hart suggested that a key opportunity with the National Climate Assessment is for tribes to have a voice at the same time that federal agencies are working internally on these issues.
- Jennie Hoffman mentioned an example from the Southwest Technical Input that required input and cultural sensitivity regarding a statement related to the landscape as being inhospitable to people.
- Sean Hart mentioned that the BIA will submit comments after the April 12th deadline. If anyone isn't able to submit by April 12, they can share comments with him for consideration in the BIA's comments. Garrit also mentioned that National Wildlife Federation is in the process of putting together comments; NWF will submit by April 12th.
- Dave Fuller mentioned that the Advisory Committee on Water Information is forming a water resources climate change working group, and Dave will be the representative on that group from the National Tribal Water Council. Dave will continue to share information on that effort with the group

There was discussion about the importance of ensuring that as many tribes and tribal organizations as possible can submit information. Someone suggested that it's about the numbers, and it's important to have strong participation from tribes and tribal organizations (in terms of numbers of comments submitted) in the review process.

After some discussion about how best to move forward, the group agreed that it would be most helpful to have a set of talking points/comments that tribes and tribal organizations can consider in submitting their own comments (as opposed to trying to coordinate a sign-on process.)

NCA Draft Comments/Talking Points for use in submitting comments online.

Kathy agreed to put together a draft outline for comments this week, and to provide an updated set of comments/talking points by Monday, April 8th. These comments are included in an attachment to the meeting notes, and also in a google docs form at:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/ccc?key=0Ah2p3YB11GbYdFZILUR4V2M0cnR4TW9iRktTQWpGLVE&usp=sharing>

Kathy began conducting a quick scan of the NCA chapters (available at: <http://ncadac.globalchange.gov/>) to look for mentions of tribes, tribal communities, indigenous communities and native communities. The worksheet begins to describe chapters that mention tribes in some way, information on how that chapter mentions or addresses tribes, and highlighted information for potential comments. The Alaska/Arctic and Great Plains chapters provide strong examples of inclusive information on tribal populations, observed and potential impacts on tribes, and potential information that could be included in other regional chapters.

One example I've already included in the spreadsheet is that all region specific chapters should incorporate a reference to the tribal chapter, which addresses impacts on tribal lands and resources across the country. Regional chapters should also state the number of tribes within the region and summary of key impacts on native communities if available.

Please add comments or questions to the google docs in the next week. We will also discuss this and add to the comments at the National Adaptation Forum next week. I will send out an updated spreadsheet (or put everything into a word document) by Monday, April 8th.

National Adaptation Forum

There will be a series of tribal sessions at the National Adaptation Forum next week. These sessions will include:

- Tribal Climate Adaptation Case Studies – Building on Success
- Tribal Climate Adaptation Management: Planning Tools, Capacity Building
- Part 1: Tribal Adaptation Action Planning – Defining the Path Forward (World Café style)
- Part 2: Tribal Adaptation Action Planning – Defining the Path Forward (Working group session)

After the National Adaptation Forum, we will share proceedings and priorities for action discussed at the Forum and seek more input on what the priorities should be from tribal climate change networks, organizations, and groups across the country.

North Pacific Landscape Conservation Cooperative

Mary Mahaffy gave an update on an upcoming request for proposals (RFP) from a joint project

between the Northwest Climate Science Center, the Alaska Climate Science Center and the North Pacific Landscape Conservation Cooperative.

The RFP will be led by NPLCC and will be released the first week of April and will be open for 5-6 weeks. Funding will be available to Tribes or non-tribal entities if those entities show a subcontract with Tribes and letters of support. Available funding is estimated to be \$150K to \$250K (total funding from all 3 sponsors). The projects are intended to support assessment and adaptation planning for non-salmonid anadromous fish of cultural or subsistence significance (e.g. eulachon or lamprey). Projects will also support assessment and adaptation planning for cultural and/or subsistence resources that are traditionally gathered or hunted (e.g., basketry materials, berry or nut trees and bushes, roots or bulbs, wildlife; not fish or shellfish). Projects must have management application. Kathy will forward the RFP to the PNW Tribal Climate Change Network as soon as it is available.

The North Pacific LCC also just posted a map of tribes and first nations in the NPLCC area (http://www.northpacificlcc.org/documents/NPLCC_Tribal_Final_March2013.pdf). Mary noted that there are a large number of tribes and First Nations in the region, and limited information is available. If you see missing tribes, please let John (john_mankowski@fws.gov) or Mary (mary_mahaffy@fws.gov) with the NPLCC know so that they can make corrections.

National Fish, Wildlife, and Plants Climate Adaptation Strategy

The National Fish, Wildlife and Plants Climate Adaptation Strategy is a comprehensive, multi-partner response to the threat of climate change in the United States. It is a call to action— a framework for effective steps that can be taken, or at least initiated, over the next five to 10 years based on climate change projections for the next century. It is designed to be a key part of the nation's larger response to a changing climate, and to guide responsible actions by natural resource managers and other decision-makers at all levels of government. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the New York Division of Fish, Wildlife, & Marine Resources (representing state fish and wildlife agencies more broadly) co-lead development of the Strategy. The Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies also provided support for the effort. The Strategy is available on the website: www.wildlifeadaptationstrategy.gov. The full report, individual chapters and background papers can be downloaded at: <http://www.wildlifeadaptationstrategy.gov/strategy.php>.

Garrit Voggesser, Laura McCarthy, Sean Hart and Keith Hatch all provided background and perspectives on the strategy from having been a part of the development process. Garrit noted that part of the strategy includes an implementation plan, and specifically, an inter-jurisdictional coordinating body that is intended to meet twice a year and report on progress. Keith noted that if the strategy inspires people to be more engaged, that they will have an opportunity to track down specific and locally-relevant information.

Tribal Climate Change Funding and Program Guide - <http://envs.uoregon.edu/tribal-climate/>

Kathy noted that the online funding guide now includes information from the Tribal Leaders' Guide to US Climate Change programs, developed last year, as well as all tribal profiles that have been developed through the University of Oregon and the Institute for Tribal

Environmental Professionals at Northern Arizona University. Please continue to forward grants, information, and suggestions on how to improve this guide.

April 10 Climate Change and Indigenous Communities Keynote Address - University of Oregon

On April 10, 2013 at 6:30 pm, the University of Oregon will host the second annual Climate Change and Indigenous Peoples keynote address in the Many Nations Longhouse. The 2013 keynote address will feature Dr. Frank Lake from the USDA Forest Service-Pacific Southwest Research Station and Dr. Kyle Powys Whyte, an Assistant Professor at Michigan State University. The keynote is also part of the University of Oregon Climate Change Research Symposium, which will take place on April 10, 2013 from 8:30 am – 5:00 pm in the Fir Room of the Erb Memorial Union. All events are free and open to the public. The Climate Change and Indigenous Peoples Keynote is co-sponsored by the UO Americas in a Globalized World Initiative, UO Robert D. Clark Honors College, the UO Environmental Studies Program and the UO Climate Change Research Group. The keynote address is also part of the Tribal Climate Change Project, a collaborative project between the UO Environmental Studies Program and the USDA Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station. More information on the Climate Change and Indigenous Peoples Keynote Address is available at: <http://ccip.uoregon.edu/>. For a detailed schedule of the UO Climate Change Research Symposium, visit: <http://climatechange.uoregon.edu/>.

Please let Kathy know if you plan to attend, as there will be a reception prior to the keynote address.