

TRIBAL WETLAND PROGRAMS WEBINAR SERIES

DEVELOPING YOUR TRIBAL WETLAND PROGRAM

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WEBINAR #4: DEVELOPING YOUR TRIBAL WETLAND PROGRAM



Webinar Overview:

This webinar will offer two examples of tribal wetland programs and how they have developed over time:

For nearly three decades, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes' (CSKT) wetland conservation program has utilized a combination of wetland-focused Tribal Ordinances, innovative partnerships, and EPA WPDGs to monitor, preserve, and restore wetlands on the Flathead Reservation. The Fond du Lac Reservation began developing its Wetland Program in late 1998 and has achieved the goal of developing each of the core elements, most recently with the 2020 approval of its Wetland Water Quality Standards. This session will cover the tools used by each program and some key elements to consider in building a wetland program.

Introduction: Marla Stelk, National Association of Wetland Managers

Webinar Presenters:

- Blair Libby, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Rick Gitar, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa



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WEBINAR AGENDA



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Welcome & Introduction
(15 minutes)

Presentations
(60 minutes)

Q&A
(15 minutes)



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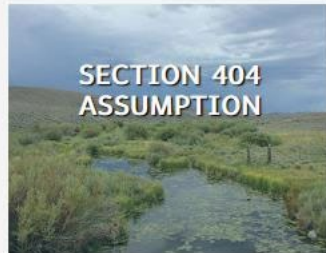
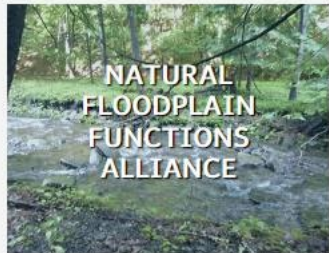


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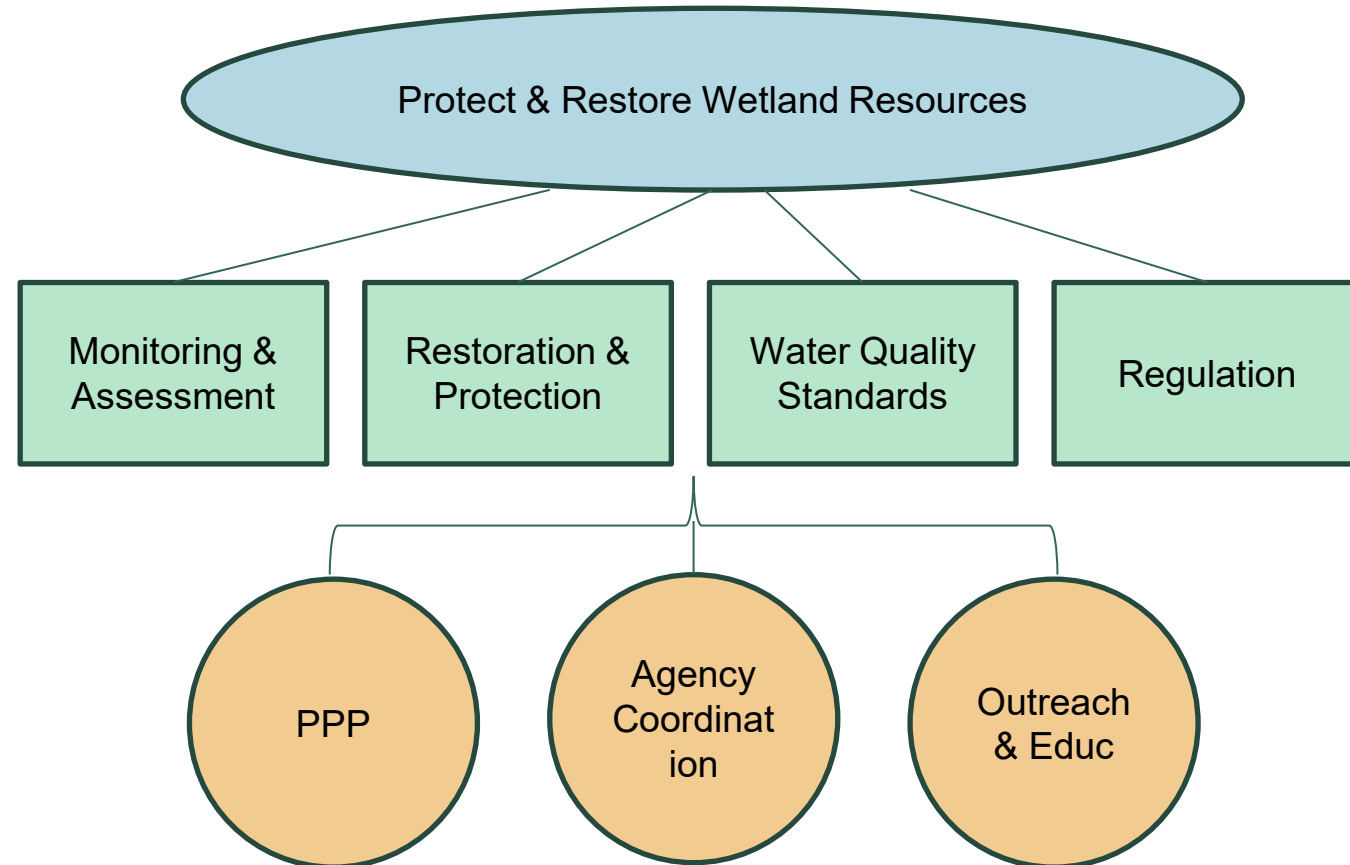
Tribal Wetland Programs An Overview



The CEF offers an array of actions and a menu of activities from which tribes can create their own approach to wetland protection and management.

It does not reflect an expectation by EPA that tribes should develop activities under all core elements; rather, tribes should use the CEF to support their individual program goals and available resources.

Tribes may also add additional elements to their programs, such as outreach and education, sustainable financing/funding, or other important priorities.



Tribal Wetland Programs An Overview



According to EPA's website there are 40 tribes with approved Wetland Programs Plans:

Region 1: None

Region 2: Saint Regis Mohawk Indian Reservation

Region 3: None

Region 4: None

Region 5: Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

Lac du Flambeau Tribe

Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

Red Lake Band of Chippewa

Stockbridge-Munsee Community

Region 6: None

Region 7: Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

Region 8: Blackfoot Nation

Chippewa Cree Tribe

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

Fort Belknap Indian Community

Northern Cheyenne Tribe

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Region 9: Blue Lake Rancheria

Buena Vista Rancheria
Chicken Ranch Rancheria
Havasupai Tribe
Hopi Tribe
Hualapai Tribe
Moapa River Indian Reservation
Pinoleville Pomo Nation
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
Washoe Tribe
Wiyot Tribe
Yavapai Apache Nation
Yurok Tribe

Region 10: Coeur D'Alene Tribe

Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation
Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Coquille Indian Tribe
Cow Creek Band of Umqua Tribe of Indians
Kalispel Tribe of Indians
The Klamath Tribes
Native Village of Eklutna
Nez Perce Tribe
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe
Quinault Indian Nation
Tulalip Tribe
Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians

Protecting Waters and Wetlands in Indian Country: An Overview and Case Studies from EPA's New Tribal Wetland Program Guide

Webinar held Thursday, December 15, 2022 - 3:00 p.m.-
4:30 p.m. EST

PRESENTERS

- Gretchen Goldman, Assistant Director for Environmental Science, Engineering, Policy, and Justice, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy
- Kerryann Weaver, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5 [POWERPOINT PRESENTATION]
- Matt Baerwalde, Snoqualmie Indian Tribe
- Tyler Orgon, Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians
- Linda Storm, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10
- Kathleen Kutschenreuter, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



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Blair Libby serves as the Wetlands Conservation Plan Coordinator for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes [CSKT], located on the Flathead Reservation in Western Montana. Prior to joining the staff at CSKT, Blair worked in wetland restoration on the Central Coast of California and environmental education in southern Arizona. He holds an M.S. in Environmental Studies and a certificate in Natural Resource Conflict Resolution from the University of Montana, and a B.S. from Santa Clara University. In his free time, he runs trails and drums in a few bands in Missoula, MT.