



Association of State Wetland Managers Annual State/Tribal/Federal Coordination Meeting

**Virtual Meeting
April 12-15, 2021**

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

ABSTRACTS

(More Abstracts Will Be Added. Please Check Back.)

Monday, April 12th

Keynote Speaker: John Goodin, Director, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds ([click here for abstract](#))

Tuesday, April 13th

Day 2: Federal Policy Updates and Significant Court Cases

Waters of the U.S.: Damaris Christensen, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ([click here for abstract](#))

Clean Water Act § 401: Lauren Kasperek, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ([click here for abstract](#))

Panel – Clean Water Act § 404: Russell Kaiser, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Jennifer Moyer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ([click here for abstract](#))

Panel – Court Cases That Affect Wetland and Aquatic Resource Programs: Moderator – Donna Downing, Association of State Wetland Managers. Panelists – Mark Ryan, Ryan & Kuehler PLLC and Pat Parenteau, Vermont Law School ([click here for abstract](#))

Wednesday, April 14th

Day 3: Wetland Program Capacity: Adapting to New Regs, COVID-19, Technology & More

The Society of Wetland Scientists Professional Certification Program: What is it and how can you become certified? Kimberli Ponzio, SWSPCP Program President and Matt Schweisberg, SWSPCP Program Ethics Committee Chair ([click here for abstract](#))

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. ([click here for abstract](#))

Drones in Environmental Assessment-Getting Michigan's Program off the Ground: Art Ostaszewski, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy ([click here for abstract](#))

Wetland Water Quality Standard Development in Utah: Becka Downard, Utah Division of Water Quality ([click here for abstract](#))

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; Matt Stahman, RES; and Michael Hare, RES ([click here for abstract](#))

Thursday, April 15th

Day 4: Innovations in Wetland Mapping and Functional Assessment

National Wetlands Inventory Update: Megan Lang and Jeff Ingebritsen, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service ([click here for abstract](#))

NWIPlus 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. ([click here for abstract](#))

Technological Advances in Resilient Tidal Marsh Restoration Design and Monitoring: Stewart DesMeules and Sundaran Gillespie, WRA, Inc. ([click here for abstract](#))

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. RES ([click here for abstract](#))

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