

Pacific Northwest Tribal Climate Change Project
DRAFT Meeting Notes – Wednesday, November 19, 2014

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-- Agency wide tribal relations strategic plan...
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Core of the document...
Consultation over the previous summer.
In the final stages of finalizing the roadmap
USDA secretary office clearance
Brainstorming different ways of sharing this once it is finally released...
Any ideas for the release?
Share the word... meetings, presentations

LINDA: #6 was added as a result of consultation with tribes... working collaboratively to do research...

Distribution... tribal representatives... Linda is tribal liason for PNW.. ideas for join research...

Affect tribes...

Carl... looking at relocation of villages...

Linda...

How does USDA budget relate to relocation in Alaska?

Across agencies... find areas where there is commonality where we want to do the same things.. Reduce burden on tribes?

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

Best regards,
Kathy

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 15-16, 2014, Rural Climate Policy Meeting, Washington, D.C. The meeting will bring Rural Climate Network and other rural leaders together to discuss and create a broad rural climate policy platform. The platform will highlight concerns and rural climate mitigation and adaptation options in the U.S.

Jan 14, 2015, [NPLCC-funded workshop: Using Beaver to Restore Streams](#). Everett, WA. This workshop is part of a 2013 NPLCC funded project with Portland State University and USFWS. It is a 1-day workshops for practitioners, reviewers, funders, landowners, land managers and regulators.

Jan 21-22, 2015, [NPLCC-funded workshop: Using Beaver to Restore](#)

Streams. Portland, OR

Jan 28th, 2015, 10-11am (Pacific Time), NPLCC Science-Management Webinar: Stream temperature database & high-resolution NorWeST climate scenarios - Dan Isaak, USDA Forest Service. This project collected existing stream temperature data from numerous federal, state, tribal, and private sources to develop an integrated regional database. Spatial statistical models for river networks will be applied to these data to develop an accurate model that predicts stream temperature for all fish-bearing streams in the US portion of the NPLCC. Differences between model outputs for historic and future climate scenarios will be used to assess spatial variation in the vulnerability of sensitive fish species across the NPLCC. [Learn more about the NorWeST database](#). Register for the webinar: <http://www.northpacificlcc.org/nplcc-science-management-webinar-stream-temperature-database-high-resolution-norwest-climate-scenarios>.

Feb 12, 2015, NPLCC-funded workshop: [Using Beaver to Restore Streams](#). Weed, CA. **Feb 17-19, 2015**, [Great Basin Consortium Conference](#). Boise State University, ID.

April 14, 2015, [NPLCC-funded workshop: Using Beaver to Restore Streams](#). Juneau, AK

May 12-15, 2015, [2nd National Adaptation Forum](#). St. Louis, MO.

Resources

Recorded Webinar: North Pacific Landscape Conservation Cooperative (NPLCC) Science Management Webinar: Correlation and climate sensitivity of human health and environmental indicators in the Salish Sea. Presenters Dr. Jamie Donatuto, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community & Dr. Eric Grossman, USGS. Links to the recorded webinar and presentation slides are now available on the [NPLCC website here](#). If you have any questions or comments about the project, please feel free to contact Dr. Donatuto, Dr. Grossman, or Mary Mahaffy, NPLCC Science Coordinator. For more information on the NPLCC and future Science-Management webinars please visit us at nplcc.org

U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit: The Climate Resilience Toolkit provides resources and a framework for understanding and addressing climate change impacts. Information is available in different categories including: identifying problems, determining vulnerabilities, investigating options, evaluating risks and costs, and taking action. <http://toolkit.climate.gov/>

Council on Environmental Quality Releases: "President's State, Local and Tribal Leaders Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience: Recommendations to the President"

As part of the Administration's overall effort to combat climate change, President Obama is committed to ensuring that U.S. communities thrive in the face of a changing climate. The Administration has made significant investments in resilient disaster recovery in the wake of extreme weather events, ensuring that rebuilding and infrastructure projects factor in climate impacts, such as sea-level rise, and invest in making transit systems more resilient to flooding and extreme weather. Last year, as part of his Climate Action Plan, the President established the State, Local, and Tribal Leaders Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience. The Task Force is comprised of Governors, Mayors, county executives and Tribal leaders from throughout the U.S. who are experiencing climate change impacts. Task Force leaders have taken bold action to protect their communities by investing in more resilient infrastructure, updating building codes, adjusting the way they manage natural resources, and planning for rapid recovery from extreme weather events. To access a fact sheet summarizing recommendations from the Task Force, as well as the recommendations document,

visit: http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/ceq/Press_Releases/November_17_2014. Supplemental recommendations to the Climate Change Task Force - Tribal Recommendations. Over the next few months these will be turned into assignments to the Departments. The supplemental recommendations are posted [here](#). The blog is live [here](#).

U.S. Geological Survey's National Climate Change and Wildlife Center Models the Response of Imperiled Freshwater Mussels to Climate Change

Freshwater mussels are in serious global decline and urgently need protection and conservation. Declines in the abundance and diversity of North American mussels have been attributed to a wide array of human activities that cause pollution, water-quality degradation, and habitat destruction. Recent findings suggest that many species are living close to their upper thermal tolerances. The primary objective of these studies are to use newly developed mussel vulnerability and risk threshold data in downscaled watershed and instream regional models to allow federal and state natural resource managers to forecast species responses to climate change over the next 30-50 years and to develop adaptation strategies to mitigate the adverse effects. Secondary objectives will be to refine these models and to generate new models with empirical data produced from integrated laboratory and field studies of mussel temperature sensitivities in water and sediment, and instream flow and habitat assessments for mussels. To access the various publications and more information about this

research project, visit the National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center website at: <https://nccwsc.usgs.gov/display-project/5050cc14e4b0be20bb30eac8/4f833d7be4b0e84f608680d1>.

News Items (from the NPLCC Climate Science Digest)

Alaska Forum on the Environment: The Alaska Forum on the Environment (AFE) is Alaska's largest statewide gathering of environmental professionals from government agencies, non-profit and for-profit businesses, community leaders, Alaskan youth, conservationists, biologists and community elders. The diversity of attendees and comprehensive agenda sets this conference apart from any other. Each year the forum offers over 80 technical breakout sessions and sensational Keynote Events. They will continue to offer the a full week of sessions on climate change, energy, environmental regulations, cleanup and remediation, fish & wildlife, solid waste, and of course much more. For the 17th year event in 2015, they will continue their expanded content on Marine Debris, Coastal Issues and Tsunami's in order to address the pressing concerns from Alaska rural coastal communities. Additionally, the NPLCC will be participating in the forum. For more information on the forum including agenda and registration [visit the Alaska Forum page](#).

Tribes partner with OSU to study clam contamination: Researchers from Oregon State University (OSU) are studying shellfish contamination on the Swinomish reservation and nearby Fidalgo Bay. Both the Swinomish Tribe and Samish Nation have partnered in the project with OSU's Superfund Research Program, focusing on clam contamination on tribal lands. Butter clams were sampled from sites in Fidalgo Bay near an oil refinery, and from the relatively pristine Kukutali Preserve. Kukutali is co-managed by the Swinomish Tribe and the state of Washington. [Read more...](#)

Sauk-Suiattle Reservation at Risk from Climate Change: The Sauk-Suiattle Indian Reservation, including residential housing and tribal administrative offices, is at risk from flooding and erosion, according to an assessment performed by Natural Systems Design. The assessment looked at the impacts of climate change to both tribal infrastructure and the Sauk River ecosystem that support fish and wildlife critical to the Tribe. Natural Systems Design studied the flows and flooding of rivers, glacial melting and the impact of climate change in the valleys. [Read more...](#)

Lummi mitigation bank receives 2014 Honoring Nations Award by the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development: The Lummi mitigation bank consists of 1,965 acres on three separate sites in the Lummi and Nooksack River floodplains. As a mitigation banker, the Lummi Nation

restores, enhances, creates and preserves wetlands and endangered species habitat on these acres and, in return, is awarded "credits" by regulatory agencies. The Lummi then sell or transfer the credits to individuals, governmental agencies, and private companies to compensate for unavoidable negative impacts to wetlands on or off the reservation. Mitigation banking provides one way to provide for the land while meeting needs for tribal housing and commercial and municipal development and diversifying the economy of the tribe. [Read more...](#)

Upcoming PNW Tribal Climate Change Network Conference Call Dates

- December 17, 2014
 - January 21, 2015
 - February 18, 2015
 - March 18, 2015
- Call-in Information:*
Call Time: 10:00 am - 11:30 Pacific
Call-in #: 1-888-858-2144
Pass code: 5064716

Meeting Notes

2015 Workshops: Using Beaver for Climate Change and Conservation Benefits

The NPLCC supported a project led by Janine Castro, FWS, and Mary Ann Schmidt, PSU, entitled " *Using Beaver for Climate Change and Conservation Benefits - the state-of-the-science and workshop dissemination for assessing the stream restoration potential of beaver.*" Working with NOAA NW Fisheries Science Center, they have developed draft beaver restoration guidelines that will be presented at workshops throughout the NPLCC geographic area. *Workshop Locations and Dates:*

- Everett, Washington, January 14th
- Portland, Oregon, January 21st and 22nd
- Weed, California, February 12th
- Juneau, Alaska, April 14th

Please contact Janine Castro, janine_m_castro@fws.gov with questions. To register, visit: <http://epp.esr.pdx.edu/Beaver%20Restoration.html>.

Don Motanic suggested that the organizers of this workshop reference work that the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes have done through their [Fire on the Land Program](#), and the story, [Beaver Steals Fire](#).

President's Task State, Local and Tribal Leaders Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience Releases Recommendations

The President's task force has recently completed a set of recommendations for federal agencies so that they can better support tribal, state and local climate adaptation and mitigation efforts. The five principles guiding the report are:

1. Require consideration of climate-related risks and vulnerabilities in the design, revision, and implementation of all Federal policies, practices, investments, regulations, and other programs.
2. Maximize opportunities to take actions that have dual-benefits of increasing community resilience and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
3. Strengthen coordination and partnerships among Federal agencies, and across Federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial jurisdictions as well as economic sectors.
4. Provide actionable data and information on climate change impacts and related tools and assistance to support decision-making at all levels.
5. Consult and cooperate with Tribes and indigenous communities on all aspects of Federal climate preparedness and resilience efforts, and encourage states and local communities to do the same.

The full report can be found here:

http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/docs/task_force_report_0.pdf

Federal Climate Change Plans:

On October 31, 2014, the White House released the final versions of Climate Change Adaptation Plans produced by federal departments and agencies. More information on Executive Order 13514: Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy and Economic Performance is available here:

<http://www.globalchange.gov/browse/federal-adaptation-resources>. Links to all the federal climate plans are available at: <http://www.performance.gov/node/3406/view?view=public#supporting-info>.

- The Department of Interior Climate Change Adaptation Plan is available here: http://www.doi.gov/greening/sustainability_plan/upload/2014_DOI_Climate_Change_Adaptation_Plan.pdf.
- The USDA Climate Change Adaptation Plan is available here: http://www.usda.gov/oce/climate_change/adaptation/adaptation_plan.htm
- The EPA Adaptation Implementation Plans are available here: <http://epa.gov/climatechange/impacts-adaptation/fed-programs/Final-EPA-Adaptation-plans.html>

U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit

The U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit provides scientific tools, information, and expertise to help people manage their climate-related risks and opportunities, and improve their resilience to extreme events. The site is designed to serve interested citizens, communities, businesses, resource managers, planners, and policy leaders at all levels of government.

ITEP Webinar series

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals is coordinating a webinar series focused on climate change adaptation as part of a collaborative project with the USDA Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station and the PNW Tribal Climate Change Project. This webinar series follows an early set of webinars on climate change adaptation planning, a September climate change adaptation training workshop in Portland, Oregon. These webinars will be scheduled in January and February. More information about the webinars will be distributed through the network as it becomes available.

General Updates

Native American Student Research Grant

The Intertribal Timber Council (ITC), in partnership with the USDA Forest Service Southern Research Station is pleased to announce scholarship opportunities for Native American students who are planning or currently conducting tribally relevant research in a natural resource issue. The deadline is January 26, 2015 at 5:00 PM PST. Awards are for up to \$4,000. Grant information can be found online at www.itcnet.org.

Streaming Video on The Future of Trust Administration Workshop conducted on October 3, 2014

On October 3, 2014, the Intertribal Timber Council and Seattle University School of Law, Center for Indian and Law Policy co-hosted a workshop, The Future of Trust Administration.

The workshop format had four panels with first, the viewpoints from the federal administration and congressional perspectives; second a panel using the report from IFMAT-III as a case study; third, a panel on emerging models for trust administration; and finally a panel with many of the previous panel members discussing the challenges and opportunities for re-forming trust administration.

Recordings of the workshop are available on streaming video through the ITC website, www.itcnet.org and also through the Seattle University School of Law at: www.law.seattleu.edu/continuing-legal-education/online-and-on-demand/cle-multimedia-library/2014-tribal-trust.

University of Washington Climate Impacts Group Resources

The UW Climate Impacts Group (CIG) is pleased to share information on several new publications involving CIG authors that may be of interest to you. These papers address issues in the following areas:

- Climate change and [biodiversity](#)
- Trends in [coastal upwelling](#)
- Climate change impacts on [flooding](#)
- Climate change impacts on [U.S. dairy production](#)
- Climate change [adaptation in forested ecosystems](#) of the North Cascades
- Climate change and [very large wildfires](#)

Summaries of the new publications are provided below. For a complete list of publications from the Climate Impacts Group, please go to <http://cses.washington.edu/db/pubs/allpubs.shtml>. To request copies of publications, please email cig@uw.edu.

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. Recently, the guide has been expanded to include existing tribal climate change adaptation plans in the US. Email kathy@uoregon.edu if you have any information to add to the guide. To access the funding guide, please visit <http://envs.uoregon.edu/tribal-climate/>

Being Prepared for Climate Change: A Workbook for Developing Risk-Based Adaptation Plans

This publication provides much needed guidance for conducting risk-based climate change vulnerability assessments and developing adaptation action plans. The workbook helps users to identify, analyze and prioritize climate change risks. In developing an action plan, it guides users to address their most pressing risks and find appropriate responses. Climate change, once considered an issue for a distant future, has moved firmly into the present. By using the workbook and addressing climate change in their systems, users will be ready to protect environmental resources, public safety, and infrastructure. Learn more about the [Being Prepared for Climate Change workbook tools](#) to help increase resiliency and tackle climate change in your own place. <http://www2.epa.gov/cre/risk-based-adaptation>

New Report on Climate Change Vulnerability and Adaptation in the North Cascades Region

Northwest Climate Science Center University of Washington Graduate Fellow, Ronda Strauch, is an author on the largest climate change adaptation effort on federal lands to date. The report was led by the U.S. Forest Service's Portland-based Pacific Northwest Research Station. It concludes that, as watersheds in the North Cascades become increasingly dominated by rain rather than snow, fall and winter floods will cause more damage to the roughly 10,000 miles of roads in the North Cascades. Possible adaptation tactics identified in the report include hardening stream crossings with

rocks, stabilizing stream banks, designing culverts for higher flows and upgrading bridges to deal with higher flows. The report also addresses increased wildfire and insect outbreaks east of the Cascades as a result of a warmer climate. For more information see the report: <http://www.treesearch.fs.fed.us/pubs/47131> or contact Ronda Strauch at rstrauch@uw.edu.

Re-establishing Tribal Biodiversity through Agroforestry

A posting by [Kate MacFarland, U.S.D.A. National Agroforestry Center and Colleen Rossier, University of California-Davis](#), on November 17, 2014. See more at: <http://blogs.usda.gov/2014/11/17/re-establishing-tribal-biodiversity-through-agroforestry/#sthash.RnC3Zika.dpuf>

Guidelines for Considering Traditional Knowledges (TKs) in Climate Change Initiatives

These *Guidelines for Considering Traditional Knowledges (TKs) in Climate Change Initiatives* are intended to be an informational resource for tribes, agencies, and organizations across the United States interested in understanding TKs in the context of climate change. In light of the increasing recognition of the significance of traditional knowledges (TKs) in relation to climate change, a self-organized, informal group of indigenous persons, staff of indigenous governments and organizations, and experts with experience working with issues concerning traditional knowledges (The Climate and Traditional Knowledges Workgroup – CTKW), felt compelled to develop a framework to increase understanding of issues relating to access and protection of TKs in climate initiatives and interactions between holders of TKs and non-tribal partners. The Guidelines were originally developed to inform the Department of Interior's Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science (ACCCNRS) in May 2014. Version 1.0 of this document has been debuted via website (see link above). The author team welcomes comments, and looks forward to receiving feedback via comment form on website.

Upcoming Webinars and Meetings

November 20, 2014. 10 am Pacific. NPLCC Science-Management Webinar: Correlation and climate sensitivity of human health and environmental indicators in the Salish Sea

The NPLCC is pleased to announce an upcoming science-management webinar sharing the results of this Traditional Ecological Knowledge project. This project focused on the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, whose traditional territories are particularly vulnerable to threats like sea-level rise and increased storms. These sensitivities of species and habitats to climate were cross-walked with recently developed Coast Salish community health indicators (e.g. ceremonial use, knowledge exchange, and physiological well-being). The goal of this project was to demonstrate how Indigenous Knowledge can be used in conjunction with established landscape-level conservation indicators (e.g. shellfish and water-quality) and employed to identify resource management priorities. The webinar will highlight results, showing assessments of these indicators and priorities of the Swinomish Tribe and Tseil-Waututh Nation compared to and integrated with climate forecasts. This presentation will provide a template for how other tribal communities can use these methods to assist with climate change adaptation. This project was jointly funded by the NPLCC & Northwest Climate Science Center. To register for the webinar, [click here](#). For more information on the project,

visit: <http://www.northpacificlcc.org/News/11-13-2014/11-20-nplcc-science-management-webinar-correlation-and-climate-sensitivity-of-human-health-and-environmental-indicators-in-the-salish-sea>

November 21, 2014. 8:00 – 11:30 am. [Climate Risk: What it means for Oregon's Health Care Sectors](#)

National experts and local leaders, including Oregon's Public Health Division Director Lillian Shirley, will convene to discuss climate preparedness and leadership within the health care sector. World Trade Center in Portland, OR.

November 24, 2014. 1 pm – 7 pm. [Department of Education: Seattle Listening Session November 24, 2014.](#)

The White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education Seattle Listening Session is scheduled for November 24, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

December 2-3, 2014 Climate Change and Indigenous Peoples Conference

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 distinguished keynote speaker Patricia Cochran to the conference. 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. The conference will also feature research from visiting student speakers, and research from UO students. Registration information can be found below on the conference website. Registration is not mandatory and the event is free and open to the public. For more information on the Conference, please visit: <http://ccip.uoregon.edu/>

[December 3, 2014. 12:30 pm Pacific. Webinar: Building Tribal Capacity for Climate Change Adaptation.](#)

College of Menominee Nation Sustainable Development Institute hosted a 3-day summit in October 2014 focused on different levels of climate change adaptation training for Tribes. This event included opportunities to network between indigenous practitioners, tribal leaders & land managers, federal agencies, and climate change scientists. The information was specific to the northeast region, but was open to all who are interested in the issues of climate change and Tribes. The Summit provided an opportunity to gain introductory and more advanced climate change adaptation planning skills and information, identify the next steps for adaptation, and make connections between tribes and academic/governmental climate change programs that can provide the tools and resources that tribes need. This webinar will focus on Summit participants and activities, lessons learned, outcomes, and plans for future Tribal adaptation training. <https://necsc.umass.edu/webinars/building-tribal-capacity-climate-change-adaptation>

December 11, 2014. 1-2 pm Pacific. Access to Traditional Tribal Foods in Oregon's Changing Climate
Portland State Office Building, 800 NE Oregon St.

Cheryl Shippentower, Plant Ecologist at the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, will discuss the impacts of climate change on 'First Foods' and efforts to protect and restore native plant resources critical to tribal culture in Oregon.

December 11, 2014. Exploring Coastal Community Resilience in Oregon: A Workshop Hosted By Oregon Sea Grant

Communities along Oregon's coast are constantly dealing with social, environmental, and economic pressures, impacts and changes. Earthquakes and tsunamis, sea level rise, ocean acidification, population changes, and economic fluctuations are just a few issues our coastal communities face. University researchers in Oregon are working to develop meaningful science and innovative solutions to aid coastal communities in becoming more resilient to these stressors. Meanwhile, coastal practitioners are looking to develop and draw from existing scientific research to guide important decisions. This event is being held to develop a common understanding of what academic researchers and coastal practitioners' are interested in regarding coastal resilience and to identify what their needs are for addressing coastal resilience issues. This event also offers the opportunity for researchers and coastal practitioners to get to know one another and build relationships that support addressing coastal resilience issues here in Oregon. This invitation-only event is being held December 11, 2014 from 9:30am to 5:30pm that will be held at the Children's Farm Home - Old School, 4455 NE Hwy 20, Corvallis, OR 97330. We greatly value your participation and hope that you will join us for this day of discussion and interaction. Please complete the registration form below to confirm your participation. If you would like to recommend another individual from your field or organization, please feel free to refer them to us. Also, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Register here: http://oregonstate.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_cFQpwC3RjnvVVsh. For more information contact Miriah Kelly at (541) 224-6474 or m.russokelly@oregonstate.edu.

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

May 12 - 15, 2015: 2nd National Adaptation Forum

The 2nd National Adaptation Forum will take place from May 12 through May 14, 2015 in St. Louis, MO and will engage key individuals from such diverse fields as industry, academia, government, and non-profit organizations, all working across traditional boundaries to develop adaptation solutions and partnerships. The National Adaptation Forum is the biennial gathering of the adaptation community to foster information exchange, innovation and mutual support for a better tomorrow. At the Forum, participants learn how to make their work climate-informed, share what they have learned with others, and develop a stronger network of collaborative peers. Early Bird Registration for the **2nd NATIONAL ADAPTATION FORUM** is open. For more information, click here: <http://nationaladaptationforum.org/>.