



National Association of Wetland Managers and
Saint Mary's University GeoSpatial Services

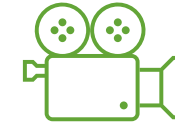
Pacific Northwest Tribal Clean Water Act Training

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

APRIL 28, 2025

Informational Meeting Outline

- Introduce Planning Team
- Overview of Plans for the Training Workshop
- Review of Southwest Tribal Clean Water Act Training
- Training Timeline and Logistics



These sections of the presentation are being recorded

- Opportunity for Questions and Feedback
- *Watch for poll questions throughout the presentation!*

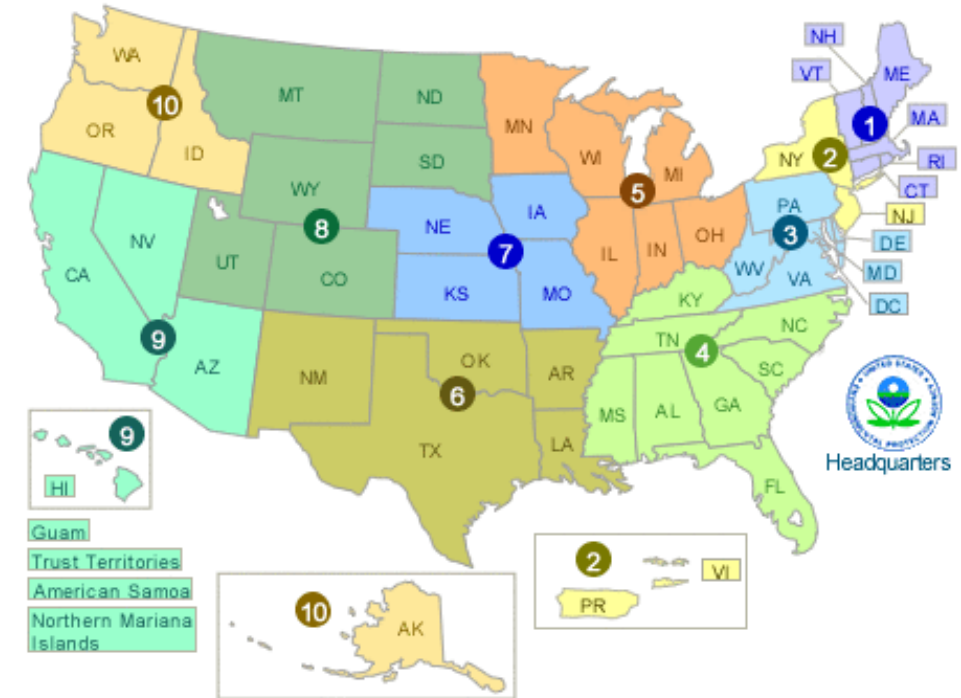
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November 17-20, 2025

Tulalip Resort Casino

Tulalip, WA



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- **When is the training workshop? Where will it be held?**
 - **November 17-20, 2025 at the Tulalip Resort Casino in Tulalip, WA**
 - The workshop will be held in-person over 4 days (3 days of sessions and 1 day of field trips)
 - Registration will open this week and the training is free to attend
 - Travel scholarships will be available to cover travel and hotel costs



More information available on the [Training Workshop Webpage](#)

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- **Who can attend the training workshop?**
 - **Tribal water quality and water resource staff**
 - Tribes who work on, or are interested in pursuing TAS for, Clean Water Act Section 106, Section 319, Section 303(d), water quality standards, and wetlands
 - Tribes who conduct water quality monitoring, issue water quality certifications, and address water quality issues, nonpoint source pollution, and impaired waters/TMDLs
 - Training will focus on examples and applications for Tribes in the Pacific Northwest, although tribal staff from across the country may attend



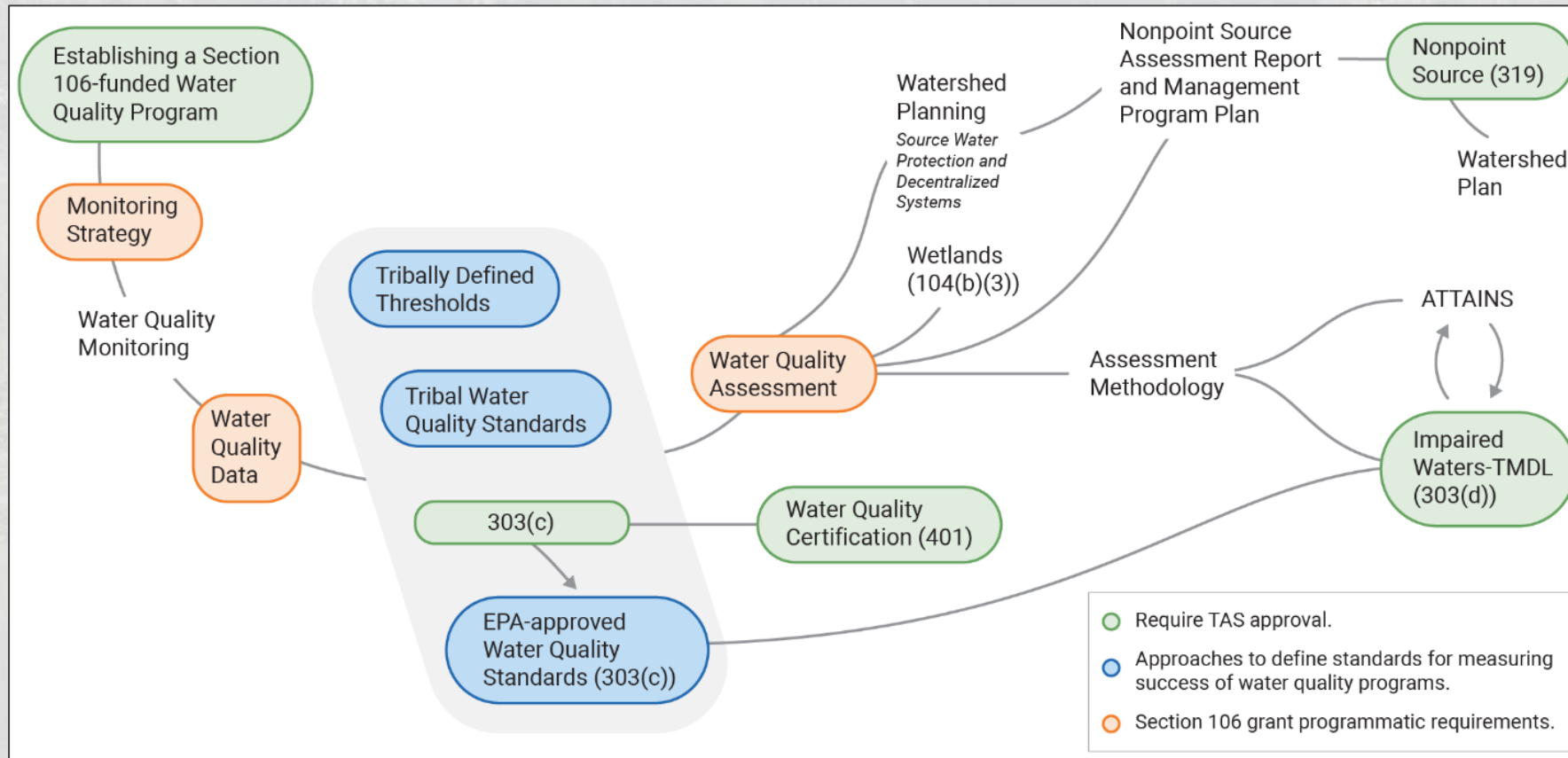
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- **What opportunities will the workshop provide?**



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Source: [Clean Water Act Section 106 Tribal Guidance](#)

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Figure 1. Components contributing to protection of traditional tribal lifeways.

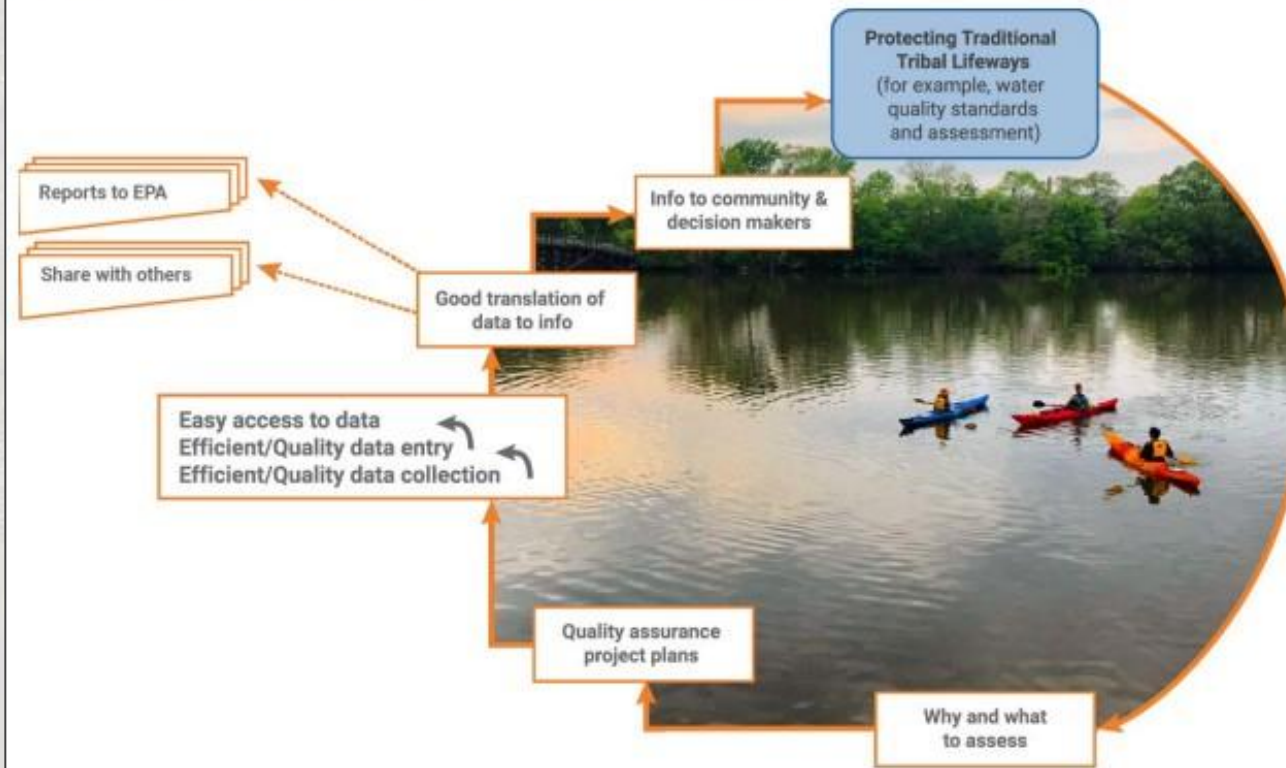


Figure Credit: Figure was provided courtesy of Penobscot Nation Water Resources Program. Photo Credit: Laura Shumway

Source: [Tribal Data Management for WQX Submission](#)

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- **What opportunities will the workshop provide?**

Monday, Nov. 17, 2025 Optional morning session Afternoon session for all	Day 1: Big Picture – Optional morning session will provide an introduction to CWA programs. Afternoon session will kick off the full training and include an overview of water resource/ water quality programs and review recent updates to CWA programs and policies.
Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2025 Full day of sessions	Days 2 and 3: In-depth Training – Two full days of sessions providing Tribe-to-Tribe sharing of lessons learned and first-hand experiences, as well as focused training sessions from Tribal and EPA staff on monitoring and assessment, data management, water quality standards, and regulatory and non-regulatory approaches.
Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2025 Full day of sessions	
Thursday, Nov. 20, 2025 Field trip	Day 4: Field Trip – Field trip to area sites and opportunity to view examples of the water quality approaches discussed during the training sessions.

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- **What opportunities will the workshop provide?**
 - Bring together Tribal and EPA staff across water quality programs to share and learn
 - Training sessions on a range of water quality topics
 - Time to ask questions and seek technical assistance
 - Opportunity to interact with and learn from other Tribes
 - **This training is for you! Your feedback will help us design the training and identify priority topic areas.**





**Southwest Tribal Clean Water Act Training
March 4-7, 2024
Isleta Resort & Casino
Albuquerque, NM**



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- 92 Tribal attendees representing 58 Tribal Communities
- 23 staff and trainers
- 3 full day of sessions, 4 field trip options on Day 4



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Field Trips



Southwest Training Workshop Overview

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024		
DAY 1: BIG PICTURE – CLEAN WATER ACT (CWA) PRIMER AND REGULATORY UPDATES		
8:00am – 9:45am	Optional CWA Primer ←	Grand Ballroom A
9:45am – 10:15am	Break	
10:15am – 12:00pm	Optional CWA Primer	Grand Ballroom A
12:00pm – 1:30pm	Lunch break (on your own)	
1:30pm – 3:00pm	Welcome and Regulatory Updates ←	Grand Ballroom A
3:00pm – 3:30pm	Break	
3:30pm – 5:00pm	Regulatory Updates and Day 1 Recap	Grand Ballroom A



Full agenda available at: <https://nawm.org/southwest-tribal-clean-water-act-training>

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TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024		
DAY 2: SHARING STORIES – LESSONS LEARNED FROM TRIBES		
8:00am – 9:30am	Program Development Stories ←	Grand Ballroom A
9:30am – 10:00am	Break	
10:00am – 11:30am	Project Implementation Stories	Grand Ballroom A
11:30am – 1:00pm	Lunch (provided)	Seminar Room
1:00pm – 2:30pm	Monitoring, Data, & Assessment Stories	Grand Ballroom A
2:30pm – 3:00pm	Break	
3:00pm – 5:00pm	Breakout Discussions and One-on-One Data Sessions ←	Various Rooms (see full agenda)



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Breakout Discussion Topics

- **Outreach, Communications, and Stakeholder Engagement:** A chance to share successes and lessons learned in communicating your program's work and findings with the larger Tribal Community, outreach to youth, and engaging stakeholders.
- **Funding Your Water Quality Program:** Discuss how to find and secure funding for your program, challenges in finding funds, and where to go for assistance.
- **Water Quality "Help Desk":** An opportunity to ask questions about your program, discuss challenges and concerns, or clarify what has been covered in the training so far.

One-on-One Data Sessions

- EPA staff available to provide one-on-one assistance to tribal staff on the following data topics:
 - WQX
 - Water Quality Portal
 - ATTAINS
 - TADA
 - GIS
 - How's My Waterway

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024		
DAY 3: A DEEPER DIVE		
8:00am – 9:30am	Regulatory & Non-Regulatory Approaches	Introductory Sessions ←
9:30am – 10:00am	Break	Ballroom A
10:00am – 11:30am	Water Quality Standards	Intermediate Sessions ←
		Grande Room
11:30am – 1:00pm	Lunch (provided)	Seminar Room
1:00pm – 2:30pm	Monitoring and Assessment	Introductory Sessions in Grand
2:30pm – 3:00pm	Break	Ballroom A
3:00pm – 4:30pm	Data Systems and Management	Intermediate Sessions in Rio
		Grande Room
4:30pm – 5:00pm	Training Recap and Closing	Grand Ballroom A



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Sampling of Feedback from Southwest Training Workshop Participants

- “I learned a lot and appreciate the regulatory aspect. Hearing from other tribes and their applications was especially helpful.”
- “Being new to the field I learned quite a bit”
- “Would love a problem-solution ‘case study’ presentation that focused on legislation/program establishment”
- “I honestly thought this was one of the best CWA trainings I’ve been to in the last 1.5 years I’ve been working for a tribal government.”
- “Maybe provide more hands-on demonstration, especially when presenting on data and utilization of services like R, WQX portal, etc.”
- “Was glad to hear how all Tribes are working within their Tribal lands to work with their clean water and more!”

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- **November 17-20, 2025 at the Tulalip Resort Casino in Tulalip, WA**
- Registration will open this week and the training is free to attend.
Register by September 19.
- Workshop will be entirely in-person.
- Travel scholarships will be available to cover travel and hotel costs on a reimbursable basis. Applications for travel assistance are requested by ***August 15.***
- Field trip sign up will be separate from registration for the training workshop.



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- **November 17-20, 2025 at the Tulalip Resort Casino in Tulalip, WA**
- A block of hotel rooms is available at the Tulalip Resort at a rate of \$149/night for training workshop attendees for the nights of Sunday (11/16/25) through Wednesday (11/19/25).
- Hotel room reservations may be made by calling 866-716-7162 and providing the group name "**NAWM CWA Training.**"
- Reservations must be made by October 16, 2025.



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- If you have additional questions or concerns, or if your plans change after registering, please notify Portia Osborne at NAWM at portia@nawm.org or (207) 892-3399.
- Please note that due to the ongoing uncertainty regarding federal funding, the training could be canceled at any time. NAWM will notify registrants and update the training workshop webpage as soon as possible should any changes to the training plans be necessary due to a lack of funding.



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- **November 17-20, 2025 at the Tulalip Resort Casino in Tulalip, WA**
- ***This training is for you!*** We welcome your feedback on training needs, priority focus areas, and how to make the workshop a success.
- If you want to get more involved:
 - Looking for tribal speakers to share experiences and perspectives
 - Opportunity to join the Planning Committee and guide training plans
 - Reach out to Portia Osborne at NAWM at portia@nawm.org or (207) 892-3399 to learn more and get involved



Relevant Resources

- [Pacific Northwest Tribal Clean Water Act Training Workshop](#) webpage
 - Webpage has workshop information, agenda outline, accommodations, and more
 - Registration and scholarship application forms will open this week
- [Southwest Tribal Clean Water Act Training Workshop](#) webpage
 - Training agenda and presentations are available for reference
 - Pre-recorded Clean Water Act Primer available for viewing
- [Tribal Clean Water Act online training series](#): 5 pre-recorded training videos with optional knowledge assessment quizzes
- [Tribal Exchange Network Group](#) (TXG): Free services to support tribal management, analysis, and sharing of environmental data

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Questions?



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