



*Association of State Wetland Managers*  
**Clean Water Act §404 Assumption Webinar Series**  
**Florida's Assumption Process:  
Planning, Decisions and Lessons Learned**



November 4, 2020  
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm Eastern

**Webinar Presenters:**

- Tim Rach, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Heather Mason, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

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(10 minutes)

**Presentations**  
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**Q&A**  
(20 minutes)



# Today's Presenters



**Timothy Rach**  
Florida Department of  
Environmental Protection



**Heather Mason**  
Florida Department of  
Environmental Protection



# Webinar Moderator




**Brenda Zollitsch, PhD**  
Senior Policy Analyst  
Association of State Wetland Managers





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### Jon A. Kusler, Esq., Ph.D.

July 25, 1941 – October 8, 2020

It is with tremendous heaviness of heart, that the Association of State Wetland Managers (ASWM) shares the sad news of the passing of ASWM's founder, Dr. Jon A. Kusler, Esq. After battling with Multiple System Atrophy for more than a year, Dr. Kusler passed away peacefully with his family at his side on Thursday, October 8th.

The global community of wetland and floodplain managers, scientists, policymakers, lawyers and practitioners have lost a colleague, a mentor and a friend. Jon paved the way for wetland and floodplain protection around the world, challenging us to think beyond the norm – to find new and innovative ways to solve some of our most pressing environmental issues.

ASWM has created a [memorial page](#) on its website where staff will be posting messages shared by those who knew Jon. If you would like to share a story or a sentiment on the page, [please go here](#).

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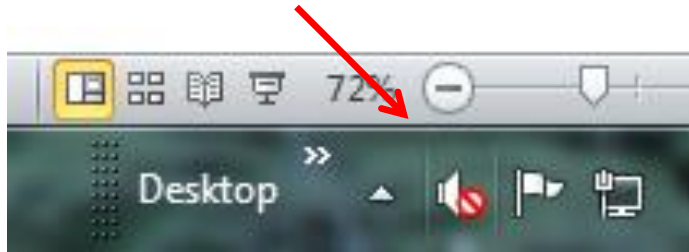
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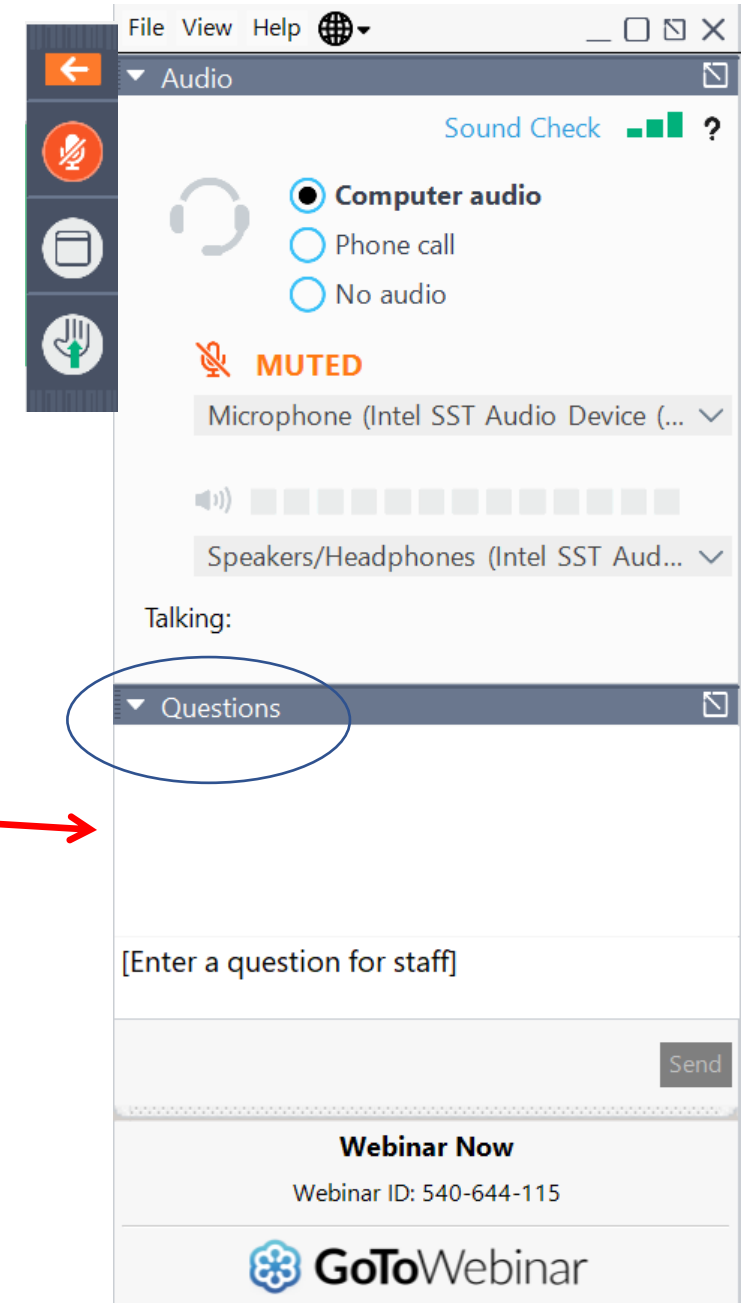
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