



Association of State Wetland Managers
Wetland Regulatory Capacity Building Webinar Series

**Building Capacity to Protect and Manage Wetlands
through the Development of State Wetland Associations**



June 24, 2020

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm Eastern

Webinar Presenters:

- Erin O'Brien, Wisconsin Wetlands Association
- Rick Savage, Carolina Wetlands Association
- Kim Matthews, Carolina Wetlands Association



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Today's Presenters



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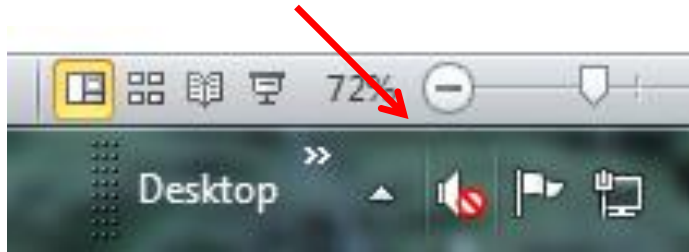
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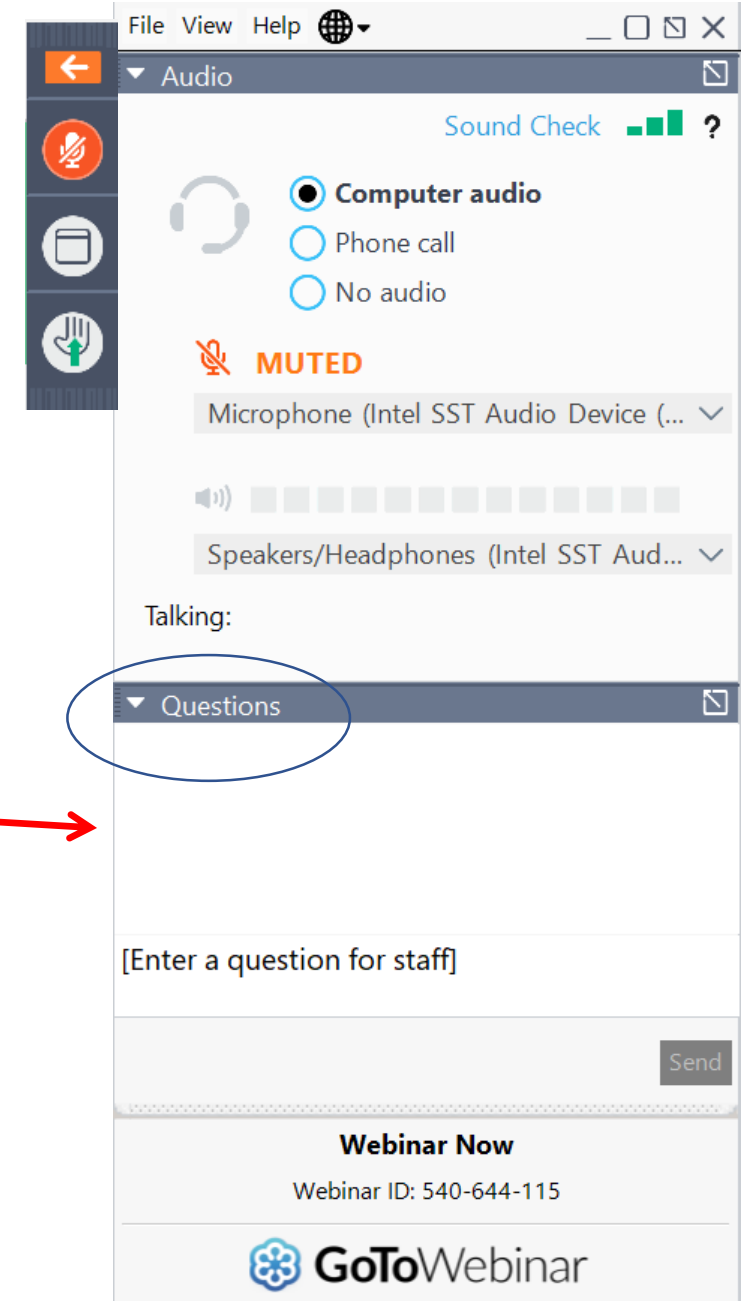
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Four Panel Questions

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Panel Question 1:

What are some of the leading reasons a state or tribe might want to work with or develop a state wetland association?
How can states/tribes maximize their relationship with state associations?



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Panel Question 2:

What key elements led to the development of your state association?
What had to align to make it possible? How did you develop the political will and funding to develop and sustain your state association?



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Panel Question 3:

What are some of the challenges/stumbling blocks you have experienced as an association?



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Panel Question 4:

While timing might not be right during a pandemic, why might a state/tribe start working with others to start the ball rolling to develop a state association now?



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Q&A Session

