



Association of State Wetland Managers
Wetland Regulatory Capacity Building Webinar Series

Filling Wetland Regulatory Gaps: Approaches and Lessons Learned



November 13, 2020

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Eastern

Webinar Presenters:

- Yvonne Vallette, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10
- Denise Clearwater, Maryland Department of the Environment
- Richard Mraz, Washington State Department of Ecology
- Michelle Cook, Kentucky Division of Water



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Today's Presenters



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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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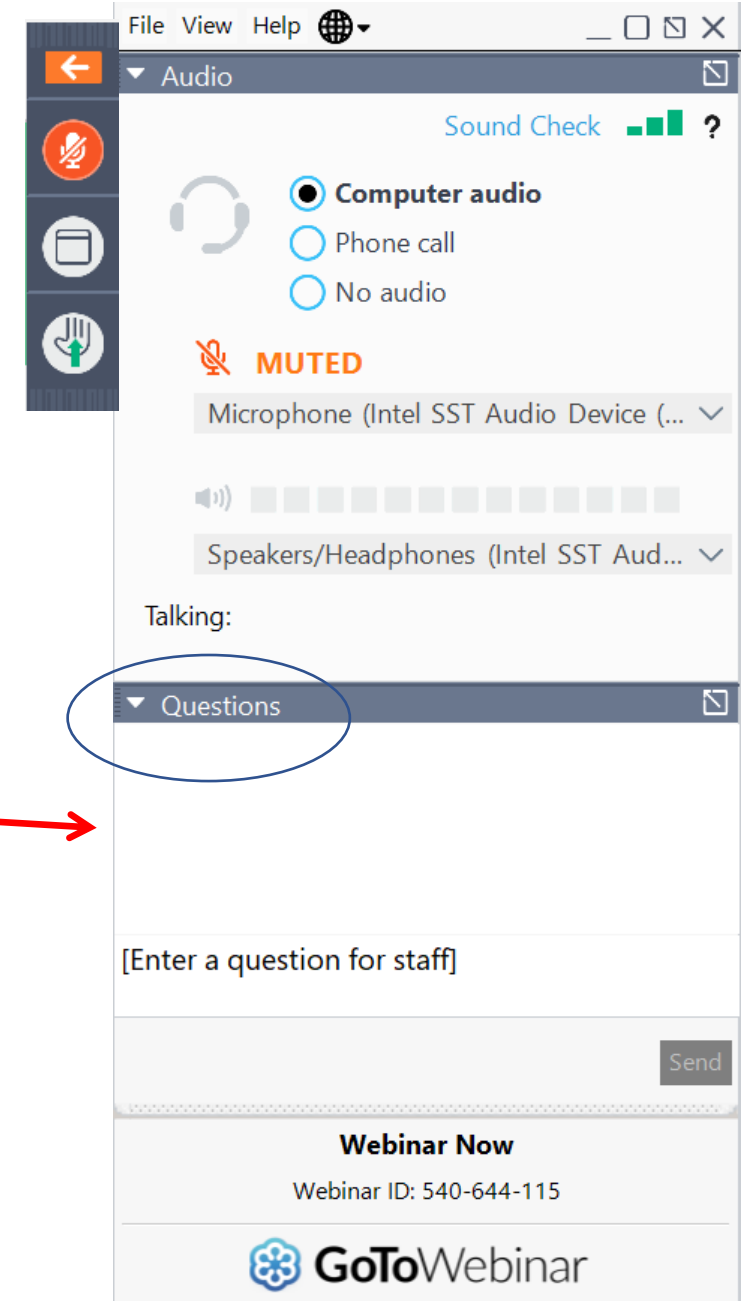
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