

WETLAND MAPPING CONSORTIUM

Changes in the FGDC Wetland Classification Standard – Cowardin 2.0

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AGENDA



- **Welcome and Introductions (5 minutes)**
- **WMC Webinar Recordings/Schedule (5 minutes)**
- **Changes in the FGDC Wetland Classification Standard – Cowardin 2.0 (30 minutes)**
- **Question & Answer (15 minutes)**
- **Wrap up (5 minutes)**

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Wetland Mapping Training

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

The Fish and Wildlife Service's National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) is pleased to announce the availability of initial modules of an online Wetland Mapping Training course. NWI is providing the training to encourage and enable mapping partnerships with other organizations in order to increase the amount of current, modernized wetlands geospatial data available to all users. The training is geared towards image interpreters already skilled in GIS, who may need special training for mapping wetlands, to learn how to interpret and classify wetlands, apply the new standards and requirements, or learn tips and tricks (coming soon) to make the mapping more efficient. The training is designed to implement the new Wetlands Mapping Standard and ensure the quality of the data – and training is an effective way to make sure the data are collected accurately from the beginning. Currently only three modules are available, two technical modules are coming soon, and three additional modules on related topics are planned. NWI will continue to provide in-person training to partnering organizations as needed, as well as data verification tools, guidance, and quality control of the data before it becomes part of the NWI layer of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure. To review or take the training, [click here](#).

The training is evolving as we receive feedback. If you want to be part of the process, send comments to FW9_Wetlands@fws.gov. This training was developed in cooperation with the Association of State Wetland Managers, supported by EPA and the FGDC.

Training Webinars

Mapping Standards & Requirements – Rusty Griffin, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (10/15/14)



Part 1: Introduction - Marla Stelk, Policy Analyst, ASWM
Presenter: Rusty Griffin, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service



Part 2: Presenter: Rusty Griffin, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service



Part 3: Questions

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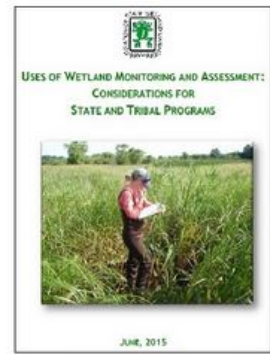
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Uses of Monitoring and Assessment in Wetland Programs

Association of State Wetland Managers
pleased to release a new report -
**Monitoring and Assessment:
Considerations for State and Tribal
Programs**
This report - which was prepared
with assistance from an EPA State

Wetland Program Development Grant - explores the various ways that states and tribes could make better use of existing monitoring and assessment methods to obtain science-based answers to wetland management problems. While it provides an overview of many common approaches to wetland monitoring, the focus is primarily on **why** these methods are selected for a given purpose. This report encourages the thoughtful identification of the most appropriate and efficient methods in light of available financial and staff resources. It may be particularly useful to states or tribes that are developing or updating wetland monitoring and assessment strategies.

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The Association of State Wetland Managers (ASWM) and the Society of Wetland Scientists (SWS) share the common goal of encouraging sound science in wetland research, management, restoration, policy, and conservation. To meet this goal, the two organizations developed a formal partnership in 2015. ASWM is pleased to provide a link to SWS's new Members Webinar Series and encourage you to investigate their webinar series as well as our own.

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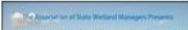


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State Wetland Program Status and Trends Report
A Report of the Association of State Wetland Managers


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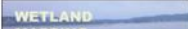
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Natural Floodplain Functions Alliance Webinar


Natural Floodplain Functions Alliance
Webinar Series Presentation
Managing Water Where It Falls: Green Infrastructure in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Wetland Mapping Consortium Webinar (WMC)


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WMC WEBINAR POSTED FROM DEC. 9, 2015

NWI Standards & Dataset: A Cornerstone for Decision-Support

Mitch Bergeson
US Fish & Wildlife Service

Andy Roberston
Saint Mary's University

Megan Lang
University of Maryland



Part 1: Introduction: Marla Stelk, Policy Analyst, ASWM



Part 2: Presenter: Mitch Bergeson, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service



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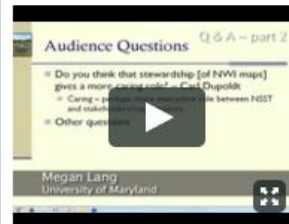
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Part 5: Megan Lang, University of Maryland



Part 6: Questions/Answers



Part 7: Questions/Answers

Future Wetland Mapping Consortium Webinars

Wednesday, February 17, 2016 – 3:00 p.m. ET

Updated Data Collection Procedures and Requirements for Meeting FGDC Wetland Mapping Standards (Rusty Griffin, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service)

Wednesday, March 30, 2016

3:30pm - 4:00pm ET: Working towards an Automated Wetlands Mapping Process: Successes, Failures, and Potential for the Future (Robb McLeod, Ducks Unlimited)

4:00pm - 4:30pm ET: Multi-Criteria Restoration Prioritization: Applying Landscape Level Wetland Functional Assessments for Watershed Planning & Decision Support (Andy Robertson, Saint Mary's University)

4:30pm - 5:00pm ET: National Wetlands Inventory Version 2 – Surface Waters and Wetlands (Mitch Bergeson, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service)

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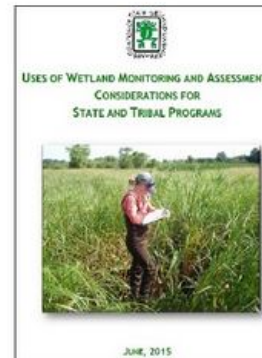
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Integration of Monitoring and Assessment in Wetland Programs

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