



**Executive Stakeholder Advisory Committee (ESAC)
Conference Call Agenda**

February 17, 2016

10:00 – 12:00 PST

Call-in:

703-648-4848 (from DOI facilities)
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Welcome and housekeeping

Rich Ferrero, Gus Bisbal

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MEETING PARTICIPANTS

States

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife – Lynn Helbrecht

Tribes

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission – Dianne Barton

Federal

Bureau of Reclamation – Bryan Horsburgh

Environmental Protection Agency – Michael Cox

Great Basin Landscape Conservation Cooperative – Rick Kearney

Great Northern Landscape Conservation Cooperative – Yvette Converse

National Park Service – Chris Lauver

NOAA Fisheries – Mark Strom

NRCS National Water and Climate Center – Mark Strobel

North Pacific Landscape Conservation Cooperative – John Mankowski

Northwest Climate Science Center – Gustavo Bisbal and Nicole DeCrappeo

Universities and NGOs (invited as observers or presenters)

Oregon State University – Philip Mote and Josh Foster

University of Idaho – Arwen Bird

Executive Services

ESAC Terms of Reference

As reported during February and July 2014 ESAC calls, the National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center (NCCWSC) has developed Stakeholder Advisory Committee Terms of Reference (TORs) for all eight CSCs. The TORs spell out membership qualifications, service expectations, lengths of service, etc. These underwent some modifications by CSCs and NCCWSC and were sent by Gus to ESAC members on February 11. He asks for responses on whether you want to continue your service for 2 more years or step aside and ask another to represent your organization. Send Gus an email with your decision by **February 25**. Gus will provide a full list of ESAC members at our next meeting.

ESAC October 2016 in-person meeting

At our 2015 in-person meeting, we heard that people wanted to go back to a 2-day meeting. Please save **Oct. 19-20, 2016** on your calendars for that meeting. We are contemplating more of a retreat-like meeting, so we may meet somewhere outside of Portland city limits.

Debrief on the NW CSC Review and Evaluation

The NW CSC underwent a 5- year review of its performance on Jan. 20-22, 2016. The review team was headed by American Fisheries Society and Cornell University. Thank you to all ESAC members who traveled to Corvallis to meet with the team! From the review team, we heard that the exchange with ESAC was very fruitful and productive. They said ESAC seems pleased with NW CSC, but mentioned things we need to work on on the USGS side, university side, and as a whole. The review report is still being worked on – we don't have a timeline but will share results with ESAC when we receive them. A few highlights: the review team was impressed with Climate Boot Camp, the actionable science being produced, our efforts to engage with tribes. Many ESAC members commented that it was a long way to travel, but appreciated the opportunity to provide feedback and share perspectives.

NW CSC staffing update

Deputy Director: This position was advertised last fall. Candidates were reviewed by Gus and a small panel. All agreed that while each candidate had strengths, none met the needs of the NW CSC. Closed that certificate and will be re-advertising soon.

BIA Liaison: Feb. 12 was closing date for tribal organizations to submit proposals to choose and hire the liaison. We do not yet know who from the Northwest applied; we do not participate in this review process.

Science Services

FY16 Ecological Drought RFP update

The NW CSC released a request for proposals asking for innovative tools, techniques, and approaches for adapting to ecological drought. We received 49 statements of interest, \$9.2M total request, \$200K average request. Good diversity in number of schools, federal agencies, tribes, and NGOs that applied. Expert review panel has completed reviewing SOIs, and selected applicants will be invited to submit full proposals on Feb. 29.

Education and Training Services

2016 Climate Boot Camp update

2016 Climate Boot Camp will take place at McCall Field Campus, University of Idaho, July 24-29, 2016. This year, we are shifting and embracing a place-based approach in the education provided. We'll delve deeply into specific cases happening around McCall that will help us examine management choices and

weave in our science communication objectives. Twenty-five total participants would be ideal. Distribution of spots: 5 federal agencies, 1 fellow from each CSC + NCCWSC, variable numbers for state agencies and NGOs, 3-5 people from USGS cooperative units. The remainder are the NW CSC graduate fellows (they make up the majority of attendees). We will be sending the nominations letters out to ESAC and others soon.

2016 Tribal Climate Camp update

The first-ever Tribal Climate Camp will take place at McCall Field Campus, University of Idaho, June 19-25, 2016. This is focused on tribal staff members, those who are working on climate adaptation plans for their tribes. We are shifting our approach to draw teams of 2-3 staff members from each tribe to attend, as we believe this will give them a real chance to implement climate adaptation plans when they return home. Would like keep it to about 20-25 participants.

Communication/Data Services

NW CSC Story Map

The NW CSC released its latest data delivery tool, the [NW CSC Story Map](#), on Feb. 12. This online, interactive tool enables us to share key messages, maps, and datasets from NW CSC-funded projects. Through the Story Map, users can explore, interact with, and access data on a number of climate change-related topics, such as sea-level rise, loss of mountain snowpack, and the vulnerability of spotted owl, sage-grouse, bull trout, and whitebark pine to climate change. Visit the [NW CSC's website](#) to access the Story Map, and please feel free to send comments or suggestions on ways to improve this tool.

Other NW CSC information and data delivery products:

[Regional Inventory of Climate Science Projects \(DEPTH Web Portal\)](#) – Allows users to search over 400 contemporary Northwest-specific climate change research projects being conducted by federal, state, and tribal entities.

[Northwest Climate and Related Data Resources](#) – This webpage serves as a clearinghouse of climate tools and data repositories from regional and national organizations.

[NW CSC Funded Projects](#) – Our funded projects page has been revamped for easy filtering by topic or location and provides access to project reports, webinars, data, and other products.

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