

TRIBAL CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY TRAINING

September 14 – 15, 2009

University of Oregon in Portland, White Stag Block
70 NW Couch St., Room 142/144, Portland, OR 97209

The goal of this training is to increase knowledge among Native American tribes in the Pacific Northwest about climate change policy so that all participants are better equipped to engage in policy development and take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, adapt to the physical effects of climate changes, and apply traditional knowledge at a policy level.

TRAINING OBJECTIVES

- Increase understanding of emerging climate change and energy policies at tribal, regional & national scales.
 - Explain key dimension of climate change policy, including cap and trade, mitigation, adaptation, etc.
 - Explain fundamentals for conducting greenhouse gas emissions inventories and developing carbon footprints, as well as their implications for decisionmakers.
 - Examine opportunities for tribes to engage in markets for carbon sequestration or ecosystem services.
 - Examine the levels (tribal, regional, national, international, etc.) at which climate change policy is being developed and opportunities for tribes to engage in policy development and implementation.
 - Examine emerging policy related to climate change adaptation, as well as best practices/case studies for adaptation strategies related to natural and cultural resource management for tribes.
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AGENDA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

1:00 – 1:30 Registration

1:30 – 1:45 Welcome and Opening Ceremony

1:45 – 2:30 Introductions

- Agenda overview
- Introduction of participants, speakers and sponsors
- Review of objectives for and outcomes of the training

2:30 – 4:45 Climate Change Policy Panel - *Moderator: Terry Williams, Tulalip Tribes*
Panelists (participating by video-conference): Bob Gruenig, National Tribal Environmental Council, Jose Aguto, National Congress of American Indians and Fred Clark, Office of Tribal Relations, USDA Forest Service

Speakers will frame current policy issues, as well as the need and opportunities for tribal governments to engage in tribal, regional, domestic and international policy. Tribes will engage in Q & A.

**4:30 – 5:00 Summary of key issues and opportunities discussed during the policy panel;
Review of day II activities**

5:00 – 7:00 Reception

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2009

7:30 - 8:00 Continental breakfast; coffee and tea

8:00 - 8:15 Morning Welcome and Recap of Previous Day

8:15 - 10:15 **Climate Change Policy Presentation** - *Presenter: Joshua Skov, Good Company*

- Cornerstone concepts: Mitigation, Adaptation, Life-cycle carbon, cost of carbon, etc.
- Cap-and-trade and carbon tax
- Regional Policy Efforts: Background, Status, Comparison

10:15-10:30 **Break**

10:30-12:30 **Climate Change Policy Presentation, continued** - *Presenter: Joshua Skov*

- Life-cycle Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Accounting and Coverage
- Carbon Credits and Markets
- Carbon Offsets

12:30-1:15 **Lunch**

1:15 -2:45 **Cultural Resources and Ecosystem-based Approaches to Adaptation** - *Presenters: Terry Williams and Preston Hardison, Tulalip Tribes*

Presentation on policies related to climate change adaptation and how these policies relate to natural and cultural resource management for tribes.

2:45 -3:00 **Closing**

- Summary of key issues
- Discussion about key issues for the October 15-16 Tribal Climate Change Forum

ABOUT THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Members of the steering committee are working closely with the sponsoring organizations to shape the focus of both events and to assist in networking and recruitment of participants among tribes in the Northwest. Members of the steering committee include representatives of the following organizations and tribes:

Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians - <http://www.atnitribes.org/>
Columbia Inter-Tribal Fish Commission - <http://www.critfc.org/>
Institute for Tribal Government, Portland State University - <http://www.tribalgov.pdx.edu/>
Intertribal Timber Council - <http://itcnet.org/>
Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission- <http://www.nwifc.org/>
Coquille Indian Tribe - <http://coquilletribe.org/>
Tulalip Tribes - <http://www.tulaliptribes-nsn.gov/home.aspx>

ABOUT THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS

The **USDA Pacific Northwest Research Station** is providing the primary funding to sponsor the Pacific Northwest Tribal Climate Change Initiative and these two events. Climate change is one of the key challenges for forest management identified by the Chief of the Forest Service. In response, Forest Service Research has developed a ten-year Global Change Research Strategy. The strategy balances research across a range of management, science, and technology transfer actions aimed at developing adaptation and mitigation approaches to sustain healthy trees and ecosystems.

Sustainable Northwest is hosting the September Tribal Climate Change Policy Symposium in Portland, Oregon. Sustainable Northwest helps people and communities restore and maintain ecological health, balance diverse interests, and promote economic opportunities. Headquartered in Portland, Oregon, Sustainable Northwest strives, through collaboration, to bridge rural and urban interests, encourage entrepreneurship, and build trust in sustainable natural resource management and utilization in the western U.S. This project helps fulfill the mission of Sustainable Northwest by promoting knowledge and learning about climate change among Native American tribes in the Pacific Northwest.

The **University of Oregon Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program** and the **Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics** is hosting the October Tribal Climate Change Forum in Eugene, Oregon. The Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program pioneered the earliest academic curriculum in public interest environmental law and, for nearly a quarter century, has been working to advance Indian law and native issues. The Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics invites distinguished scholars and advocates to the University of Oregon to carry on the tradition of Wayne Morse. The theme of inquiry for the Center for 2009-2011 will be Climate Ethics and Climate Equity and aims to examine overarching ethical issues involved with climate change as well as solutions that focus on equity and environmental justice, both domestically and internationally.

For More Information:

- USDA Pacific Northwest Research Station: <http://www.fs.fed.us/pnw/>
- Sustainable Northwest: <http://www.sustainablenorthwest.org/programs/policy/tribal-climate-change-policy-events>
- University of Oregon Environment and Natural Resources Law Program: <http://enr.uoregon.edu/indianlaw/pacificnorthwesttribalclimatechangeevents/>
- Wayne More Center for Law and Politics: <http://www.uoregon.edu/~morse/>