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PIN Water Resources Hosts Annual New England Tribal Environmental Training Conference

Join Us!

December 5 - 7, 2006 at the Sockalexis Bingo Palace

This year's conference is focused on Tribal water quality and is open to everyone.

There will be plenty of opportunities to hear about tribal perspectives on water, the work that is being done by various tribal water programs and learn about efforts across the country on developing and enforcing tribal water quality standards. You can find all of the information about this conference at the following location on the PIN web site. The conference web pages are not linked from anywhere else so you will need this address in order to get there.

www.penobscotnation.org/DNR/Water/netetc/confhome.html

We respectfully request that you register if you will be attending any of the conference. It would be very helpful in our planning for us to have a relatively accurate head count. We have provided two ways that you can register:

1. Online at the conference web pages we have set up. You can either go to the home page at the address above and then click on Registration OR you can go directly to www.penobscotnation.org/DNR/Water/netetc/confreg.html
2. Pick up a copy of the registration form - a bunch of which will be tacked to the bulletin board outside of the main DNR office. Please provide the relevant information and return to Dan Kusnierz by either leaving it in his mailbox in the DNR copy room (the box will be below his name) or tacking it to the small cork board on his office door.

We would also love to have you join us at the traditional feast on Tuesday evening (Dec 5th)! There is no need to register for the feast but if you would like to bring even a small dish with you it would be greatly appreciated.

DONATIONS OF TRADITIONAL FOODS

Please contact Jan Paul at 817-7382 or 356-5019 if you can help provide any:

- Moose meat
- Deer meat
- Fiddleheads
- Muskrat
- Salmon
- Other traditional foods

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We are continuing to develop the agenda for the conference so it is best to check the web site for updates -
www.penobscotnation.org/DNR/Water/netetc/confagenda.html

As of now, the draft agenda looks like the following:

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

8:00 am Registration/Continental breakfast

10:00 am Welcoming/Opening Remarks

- John Banks, DNR Director
- Penobscot Chief Kirk Francis
- Ira Leighton, EPA Deputy Regional Administrator
- Invocation – Butch Phillips

10:30 am Tribal Elders talk about water and both the historic and current importance to Tribes

12:30 pm Lunch

1:30 pm Roundtable Discussion with Tribal Environmental Directors and EPA about the regional strategic plan Tribes agreed to, comparing this with the national EPA plan, current Tribal activities, what is EPA doing in the New England region, and how can EPA help tribes achieve their strategic goals.

7:00 pm Traditional Feast – hosted by Penobscot Indian Nation



Wednesday, December 6, 2006

8:00 am Continental breakfast/registration/Logistics

8:30 am Water Quality Standards Workshop

1. Presentation by Tribes with approved water quality standards - including Nancy Schuldt from Fond du Lac, Jim Piatt from the Pueblo of Isleta, and Paula Webster from the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of Flathead Reservation. This will include an overview of the process, more detail on designated uses and criteria for protecting uses, experiences and lessons learned. There will be discussion of areas of possible conflict with revealing cultural/religious practices when protecting uses.
2. Roundtable discussion between Tribes and EPA staff to talk about opportunities and challenges to development of water quality standards.
3. Roundtable discussion with Tribes interested in developing water quality standards and discussion of using Tribal businesses and labs for analyses.

Dinner – On your own

PM Movie Night: “Homeland” – portrait of four Indian tribes facing environmental challenges (optional)

Thursday, December 7, 2006

8:00 am Continental breakfast/registration/Logistics

8:30 am PIN Water Resources Data Management Work

9:30 am Tribal non-point source pollution projects

10:30 am Tribal Alternative Energy Projects - Steve Crawford, George Frantz

12:00 pm Closing prayer before lunch and heading out to field trip

12:15 pm Bag Lunch

12:45 pm Depart for Field Trip: PIN water projects / Penobscot River Restoration Project (via vans) depending on weather

5:00 pm Conference concludes

If you have any questions about the conference please feel free to contact
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