

**2014 PNW CESU Spring Partners Meeting & Webinar**  
**April 17, 2014**  
**Meeting Minutes**

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Agenda</b>
Julie Guggino, CWU Mark Sytsma, PSU Tim Rinner, PSU Gordon Bradley, UW Teresa Bresee, UW Lisa Strong, USBR Christopher Cuhaciyian, USBR Mark Strom, NOAA Chris Lauver, NPS Paul Heimowitz, USFWS Carrie Phillips, USGS Tom Fish, National CESU Cheri Yost, National CESU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Update on activities</li><li>• 2015 Renewal: timeline &amp; activities</li><li>• Other planning items</li><li>• Member updates</li></ul>

Update on activities:

- Pacific Northwest CESU Program Activity
  - Nov 2011: Last partners meeting at UW (LCC, CSC updates)
  - Summer 2012: DoD applied, joined in 2013
  - April 2013: partners meeting at OSU postponed (low level of in-person attendance)
- Teresa Bresee is the PNW CESU Program Coordinator, hired in spring 2013, funded by membership fees and NPS.
- Host School (UW) has a new director, Tom DeLuca, SEFS, who will become the new Co-Leader
- UW Co-Lead Gordon Bradley to retire in Dec. 2014
- Current Master Agreement (2010-2015) ends Oct. 2015
- Reviewed FY11-FY13 Funding Overview, and by Agency, Partner, Type, Discipline

2015 Renewal: timeline & activities:

- Teresa Bresee will be sending out an email in the next few months:
  - Members confirm if they wish to retain membership
  - Will attach Strategic Plan, requesting review and comments on any needed changes
- The UW as the host will prepare and conduct a Self-Assessment
- Federal Managers Committee will solicit 1-2 external reviewers, who will review our Self-Assessment, web site, etc. and comment on it
- The CESU National Council reviews the Self-Assessment, and the reviewers' comments and makes a renewal determination (Cheri)

Other planning items:

- Newsletter: Teresa Bresee will be emailing members to solicit feature projects and any news they would like included in the Newsletter (events, items of interest, etc)
- Fall 2014 PNW CESU Meeting: We would like to hold an in-person partners meeting in the fall (October?) at the UW and will be in contact with members on their availability, etc.

Member updates:

- US Bureau of Reclamation has new Tech Rep, Lesa Stark, 208-383-2260, effective May 19<sup>th</sup>.
- National CESU updates:
  - The National CESU meeting this June will include working sessions that will discuss a variety of issues, including the Indirect Cost rate (hopefully a decision will be made soon after).
  - A database is under development to include federal agency project tracking.
- USFWS, Paul Heimowitz: It's difficult for USFWS, due to low staffing and decentralized processes, to track PNW CESU projects; is it possible for PNW CESU to track USFWS projects by checking with University partners? Answer: This suggestion is not practical as we have so many university members; we prefer that the federal agency who is supplying the funding to supply the information regarding their projects.