

## **PNW CESU 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes**

Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 2015, 10:30am-12:30pm PST  
*Teleconference Phone #: and Access Code # to be supplied*

Attendees: Chris Lauver (NPS), Tom DeLuca (UW), Teresa Bresee (UW), Tom Fish (National CESU), Cheri Yost (National CESU), Rachel Novak (BIA), Louisa Evers (BLM), Jessica Clark (BLM), Burt (BLM), Cheryl (BLM), Melinda Ritacco (USBR), Bill Vagt (DOD), Christopher Watkins (NRCS), Paul Heimowitz (USFWS), Dale Blahna (USFS), Carrie Phillips (USGS), Julie Guggino (CWU), Jherime Kellermann (OIT), Lisa Zurk (PSU), Andy Roberston (SMUMN), Matthew Carlson (UAA), Karen Schmitt (UAS), Lisa Shipley (WSU), Daniel Coleman (ADF&G).

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

- Rachel Novak of the Bureau of Indian Affairs shared BIA's information.

### 2. PNW CESU Program Activity

- Bureau of Indian Affairs sent letter requesting membership in PNW CESU (11/2015).
- Center for Natural Lands Management, a non-profit, may be applying for membership (11/2015).
- OSU INR's Fall 2014 newsletter / website featured PNW CESU.
- NPS Climate Change Response Program Newsletter cover featured Pikas in Peril PNW CESU project (Q3 2015).
- Identified additional \$1million+ in PNW CESU project funding.
- Presentation made to UW SEFS faculty.

### 3. Renewal Update & Reviewed Recommendations

- PNW CESU has been renewed for a 4th term (10/21/15–8/15/2020)
- New Master Agreement is executed and posted on our website
- All university/state partners signed (almost all by the deadline)
- All federal agencies have signed except for DOD, NRCS
- New Agreement has changes from the last Master Agreement
- New Agency Agreement numbers will be listed on our website
- Reviewed changes to the Master Agreement
- Reviewers recommended:
  - Increased Tech Rep attendance
  - In person meetings held at partner sites
  - Video meetings, symposium, awards for outstanding projects for graduate/undergrad students?
  - Reaching out to non-profits and other potential partners
  - Federal agencies are encouraged to explore mechanisms to identify expertise within underutilized partners.

### 4. National CESU Updates

- Changes to the new master agreement and Amendment process were discussed.
- Indirect Cost Rate is being discussed by a working group.

- National CESU Meeting will be held in June 14-16 at Shepherdstown, WV.
5. PNW CESU FY15 Review
- FY15 funding: \$7.5 million towards 62 projects. \$4.5 million for new projects, \$3 million additional funding for existing projects.
  - 8 of 12 federal agencies supplied FY15 funding. (NRCS data not received).
  - NPS \$3.2 million; BLM \$1.7 million, USACE \$798,333, NOAA \$594,000.
  - 15 of 18 partners received FY15 funding.
  - Oregon State University \$1.6 million, Portland State University \$1.4 million, University of Alaska Anchorage \$888,173, University of Washington \$635,684.
  - Total PNW CESU Funding FY01-FY15: \$90.1 million for 766 projects.
6. PNW CESU Annual Work Plan
- Develop and maintain website
    - Moving to new server, updating website styles and coding.
    - PNW CESU has specific procedures for some federal agencies.
    - Regularly post agency needs and partner expertise to the website.
  - Will be posted to the PNW CESU website
  - Publish PNW CESU Newsletter
  - Convene annual meeting of PNW CESU partners
7. Partner Updates
- Heritage University currently working on a new Fisheries program (combined with existing Environmental Studies / Science Natural Resource degree). One of our goal is to develop the Environmental Science / Studies degrees with TEK (traditional ecological knowledge).
  - National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) processed their first project through the PNW CESU for \$594,000 with University of Alaska Anchorage.
8. Next Meeting – Spring 2016?