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NWMAWG Fall Meeting Agenda – DRAFT

Monday, October 27

3:00 – 5:00 Introductory Session
Welcome and Introductions
State Roundtable (updates)

Tuesday, October 28

Session 1 (morning): Results of the 2011 NWCA

Topics for presentation and discussion in this session include:

- Overall design and statistical approaches used in analysis
- Approach used to designate reference condition
- Condition and stressor indicator results
 - Vegetation
 - Soil and other stressors
- USA RAM analysis
- Other data findings (water chemistry, algae)
- Ecosystem services of wetlands

Session 2 (afternoon): Results of 2011 NWCA Associated State Studies

States that conducted associated “intensification” studies in conjunction with NWCA will present results of their work.

Session 3 (afternoon): Next steps and implications for 2011 NWCA

Topics for presentation and discussion in this session include:

- Public reporting of NWCA results
 - Review process and timelines
- Communicating the results of the NWCA: Strategies for States
- Implications and uses of NWCA data
 - Facilitated break out session

Wednesday, October 29

Session 1 (morning): Implementing State and Tribal Wetland M&A Programs: Successes and Challenges

Presentations by States/Tribes highlighting their successes and challenges in implementing wetland M&A programs.

Session 2 (morning): Innovations in monitoring and assessment

Presentations describing new and innovative strategies used for monitoring and assessment:

- Assessment and / or analytic tools
- Field training
- Communications and outreach
- Data management

Session 3 (afternoon): Planning activities for NWCA 2016

- Sample frame and selection of 2016 sites
- Indicators and methods revisions
- New tools
 - Electronic field forms
 - Site evaluation
- State intensification studies

Session 4 (afternoon): Lessons learned from 2011 sampling collection and data analysis

- Facilitated discussion on protocols that worked well and ones that were more challenging

Session 5 (afternoon): Indicators for 2016

- Facilitated discussion on indicators for 2016
 - Core indicators we will continue (w/ minor tweaks)
- Vegetation
- Stressors
 - Core indicators we will continue but with potentially significant revisions
- Soil
- Water-quality
 - New indicators to be considered

Thursday, Oct 30

8:00 am – 3:00 pm **R Training Workshop**

Potential Alternate Track for Those Not Attending R Training:

Session 1 (AM): Role of Regional and National WMAWGs

Updates from Regional WMAWGs

Facilitated / breakout session to discuss role and future of national workgroup

- What should role of the group be
- What kind of support would states/tribes like from federal partners
- Ways to facilitate technical exchange within group