2019 TRIBAL CLIMATE CAMP

Introduction and Background

The Columbia River Basin Tribes Climate Change Capacity Assessment (Sampson, 2015) offered insight and recommendations into the capacities and needs of 15 Columbia River Basin Tribes. This assessment helped to propel interest and resources for the development of tribal staff training through the Tribal Climate Camp. Among the recommendations that emerged from this assessment was a call for training and education from identified partners to support tribal climate programming.

In the fall of 2015, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI), Institute for Tribal Government (ITG), the Department of the Interior (DOI) Northwest Climate Science Center (NW CSC) and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Michigan State University and the University of Idaho began collaborating to design and deliver Tribal Climate Camp (TCC) for tribal environmental professionals. Curriculum and training offered at the camp would support teams of tribal leaders, climate change coordinators, planners, and program managers to build skills, gather information, and develop local tribal plans, policy and engagement strategies needed to address climate change impacts on their homelands. The BIA funded this collaborative as part of its FY 2015 Tribal Cooperative Landscape Conservation Grants Program. TCC is one of three components of ATNI’s strategy to increase resilience through education, training and organizing.

During the Summer of 2016, the first Tribal Climate Camp was hosted by Nez Perce Tribe and held at the University of Idaho’s McCall Field Campus. Tribal delegates from six Tribes attended this week-long training to build and hone their climate adaptation strategies.

The TCC Steering Committee sought to migrate the 2017 TCC westward and requested that Nisqually Tribe host the camp. Pack Forest Conference Center in Eatonville, Washington was selected as the facility to house the camp. There was a greater breadth of participation in the 2017 TCC, with Delegates, Interns, Liaisons and Instructors of traveling from all over the globe. Delegate teams from seven Tribes participated to develop climate change adaptation plans throughout the week:

- Tsleil-Waututh Nation
- Siletz Tribe
- Nawt'sa mawt Tribe
- Cowlitz Tribe
- Cow Creek Umpqua Tribe
- Wichita and Affiliated Tribes
- UNITAR Team (Indonesia)
Through existing partnership between ATNI, BIA, ITG, Michigan State University, University of Idaho and an expanded partnership with United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), graduate students from Indonesia, ATNI and BIA Interns, Tribal Climate Science Liaisons and Instructors gathered to build tribal climate adaptation capacities. Alongside the 2017 TCC, Michigan State University also hosted a retreat for indigenous scholars and students.
TCC's curriculum was organized to provide formal and informal opportunities for teams to engage with instructors and develop plans on their own. Educational engagements included classroom-based exercises, cross-pollinating meetings to mix members of different teams and a visit to the TCC host, Nisqually Tribe’s lands. TCC curriculum was designed to support four learning objectives:
1. Create awareness of the variety of ways in which the Tribes of the attending teams can address climate change.

2. Build capacities to use knowledge resources in climate-related sciences (social, cultural, biological, physical) applicable to Tribal programming that is flexible enough to deal with constant environmental change.

3. Engender staff capacity for improving Tribal climate change programming.

4. Develop synergy with Tribal members for creating adaptation planning that includes building support within a Tribe for climate change planning processes, including:
   A. Methodologies for engaging community members, including youth and elders
   B. Approaches for engaging Tribal institutions including Tribal councils
   C. Ethical conduct in climate science research
   D. Evaluating climate change programs.

LOCATION/FACILITY

- TCC Dates: June 16-21, 2019
- Camp Facility selection – Flathead Lake Biological Station, Polson MT - [https://flbs.umt.edu/newflbs](https://flbs.umt.edu/newflbs)

TRIBAL DELEGATES

We are currently recruiting 10 Tribes to participate in the 2019 Camp. Each Tribe should identify 3 delegates per Tribe that will attend as part of their tribe’s cohort. The delegates must participate for the entire week curriculum. Delegates may include climate change staff, tribal policy leaders, natural resource and environmental managers and staff, administrators, department staff from health, public works, education, housing, and other relevant departments that should engage in climate change planning. **If you are interested in attending please submit the enquiry form below.**

The only expense required of the attending delegates is their transportation to and from the camp; all other expenses including food, lodging, local transportation, curriculum, etc. will be provided by ATNI. For more information, please contact Don Sampson (541 -215-2753) or Peggy Harris (541-215-2919) or via email at DP@Seventhgenerationllc.com.

2019 CURRICULUM AND ITINERARY

The 2019 Tribal Climate Camp (TCC), the third in the series, will build on what we have learned from participants in the first two camps, input from delegates and instructors, and experiences of steering committee members in developing similar trainings. The overall goal of TCC is to build the capacity of Indigenous people to address climate change and associated economic, social, cultural, regulatory, and technological trends and impacts within their tribes, between programs within tribes, between different tribes and between tribes and other governments and entities,
through strategic alliances with partners across Indian Country and globally. TCC has benefited each time from:

TCC is attended by early career tribal environmental professionals and community leaders who have been assigned with some level of responsibility for leading a climate change program or partnering with other tribal departments on a climate change initiative, or professionals who know they are about to be assigned to do this type of work. Indigenous students and early-career Indigenous scientists, scholars and organizers attend. TCC works to integrate persons who attend in teams and those who attend individually.

The week-long program helps build individual and team capacity to lead and manage for change and adaptation across departments within a tribe and between the tribe and partner agencies and organizations.

The teams will work with instructors who have been involved with successful tribal climate change programs. These instructors can share stories and ideas on building support within a tribe for climate change planning, sustainable fundraising, methodologies for engaging with community members including youth and elders, the evaluation of climate change programs and the basic climate science tools tribes can use in developing programs. Tribal teams will leave the camp with a plan for how to work together and lead climate change adaptation efforts within their tribes.

2019 TCC Curriculum Outline:

Day 1
Starts late afternoon, early evening
Arrival
Welcome from Host Tribe
Get to Know Each Other

Day 2
-Lessons from Salish-Kootenai Colleagues
-Traditional Ecological Knowledge
-Community-Based Planning Processes
All afternoons open after 2pm (optional events/activities)
Evening – Networking/Sharing

Day 3
-Asset Mapping
-Funding Climate Change Program
All afternoons open after 2pm (optional events/activities)
Evening – Networking/Sharing

Day 4
-Climate Science Tools
All Day
All afternoons open after 2pm (optional events/activities)
Final Project Planning
Evening – Networking/Sharing

Day 5
Sharing final projects and ideas from the camp

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ENQUIRY FORM

Please provide a few essential details, completing ALL fields below, then submit to Don Sampson at DP@Seventhgenerationllc.com. You will receive an email confirmation of your message and we will contact you as soon as possible to respond to your enquiry.

YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

Name
Tribal Affiliation
Position Title
Email Address
Mailing Address
City / State / Zip

YOUR ENQUIRY

Please type your enquiry here