



**NTWC
Welcomes
New At-Large
Member
Dan Mosley**



Daniel Mosley (Northern Paiute/Nakota) and Rhonda (Western Shoshone/Lakota) have been married 42 years. Together, they have five children and seven grandchildren. Dan received a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science, and Rhonda a Bachelor of Arts & Master’s in Education/Literacy; both graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno. Rhonda recently retired from 27 years of teaching 2nd to 3rd grade levels primarily on the Pyramid Lake Paiute Indian Reservation. Dan & Rhonda love spending time with their children and grandchildren, golfing, walking together, and traveling.

Dan currently serves as the Executive Director of Pyramid Lake Fisheries for the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe with the goal of recovering and restoring two endemic fish species - Cui-ui (*Chasmistes cujus*) and the Lahontan Cutthroat trout (*Oncorhynchus clarkii heshawai*) - native to Pyramid Lake. Dan spent 12 years overseeing the Water Quality Monitoring Program where he represented the Tribe on various water issues and developed the Tribe’s physical habitat/bioassessment program using fish/aquatic insects as indicators of water quality and riparian habitat health. He was also responsible for overseeing the USEPA approval process of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe’s Water Quality Standards.

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Navigable Waters Protection Rule: State and Tribal Webinar Series

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of the Army (Army) published the final Navigable Waters Protection Rule defining “waters of the United States” in the Federal Register on April 21, 2020; the rule will become effective on June 22, 2020. The final rule will replace the Step One Rule published in October 2019. The EPA and Army are hosting a series of webinars specifically for states and tribes to learn about the final rule and implementation considerations.

Upcoming webinars include:

- June 30, 2020 (2:00 PM EST) Navigable Waters Protection Rule - Adjacent Wetlands, Lakes, Ponds, and Impoundments
- July 7, 2020 (2:00 PM EST) Navigable Waters Protection Rule - Exclusions and More

To register, click [here](#). For more information on the rule, please visit: <https://www.epa.gov/nwpr/final-rule-navigable-waters-protection-rule>

Available Resources on COVID-19 and Water

The EPA and CDC have provided information on COVID-19 and its impact on drinking water and wastewater programs. Here are a few resources:

- CDC Guidance for Reducing Health Risks to Workers Handling Human Waste or Sewage:
https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/global/sanitation/workers_handlingwaste.html
- Recording of the April 14 webinar on EPA's Pandemic Incident Action Checklist, as well as additional COVID-19 resources for tribal water utilities:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3lyCOKG6_1o&feature=youtu.be
- Joint EPA-CDC Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools and Homes:
<https://www.epa.gov/coronavirus/guidance-cleaning-and-disinfecting-public-spaces-workplaces-businesses-schools-and-homes>
- Frequent Questions about EPA Grants and Coronavirus (COVID-19):
<https://www.epa.gov/coronavirus/frequent-questions-about-grants-and-coronavirus-covid-19>
- For more COVID-19 related information, please visit EPA's coronavirus website at:
<https://www.epa.gov/coronavirus>

Consultation & Public Comment Opportunities



Tribal Consultation Opportunity: Draft Guiding Principles for Consulting with Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) Corporations

ENDS: July 13, 2020

In 2004, through two Consolidated Appropriations Acts, Congress directed all federal agencies to hereafter consult with corporations established under ANCSA in 1971 “on the same basis as Indian tribes under Executive Order 13175.” The EPA has a long history of engaging with ANCSA corporations and now seeks to formalize this process.

The current consultation period for the EPA's Draft Principles for Consulting with Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act Corporations has been extended 90 days until July 13, 2020. This extension is to allow more time for tribal governments and ANCSA corporations to provide input during the COVID-19 response.

For more information: <https://tcots.epa.gov>.

Public Comment Opportunity: Draft Numeric Nutrient Criteria Recommendations for Lakes and Reservoirs

ENDS: July 21, 2020

EPA recently released draft recommendations for developing numeric nutrient water quality criteria for lakes and reservoirs for a 60-day public comment period that ends on July 21, 2020. When finalized, the Agency's criteria recommendations will serve as important resources that states and authorized tribes can use to protect public health, pets, and aquatic life from certain adverse effects of excess nutrients, including harmful algal blooms.

The EPA is hosting a public webinar to provide information on the draft document. Here is the information for the webinar:

- June 30, 2020 (2:00 PM EST); To join, click: <https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/ncriteria/> or call 866-609-7191

For more information: <https://www.epa.gov/nutrient-policy-data/technical-support-numeric-nutrient-water-quality-criteria-development>

Tribal Consultation Opportunity: Proposed Renewal of the 2021 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Pesticide General Permit under the Clean Water Act

ENDS: July 24, 2020

The EPA is consulting with tribes on the proposed renewal of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Pesticide General Permit (PGP) under the Clean Water Act. The EPA renews this permit every five years, and the current PGP is scheduled to expire on October 31, 2021.

The EPA's PGP regulates discharges of biological pesticides and chemical pesticides that leave a residue into waters of the United States. The PGP covers pesticide discharges from the following pesticide use patterns: (1) mosquito and other flying insect pest control; (2) weed and algae control; (3) animal pest control; and (4) forest canopy pest control.

For more information: <https://tcots.epa.gov>.

Funding Opportunities



Funding Opportunity: Tribal Wildlife Grant

Application Deadline: July 6, 2020

The U.S. Department of Interior - Fish and Wildlife Service Tribal Wildlife Grants Program provides a competitive funding opportunity for federally recognized tribal governments to develop and implement programs for the benefit of wildlife and their habitats, including species of Native American cultural or traditional importance and species that are not hunted or fished.

Deadline for proposal submission is **Monday, July 6, 2020**. For more information, please visit: <https://www.fws.gov/nativeamerican/grants.html>



Resources

Tribal Climate Health Project

This is a national webinar training series on how to develop a climate change adaptation plan that addresses both environmental and human health impacts. The training provides tools, templates and other resources to help tribal environmental and health professionals.

- July 21, 2020 (11:00 AM – 12:30 AM MST)
- August 18, 2020 (11:00 AM – 12:30 AM MST)

For more information, visit <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8077001825854440972>

EPA Small Systems Monthly Webinar Series

- July 28, 2020: America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) Risk and Resilience Check List and AWIA Lessons Learned

To register and access recorded webinars, visit <https://www.epa.gov/water-research/small-systems-monthly-webinar-series>

EPA Water Research Webinar Series

- July 29, 2020: Water Reuse for Agricultural Purposes
- August 26, 2020: Wildfires & Resulting Impacts to Water Bodies Used as Drinking Water Sources

For more information, visit <https://www.epa.gov/water-research/water-research-webinar-series>



EPA Issues Final Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification Rule

On June 1, EPA finalized the "Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification Rule" to implement the water quality certification process consistent with the text and structure of the Clean Water Act (CWA). The final rule establishes procedures that promote consistent implementation of CWA section 401 and regulatory certainty in the federal licensing and permitting process. The final rule will become effective 60 days after the date of publication in the Federal Register.

For more information: <https://www.epa.gov/cwa-401/final-rule-clean-water-act-section-401-certification-rule>



For this month, the EPA is celebrating its partnerships as part of EPA's 50th Anniversary with emphasis on tribal and international partnerships. Several tribal representatives provided video messages on the importance of partnerships between tribal nations and the EPA, including our NTWC Chair Ken Norton (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4kNaHhazxec>).

For more information: <https://www.epa.gov/50/celebrating-partnerships>

NTWC Members – For more information, visit [Meet the Council](#).

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