



Affiliated Tribes of NW Indians

- 1. ATNI Climate Change Project Goals**
- 2. Tribal Climate Planning Support**
- 3. Regional Climate Policy and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Policy in OR and WA**
- 4. National Climate Funding and NCAI Climate Task Force**

ATNI Climate Change Project Goals

- Ensure **ATNI member Tribes** are **engaged and aware** of the federal/state/tribal climate change programs;
- Serve as a **clearing house** for and **coordinator** of tribal and intertribal efforts;
- **Support ATNI's participation** in regional, national, and international climate policy, adaptation, and mitigation efforts; and
- **Support ATNI member Tribes** in identifying and **securing Climate Change funding to build tribal capacity.**

<http://www.atnitribes.org/atni-climate-change-project>

In Summary: Climate Change in the Pacific Northwest

- More heat
- Smaller snowpacks
- Earlier snowmelt
- Storm surge & flooding
- Ocean acidification
- Less groundwater
- Sea level rise
- More droughts
- More fires
- Disappearing Habitat
- Massive Die-Offs of Keystone Species



Regional Outreach & Support

ATNI & Pacific NW Tribal Climate Project @ University of Oregon

Pacific Northwest Tribal Climate Change Network

- Facilitation of monthly Tribal Climate Change Network calls

Climate Science Connections Database

- Development and update of the Climate-Science Connections Database for Tribes

Assist with outreach for ATNI Climate Change Initiatives

- Dissemination of information about all ATNI climate change initiatives

Regional Planning

U of W & ATNI

Tribal Climate
Planning Tool and
Support Desk

Climate Impact
Group @ UW



Regional Planning

ATNI, NW Climate Adaptation Science Center, and University of Washington

Conducted 3 climate planning workshops with 22 Tribes/50 tribal participants in 2018:

- 1. Olympia:** Skokomish, Makah, Upper Skagit, Squaxin Island, Sauk-Suiattle, NWIFC, UCUT
- 2. Pendleton:** Warm Springs, Yakama, Coeur d'Alene, Umatilla, Nez Perce
- 3. Reno:** Washoe, Te-moak Western Shoshone – Elko and Wells Bands, Moapa Paiutes, Susanville Rancheria, South Fork, Intertribal Council Nevada, Yerington Paiute, Fallon Shoshone-Paiute, Ely Shoshone

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Regional Tribal Liaisons with Climate Adaption Science Centers

Support Network to Address Science-Based Needs for Improved Adaptation by Tribal Communities

In 2017, the Bureau of Indian Affairs partnered with Tribal Organizations to fund **6 Tribal Liaisons at 6 Climate Adaptation Science Centers:**

1. **NORTHWEST** - Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians— Chas Jones;
2. **ALASKA** - Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association;
3. **SOUTHWEST** - American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC);
4. **MIDWEST** - College of Menominee Sustainable Development Institute;
5. **NE/SE** - Southern & Eastern Tribes, Inc.; and
6. **GREAT NORTHERN** - Great Plains Tribal Water Alliance

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ATNI & NW Climate Adaptation Science Center

- **Tribal Liaison (Chas Jones) - ATNI/NW Climate Adaptation Science Center** has worked with Tribes in OR, WA, ID, MT to provide technical assistance and training
- **Helped 5 ATNI tribes write BIA Tribal Resilience Grants and secure funding for 2019**
- **Co-sponsor the “Introduction to Climate Change Adaptation” workshop to be held Nov. 5-7, 2019 hosted by Swinomish, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals, NWCASC**

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4th ATNI Tribal Climate Summit, Spokane WA

Overview of attendees:

- **41** Tribes
- **34** Tribal Council Members
- **61** Tribal Staff and Students
- **32** Organizations
- **255** Total Attendees

Geographic representation:

- **Northwest:** AK, ID, WA, OR, MT, CA
- **Pacific/Southwest:** AZ, CO, NV, HI
- **East/Midwest:** KS, OK, CT, DC, ME, MD

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4th ATNI Tribal Climate Summit Themes

Traditional Knowledges: How are traditional knowledges shaping conservation and adaptation actions while ensuring appropriate engagement protocols are upheld and knowledges are protected?

Tribal Climate Resiliency: Plans and Actions - How are vulnerability assessments, adaptation planning, and approaches to resiliency increasing tribal engagement in climate change mitigation and adaptation?

Advancing Tribal Policy: How can Tribes engage in local, regional, and international climate policy to build tribal capacity and craft a unified message in support of tribal climate resiliency?

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4th ATNI Tribal Climate Summit Outcomes

Overarching Recommendation:

“Tribes need to tell their stories and take the fight against climate change to Washington D.C. by requesting congressional hearings on the Environmental Impacts on Tribal Communities” Chairman Cladoosby, Swinomish Tribe

- Budget, Programs, and Financing
- Carbon Policy/ Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction
- Renewables & Energy Sovereignty
- Traditional Knowledges
- Youth Engagement & Education



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4th ATNI Tribal Climate Summit Governor Inslee

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4th ATNI Tribal Climate Summit Outcomes

Developed the Summit Proceedings and Recommendations

(see ATNI website for full proceedings)

ATNI provide Summit Recommendations to:

- **Senate Special Committee on Climate Crisis**
- **Senator Chuck Schumer (NY) at their request**
- **Representative Suzanne Bonamici (OR) who serves on the House Select Committee on Climate Crisis - seeking tribal input by Nov. 22 at ClimateCrisisRFI@mail.house.gov**
- **NCAI Climate Action Task Force and Technical Committee, and**
- **USET for their regional climate summit in August 2019.**
- **Many ATNI Tribes used the Executive Summary for their comments to the Senate Special Committee on Climate Crisis.**

Regional Training

3rd ATNI Tribal Climate Camp

Week Long Curriculum

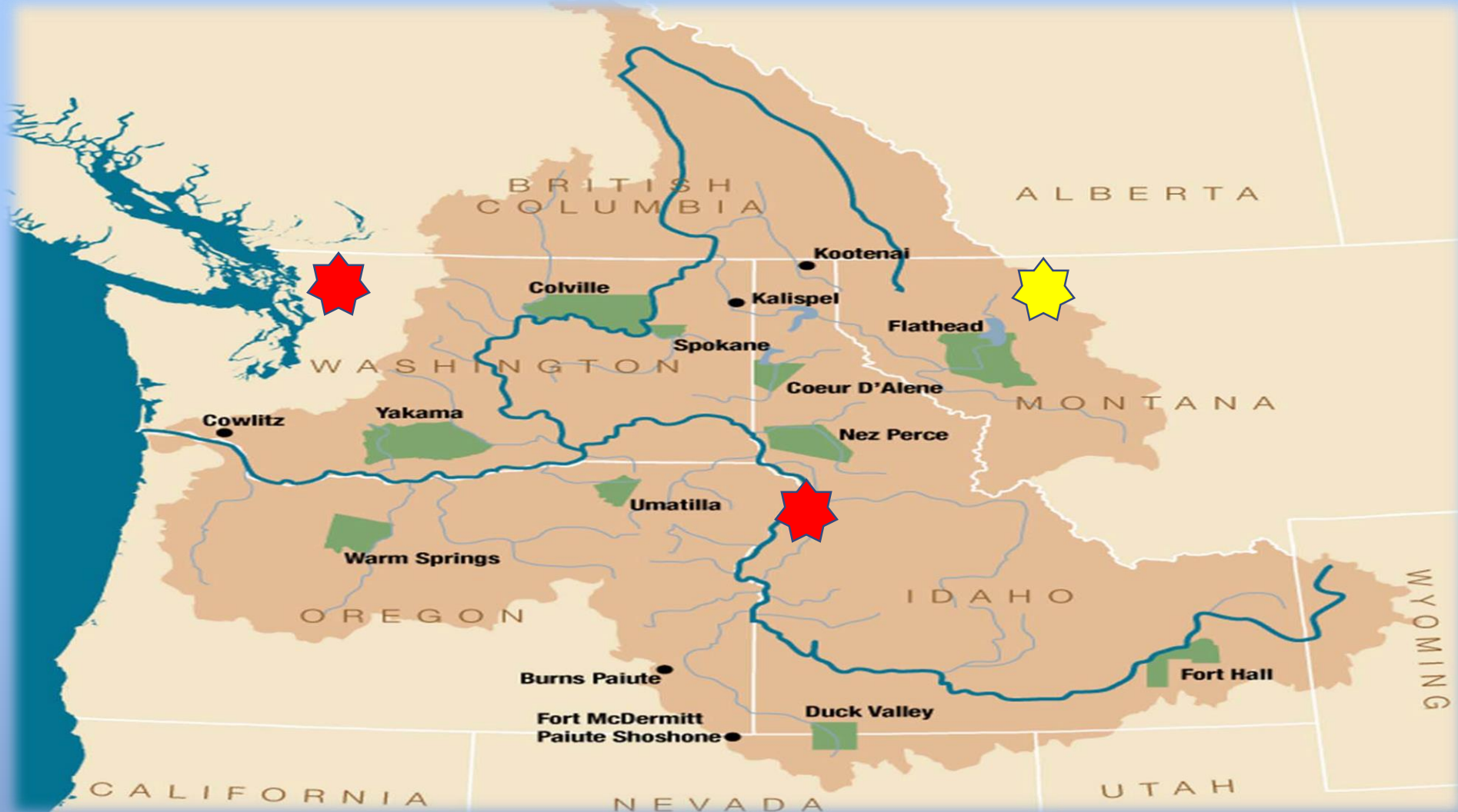
- **Vulnerability assessments – what resources are most impacted?**
- **Using Traditional Knowledges**
- **Tribal Council and Community engagement**
- **Climate science**
- **Tribal policy, greenhouse gas, renewable energy, international policy**
- **Fundraising and grant writing**

Tribal Climate Camp Host Tribe/Locations

2016 - Nez Perce Tribe / McCall, ID

2017 - Nisqually Tribe / LaGrande, WA

2019 - Salish Kootenai Tribe / Bigfork, MT



2019 ATNI Tribal Climate Camp Video

2019 Tribal Climate Camp: June 16-21, 2019, Flathead Lake Biological Center, Polson, MT.

- **Partners:** ATNI, Salish-Kootenai Tribe, Northwest Climate Adaptation Science Center, Bureau of Indian Affairs, University of Idaho, University of Washington, and University of Montana

<https://oregonstate.box.com/v/tcc-overview>

Northwest Regional Tribes and Organizations Addressing Climate Change Impacts

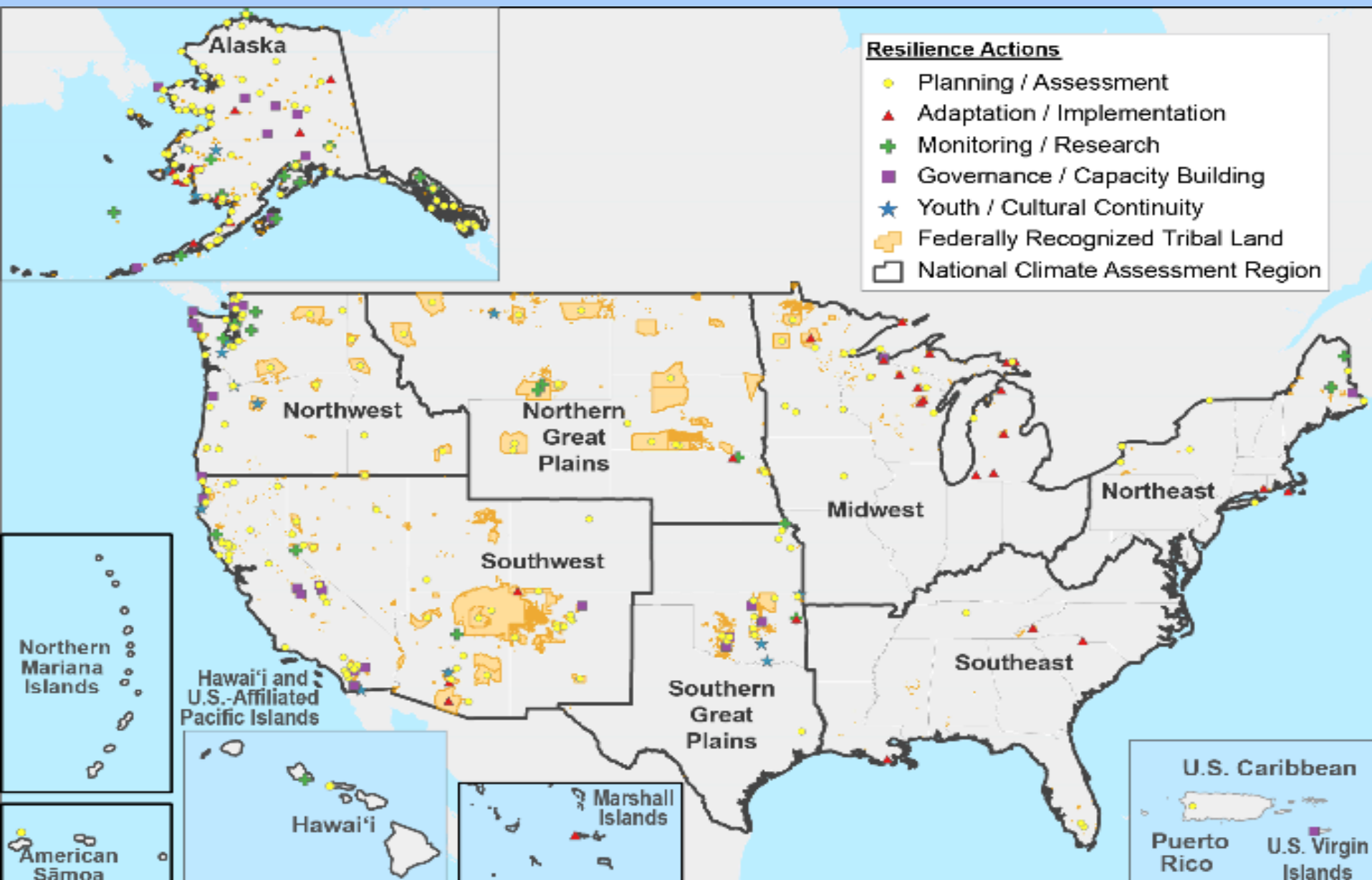
Northwest Tribes are united to address climate impacts through the multiple organizations:

- **Tribal Governments and Affiliated Tribes of the Northwest Indians (ATNI)**
- **Columbia River (CRITFC) and Northwest (NWIFC) Fisheries Commissions,**
- **Upper Snake River Tribes (USRT) and Upper Columbia United Tribes (UCUT)**
- **PNW Tribal Climate Change Network, BIA NW Regional Office, and State and local agencies**
- **Partners with Universities in WA, OR, ID, MT, OSU, and Tribal Colleges**

Funding to Northwest Regional Tribes and Organizations

- Since the BIA Tribal Climate Resilience Program began in 2013, more than one third of the annual funding has been awarded to Northwest Tribes, who leverage a variety of collaborative frameworks to share results broadly
- ATNI has worked to promote Climate Change as a priority at the NCAI Convention – Major focus of President, Jefferson Keels State of Indian Nations
- NCAI 2020 Federal Budget Recommendations seek \$30M for Tribal Resilience Program - \$20M above 2019 levels
- House approved \$15M (increase of \$5M from 2019), need Senate support

Fig. 15.1: Indigenous Peoples' Climate Initiatives and Plans





2015 National Congress of American Indians Resolution Adopting Tribal Climate Change Principles

- **NCAI and ATNI to develop guiding principles** and action steps to address the impacts of climate change
- NCAI and ATNI to **evaluate effectiveness of Executive Order 13175, Secretarial Order 3289, and the United Nation Declaration of Indigenous Peoples**
- Federal government to **provide tribes equitable funding** and support tribal eligibility for federal energy and natural resource programs that exclude tribal governments
- 2019 NCAI to **create a Tribal Climate Change Task Force at mid-year convention in Reno** - tribal governments, intertribal organizations, and non-tribal partners to develop and implement the plan of action



NCAI Tribal Climate Change Task Force and Technical Committee

MISSION: *Document, inform, and support the climate action efforts of tribal nations and organizations, and identify and advocate for policies and funding designed to empower their ability to engage in effective, sustainable climate action.*

- **4 Co-Chairs:** Brian Cladoosby, Chairman Swinomish (WA); Beverly Cook, Chief St. Regis Mohawk (NY) ; Melanie Bahnke, President Kawerak, Inc (AK); and Stephen Lewis, Governor Gila River (AZ).



NCAI Tribal Climate Change Task Force and Technical Committee

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE PURPOSE: *Advise and support the deliberations and work of the Task Force, including: (1) informing and assisting with the development and review of NCAI resolutions on climate action, and (2) synthesizing and sharing the best available information and data about climate change impacts and tribal climate action solutions.*

- **Technical Committee:** comprised to 12 regional representatives (includes Don Sampson from the NW region), 6 at large (includes Gary Morishima from th2 NW region), 2 youth, and 2 elder representatives.
- **NCAI is seeking recommendations for elder representatives. ATNI Executive Board recommended President Leonard Forsman**
- **Technical Committee meets on Oct. 20 (1-4pm) and Task Force meets Oct. 21 (9am-12pm) at NCAI.**

2020 ATNI Climate Program Activities

- **2020 Tribal Climate Camp** – seeking 10 ATNI Tribes (3 representatives per tribe) to participate in the week long camp. Working with Chugach Regional Resource Commission and Alaska native tribes. Possible location in SE Alaska, date to be determined.
- **2020 National Tribal Climate Summit** – ATNI partnering with NCAI, USET, NWIFC, CRITFC, USRT, UCUT, ITEP, BIA, and other regional and national tribal organizations. Possible location in Portland or Seattle, date to be determined.

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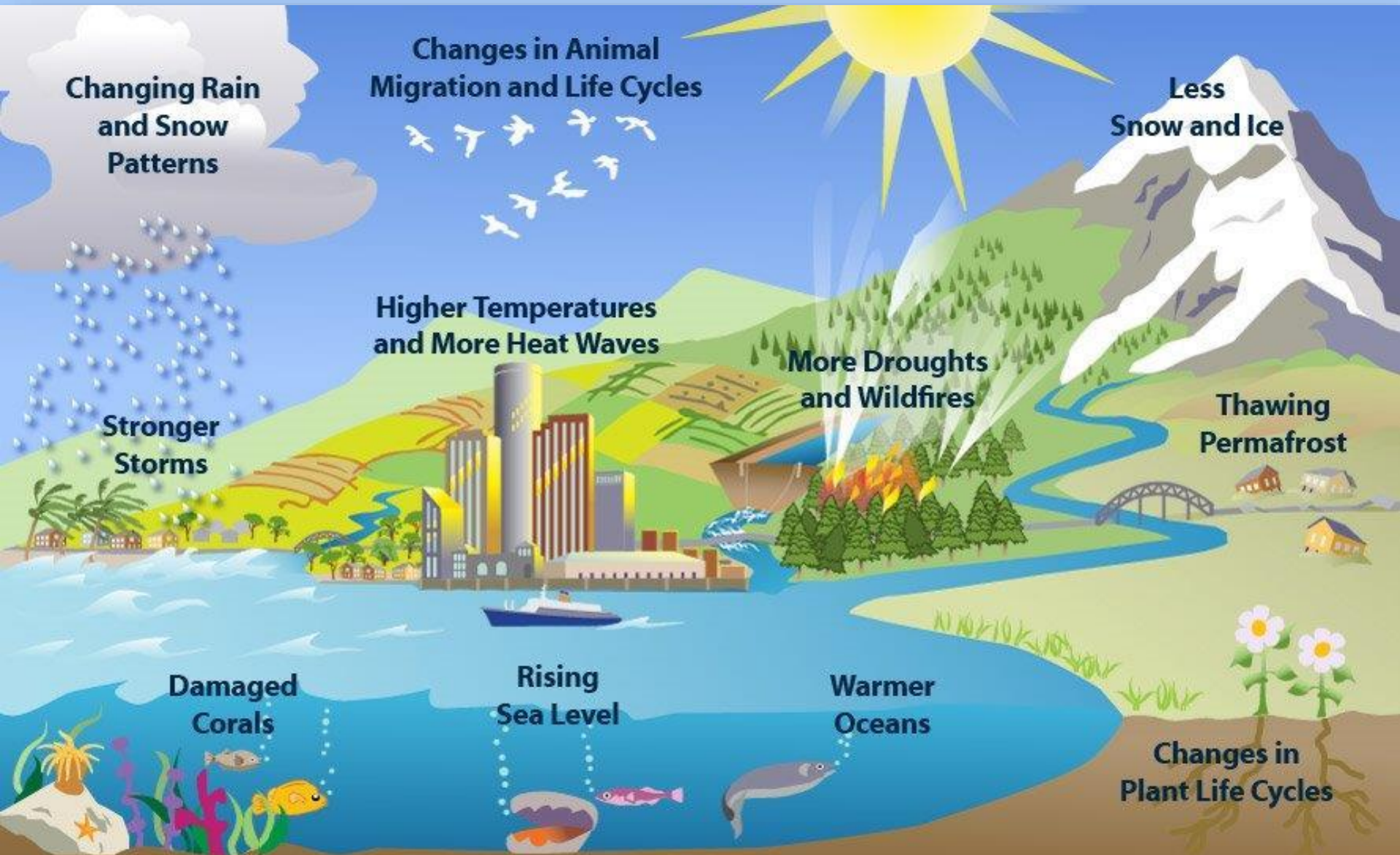
- **ATNI-USET Bi-Coastal Collaborative Climate Camp**
– ATNI will work with USET to design and implement a camp at the Penobscot Nation in Maine in 2020
- **Secured travel support (\$20K) to ATNI member Tribes.**
- **ATNI-American Council for Energy Efficient Economy** funded by Bullitt Foundation (\$40k) to **develop a model tribal policy for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, renewable energy and energy efficiency for NW Tribes to use.**

Tribal Break Out Session TODAY – Oregon, Washington Clean Energy Policy

TODAY: 3-5pm, Salmon Hall

- **Oregon Tribes and the next steps for Clean Energy Jobs Bill (HB2020) – Shilpa Joshi, Renew Oregon**
- **Washington Tribes and 2020 Legislative Strategy**
- **Discuss renewable energy and climate advocacy opportunities for Tribes in OR & WA - Tom Figel,**
- **Discuss a structure and strategy for further engaging ATNI Tribes this session to develop and advance Tribal renewable energy and climate priorities**

Questions



**Changing Rain
and Snow
Patterns**

**Changes in Animal
Migration and Life Cycles**

**Less
Snow and Ice**

**Higher Temperatures
and More Heat Waves**

**More Droughts
and Wildfires**

**Thawing
Permafrost**

**Stronger
Storms**

**Damaged
Corals**

**Rising
Sea Level**

**Warmer
Oceans**

**Changes in
Plant Life Cycles**