

# ATNI Climate Resilience Newsletter April 2025

# FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

**Oregon Tribal Water Empowerment Grant;** Led by the **Institute for Tribal Government** in partnership with the <u>University of Oregon Just Futures Institute</u>, this grant provides funding of up to \$50,000 for projects that promote healthy watersheds, increase access to clean drinking water, and support Tribal communities in Oregon. The grant program aims to be highly accessible with streamlined application and reporting requirements, as well as technical assistance throughout the process. Eligible applicants include federally recognized Tribes in Oregon, Tribal organizations, intertribal organizations, and community-based organizations working on Tribal water issues. All projects must take place in Oregon. **Deadline: May 2.** 

#### NOAA Coastal Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Tribes and

Underserved Communities; NOAA announced \$20M in funding for projects that will advance the coastal habitat restoration and climate resilience priorities of Tribal Nations and underserved communities under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. A 15% set aside is specifically available to Tribal Nations, Alaska Native Corporations, and organizations that represent Tribal Nations. Potential activities may include: 1) Capacity Building (project planning, feasibility studies, stakeholder engagement, regional resilience planning, staffing, and future proposal development); 2) Meaningful Engagement (community discussions, educational opportunities); and 3) Restoration Project Activities (demonstration projects, engineering and design, permitting, on the ground restoration, and pre-and post-project monitoring). NOAA will accept proposals between \$75K and \$2M for the entire award, with typical funding anticipated to range from \$250K to \$1M over 3 years. There is no cost sharing requirement. Deadline: May 12.

**Tribal Wildlife Grant Program;** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Tribal Wildlife Grant Program has no cost share requirement and awards up to \$200K for projects related to: Fish and wildlife conservation and management actions including fish passage construction, invasive species management, and habitat restoration; Fish and wildlife related lab and field research; Planning for wildlife and habitat conservation; Habitat mapping and characterization; Fish surveys and population monitoring; Habitat protection and enhancement; Natural history studies; and Conservation outreach and education. **Deadline: June 20.** 

NDN Collective 2025 Community Action Fund (CAF) Grant Cycle; NDN Collective announced the CAF grant cycle is open for grants up to \$20K that support direct actions and organizing efforts that are often urgent and time sensitive. CAF prioritizes frontline, grassroots and community-based efforts that defend Indigenous peoples rights, communities and nations, including responses to climate disasters. Applications accepted on a rolling basis through October 31.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Washington Sea Grant (WSG) is excited to welcome host organizations to apply for the inaugural cohort of the <u>Coastal</u> <u>Resilience Fellowship</u>! The WSG Coastal Resilience Fellowship program welcomes participation from Tribes, local nonprofits, municipalities, special districts, conservation districts, and other local entities working on projects focused on coastal resilience on the Pacific Coast. This program is free for host organizations and offers fellows competitive stipends for a two-year duration. Interested host offices are invited to <u>submit an application to</u> <u>WSG</u>. Applications are due at 5 pm on Wednesday, April 16.



Calling citizens, staff and Tribal leaders of Oregon and Washington coastal Tribes: Opportunity to provide feedback on draft policy tools developed to help address climate adaptation funding barriers experienced by Northwest coastal Tribes. The climate adaptation funding barriers addressed by these tools were identified in this August 2024 report. These policy tools were produced through a partnership between the Tribal Coastal Resilience Project and the Native American Law Center at the University of Washington School of Law, the Environmental and Energy Law Program at Harvard Law School, and the Environmental Policy Innovation Center. There are three policy tools in total, including: A Funding Opportunities Table, Resources for Flexible Funding Opportunities (638 Agreements and 477 Plans), Information on Tribal Disaster Declarations. You are inviting to provide feedback on one, two, or all three policy tools before the products are finalized. Comments are due by May 5th, using this survey. Compensation will be provided for feedback provided by citizens, staff and elected officials of coastal Tribes in Washington and Oregon.



CLIMATE ADAPTATION BARRIERS AND NEEDS EXPERIENCED BY NORTHWEST COASTAL TRIBES



The <u>Tribal Funding Registry</u> is a free searchable grants database designed for Tribes and Native-led nonprofits, created and supported by The Hozhonigo Institute. The Institute is a Native American-led nonprofit organization established in November 2022 with the mission to create an equitable future where Native Americans have equal access to opportunities that lead to the eradication of the racial wealth gap. The Free Funding Registry is a one-stop shop for up-to-date government, foundation, and corporate grant opportunities and enables users to connect with highly experienced tribal grant experts.



members and encourages interested individuals with Tribal Nation expertise and knowledge to apply for a seat on the Commission. There are currently At-Large open seats for voting positions. Having Tribal and Indigenous expertise and knowledge on the OCAC would make the Commission more informed, enhance the Commission's efficacy and would improve our ability to be responsive to Tribal priorities and interests. If you or a designee have interest in applying for a seat on the OCAC, please see <u>the application here</u>. If you have questions about the role of the OCAC or the application process, please contact Geoff Crook with the Oregon Department of Energy, geoff.crook@energy.oregon.gov.



Ecostrust announced they are accepting applications for the the <u>Madrona Fellowship for Food System Leaders</u>. This 12-month leadership development program supports Black, Indigenous, and other people of color (BIPOC) working at the intersections of food, land, culture, and climate justice. Through seasonal gatherings, mentorship, and peer connection, the fellowship nurtures transformative leadership rooted in land, community, and collective care. **Applications due May 16**.

# TRAININGS, WORKSHOPS, WEBINARS

<u>NAFWS National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)</u> <u>Training.</u> Virtual. April 15 - 17th, 9:00am - 2:30pm Pacific.

Fluids in Cascadia Topical Workshop. Portland, OR. April 23-25.

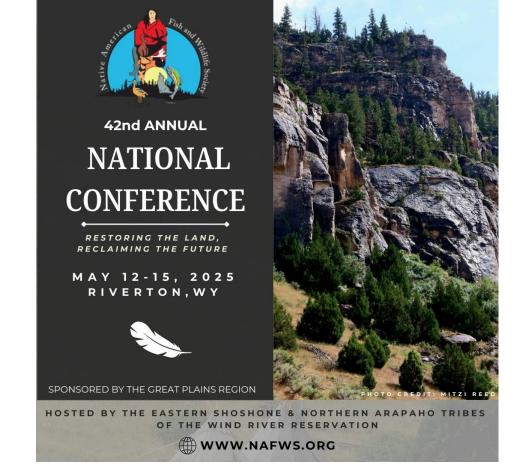
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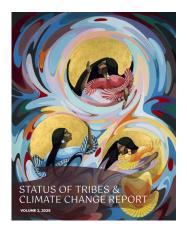


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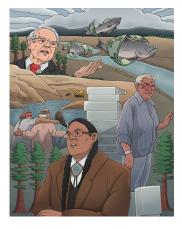




### IN THE NEWS



<u>Status of Tribes and</u> <u>Climate Change Report,</u> <u>Volume 2</u>

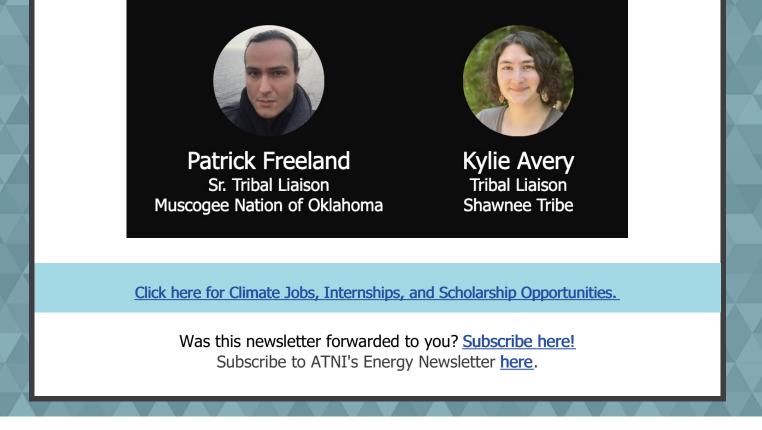


How the Klamath Dams Came Down



Quinault Indian Nation Relocation, Managed Retreat, and Protection in <u>Place Efforts</u>

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