

**2016 CESU Network National Meeting – Agenda****June 14-16, 2016 | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Conservation Training Center****698 Conservation Way | Shepherdstown, WV | (304) 876-1600 | [training.fws.gov](http://training.fws.gov)****Contact: Tom Fish, CESU Network National Office | [Tom\\_Fish@nps.gov](mailto:Tom_Fish@nps.gov) | Mobile: 202.302.9482 | 843.364.3474****Agenda at a Glance**Register at [www.cesu.org](http://www.cesu.org) (Free!)

Day   Time (EDT)	Topic	Location	Remote Access
<b>Monday   June 13</b>			
9:30 – 5:00	NPS CESU Research Coordinators Meeting	158 West	Dial-in
<b>Tuesday   June 14</b>			
8:00 – 10:00	NPS CESU Research Coordinators Meeting, cont.	158 West	Dial-in + Web
8:00 – 10:00	South Florida-Caribbean CESU Partners Meeting	101 East	Dial-in
9:30 – 10:00	Break		
10:00 – 12:00	A – CESU Directors Meeting	160 West	Dial-in
10:00 – 12:00	B – CESU Network Council Meeting	114 East	Dial-in   Web
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	Cafeteria	
1:00 – 3:00	C – CESU Network Council and Directors Work Session	114 East	Dial-in   Web
3:00 – 3:30	Break		
3:30 – 5:00	D – CESU Network Council and Directors Work Session, cont.	114 East	Dial-in   Web
<b>Wednesday   June 15</b>			
8:00 – 10:00	E – CESU Network Council and Directors Work Session, cont.	114 East	Dial-in   Web
10:00 – 10:30	Break		
10:30 – 12:00	F – CESU Network Council and Directors Work Session, cont.	114 East	Dial-in   Web
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	Cafeteria	
1:00 – 2:30	Plenary Session I: State of the Network, Keynote, Awards	Auditorium	Dial-in   Streaming
2:30 – 3:00	Break		
3:00 – 5:00	Plenary Session II: Meet the CESU Network Council	Auditorium	Dial-in   Streaming
<b>Thursday   June 16</b>			
8:00 – 9:30	G – CESU Showcase	114 East	Dial-in   Web
9:30 – 10:00	Break		
10:00 – 12:00	H – Coordinating Across Agencies, Programs, and Institutions	114 East	Dial-in   Web
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	Cafeteria	
1:00 – 2:30	I – Coproduction of Knowledge and the CESUs	114 East	Dial-in   Web
2:30 – 3:00	Break		
3:00 – 5:00	J – Landscape Scale Partnerships	114 East	Dial-in   Web
<b>Friday   June 17</b>			
8:00 – 12:00	Chesapeake Watershed CESU Partner Meeting	158 West	Dial-in

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Session	Topic	Audience
<b>Tuesday   June 14</b>		
<b>Session A: CESU Directors Meeting</b> 10:00 – 12:00 EDT   160 West	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome, roll call and introductions, review agenda</li> <li>• Project tracking – dB requirements; rolling vs. periodic data call(s)</li> <li>• Annual host institution support agreements</li> <li>• Annual work plan and annual reporting template(s)</li> <li>• Engaging minority serving institutions</li> <li>• Engaging new/other entities – tribal organizations; foundations; state and local agencies; international organizations; professional societies; consortia (WAFWA, FALCON, regional govt councils);</li> <li>• Student opportunities – internships; fellowships; training/traineeships; tracking;</li> <li>• Expert/expertise databases – internal vs. commercial solutions; realistic demand; hosting – local vs. national;</li> <li>• Role of BIA in engaging tribes, tribal orgs, and TCUs</li> <li>• Round robin across CESUs</li> </ul>	CESU Directors and CESU program coordinators.  Call-in: 712.770.4700 Passcode: 629356
<b>Session B: CESU Network Council Meeting</b> 10:00 – 12:00 EDT   114 East	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome, roll call and introductions, review agenda</li> <li>• IDC Rate assessment – summary, discussion, determination</li> <li>• Interagency support and host institution agreement status</li> <li>• Project tracking, database, guidance, legacy vs. real-time</li> <li>• Annual work plan and annual reporting template(s)</li> <li>• CESU Network national program office – operations; projects;</li> <li>• CESU Strategic Plan</li> <li>• Partner engagement – project distribution; enhancing MSI involvement; expanding partner community; international;</li> <li>• Student opportunities – internships/fellowships; tracking;</li> <li>• Expert databases – internal vs. commercial solutions; realistic demand; hosting – local vs. national;</li> <li>• Agency round robin</li> </ul>	CESU Network Council members only.  Call-in: 605.562.0020 Passcode: 726677473
<b>Session C: CESU Council and Directors Work Session</b> 1:00 – 3:00 EDT   114 East	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome and Introductions</li> <li>• Review Agenda</li> <li>• Brief Intro to CESU Network</li> <li>• Directors meeting report</li> <li>• Council meeting report</li> </ul>	Open to all participants.
<b>Session D: CESU Council and Directors Work Session, cont’d.</b> 3:30 – 5:00 EDT   114 East	<b><i>CESU Operations and Efficacy</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual host institution support agreements</li> <li>• OMB Uniform Guidance – agency policy status</li> <li>• Uniform amendments for “remaining” CESUs</li> <li>• Standardized annual work plans, reports, and project tracking</li> <li>• Student/youth engagement tracking (OMB Standard Form)</li> <li>• Regional science and capacity needs assessment</li> <li>• Wrap-up, preparation for Day Two</li> </ul>	Open to all participants.

<b>Wednesday   June 15</b>		
<p><b>Session E: CESU Council and Directors Work Session, cont’d.</b> 8:00 – 10:00 EDT   114 East</p>	<p><b><i>Emerging Opportunities I</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Building Knowledge” – research, education, training</li> <li>• Strategic activities for professional development</li> <li>• Applied research (e.g., sustainability science, public health, climate adaptation, water-energy-food nexus)</li> <li>• Regional coordination within/across Units</li> <li>• “Sustaining Heritage” – technical assistance; application of usable knowledge; science communication/translation;</li> </ul>	<p>Open to all participants.</p>
<p><b>Session F: CESU Council and Directors Work Session, cont’d.</b> 10:30 – 12:00 EDT   114 East</p>	<p><b><i>Emerging Opportunities II</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Weaving Partnerships” now and into the future</li> <li>• Engaging new/existing partners (e.g., tribal organizations; MSIs; NGOs; foundations; state and local govts; professional societies; consortia; international “entities”)</li> <li>• Awareness building and visibility – outreach and inreach</li> <li>• Increasing diversity in science and stewardship</li> <li>• Next steps and wrap-up</li> </ul>	<p>Open to all participants.</p>
<p><b>Plenary Session I</b> 1:00 – 2:30 EDT   Auditorium</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State of the Network – Tom Fish, CESU Network National Coordinator An overview of the current status of the CESU Network, including information on program partners, recent activities, and regional and national initiatives, with opportunities for audience involvement/Q&amp;A.</li> <li>• Keynote – Chris Korleski, Director, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Great Lakes National Program Office An interactive presentation about the EPA Great Lakes National Program, joint Canada - U.S. Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, and implementation of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative strategic framework.</li> <li>• CESU National Awards, CESU Network Council Recognition of the 2016 CESU National Award recipients.</li> </ul>	<p>Open to all participants.</p>
<p><b>Plenary Session II</b> 3:00 – 5:00 EDT   Auditorium</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet the CESU Network Council The CESU Network Council members, representing the 15 federal agencies, discuss participation in the CESU Network, agency research, technical assistance, and education priorities, and engage CESU partners in Q&amp;A.</li> </ul>	<p>Open to all participants.</p>

Thursday   June 16		
<p><b>Session G: CESU Showcase</b> 8:00 – 9:30 EDT   114 East</p>	<p><b>Organizer: Tom Fish, CESU Network</b> This CESU showcase will kick-start the last day of the national meeting and provide a great opportunity for everyone to share and learn more about each CESU’s ideas, goals, and achievements. Each CESU will give a brief presentation to highlights features, attributes, or accomplishments of their respective CESU – for example, what makes it special and unique, emerging natural/cultural resource challenges, exciting projects or groundbreaking research, new CESU partners, or plans for the future.</p>	<p>Open to all participants.</p>
<p><b>Session H: Coordinating Across Agencies, Programs, and Institutions</b> 10:30 – 12:00 EDT   114 East</p>	<p><b>Organizer: Tom Fish</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anna-Marie York, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service</li> <li>• John Organ, Chief, Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Units Program, U.S. Geological Survey</li> <li>• Bill Lellis, Deputy Associate Director, Ecosystems, U.S. Geological Survey</li> <li>• Tom Fish, National Coordinator, CESU Network</li> </ul> <p>Many conservation issues are complex and require coordination across agencies, boundaries, institutions, and other entities and interests. While several large collaborative network programs exist, often sharing many of the same partners (e.g., federal agencies; tribal nations; state and local governments; academic institutions; nongovernmental organizations), regular coordination among these programs is often limited or presents challenges. This session will engage leaders from several large networked programs to address frequently asked questions related to how the various networks and their respective field units and partners interface with each other, and discuss avenues for improved communication, coordination, and integration to support diverse science needs and conservation priorities.</p>	<p>Open to all participants.</p>
<p><b>Session I: Coproduction of Knowledge and the CESUs</b> 1:00 – 2:30 EDT   114 East</p>	<p><b>Organizer: Sharon Ziegler-Chong, Hawaii-Pacific Islands CESU</b> Presenters: Ed Gates &amp; Eric Davidson, U. Maryland Center for Environmental Science; Jim Allen &amp; Laurie Thom, Northern Arizona U.; Todd Chaudhry, National Park Service; Pete August, U. Rhode Island; Maureen McCarthy, U. NV Reno; Shawn Dalton, U. New Brunswick;</p> <p>Much attention is being focused nationally on the “coproduction of knowledge”, which focuses on producing usable or “actionable” science products through collaboration between scientists and resource managers and policy makers. One of the CESU Network’s strengths is its history of many long-term relationships fostered between researchers and resource managers and decision makers to steward the nation’s natural and cultural resources. This session will highlight CESUs many examples of collaborative and iterative science and the lessons learned.</p>	<p>Open to all participants.</p>

Thursday   June 16, cont'd.		
<p><b>Session J: Landscape-Scale Partnerships</b> 3:00 – 5:00 EDT   114 East</p>	<p><b>Organizer: Tanya Shenk, Great Plains CESU</b> Remarks from: Roel Lopez, Texas A&amp;M U.; Maureen McCarthy, U. Nevada, Reno; Dick Warner, National Great Rivers Research and Education Center &amp; U. Illinois Urbana-Champaign; Patrick McGinnis, The Horinko Group; Tom Fish, CESU Network;</p> <p>The CESU Network is tasked 'to conduct collaborative and interdisciplinary applied projects that address natural and cultural heritage resource issues at multiple scales and in an ecosystem context.' Many agencies and organizations support efforts to develop and implement regional, watershed, landscape or ecosystem conservation projects that address interactions between spatial patterns and ecological and cultural processes. This session will explore an effort to develop an inter-unit CESU consortium focused on the Mississippi River Watershed. Representatives from different CESUs will share lessons from regional efforts, provide an overview of ideas developed during a scoping meeting for the proposed Great Lakes, Rivers, and Gulf inter-unit consortium (<a href="#">link to proceedings</a>), and invite participants to discuss the potential next steps and explore how to best position CESUs to add value to regional science, stewardship, governance, and policy activities.</p>	<p>Open to all participants.</p>