

# **Climate Change, Water Impacts and Indigenous People: Cross-Regional Dialogue with Alaska, Pacific Islands and Arizona**

Hosted by the Alaska Center for Climate Assessment and Policy

**Tuesday, April 7, 2009; 1:00pm – 3pm Alaska Local Time**

UAF and Rural Campuses via video. Other locations via telephone.

## **SESSION #2 – Strategies for Coping and Adapting to Water and Climate Impacts**

### **AGENDA**

#### **Opening Prayer**

**Welcome and summary of Nov. 2008 dialog**

**Introductions all around**

#### **Speakers:**

James Rattlingleaf, American Indian and Alaska Native Climate Change Working Group.

James will give an overview of the American Indian and Alaska Native Climate Change Working Group.

Erik Stegeman, National Congress of American Indians. Erik will describe the projects currently underway at NCAI related to climate change and networking.

Debra Lakanoff, Swinomish Tribe, Washington. Debra will discuss the climate change strategy, partnering and adaptation planning process that the Swinomish Tribe is pursuing.

Mark Stege, Marshall Islands Office of Environmental Policy and Planning. Mark will discuss the adaptation planning process that he is involved with in the Marshall Islands.

#### **Open Discussion – Strategies for Coping and Responding to Water Impacts**

*Possible discussion questions:*

- a. *What strategies have you used in your home village or region to address and respond to water related impacts? What has worked well and why? What has not worked well and why?*
- b. *What resources do you have available? Who do you talk to or work with in trying to develop strategies (i.e. what are your communication networks?)*
- c. *What actions do you have planned? How can people from other regions help?*
- d. *How can traditional knowledge help solve problems related to climate change, water availability and water quality?*

#### **Open Discussion - Where do we go from here?**

*Possible discussion questions:*

- a. *What information is needed to move forward? How can we get it?*
- b. *Who do we need to connect with or talk to in order to build coalitions and collaborations?*
- c. *What should non-Native scientists and decision-makers know in order to work effectively with Native communities?*
- d. *What are the next steps?*

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