

Mission of the National Wetland Monitoring and Assessment Work Group

- Facilitate the development of comprehensive state/tribal wetland monitoring and assessment programs
- Inform Planning for the National Wetland Condition Assessment



State/Tribal Capacity Building

- Provide states and tribes a forum to learn from each other
- Develop and implement wetlands monitoring and assessment programs to inform wetland protection and restoration.

State/Tribal Wetland Monitoring Programs

- Wetland quality information is a key component of a comprehensive wetland program
- Improved management of wetlands resources
 - more effective avoidance and minimization
 - appropriate mitigation for unavoidable impacts
 - ecologically sound wetlands restoration
 - target resources for restoring and protecting wetlands

Core Monitoring Issues

- Identify sustainable funding strategies
- Produce high quality wetland maps
- Develop and Transfer scientifically sound assessment methods
- Implement meaningful wetland standards and criteria

“Break-Out” Teams

- Wetlands and Watershed Planning
 - See “Draft Checklist” at handouts table
- Reference/Condition Indicators
 - “Reference Condition Corner” at Poster Session
- Assessment Advisory
 - Meetings starting Fall 2007
- Others???

National Wetland Condition Assessment (2011)

- Actively engage States/Tribes in planning
 - Learn from State and Tribal Experiences
- Leverage momentum of implementing the national survey
 - Build state/tribal monitoring capacity
 - Focus more attention and resources on wetlands monitoring



Today and Tomorrow

- Learn
- Discuss
- Question
- Network
- Get Involved

