



# Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals



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Welcome to our monthly newsletter which provides news items, resources, announcements about funding opportunities, conferences, and training, and other information relevant to tribal climate change issues.



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**G**reetings to you! In the Diné (Navajo) way, when someone comes to your home for a visit, whether short, long or unexpected, they are greeted warmly with verbal and physical gestures, and the offering of coffee, water, tea and food. For as long as I can remember from my time living and growing up on Diné Bikeyah (Navajo Land), we could hear the barks of dogs warning us of visitors on horseback, on foot or by vehicle. If you lived remotely enough, your ear was trained to hear these often foreign sounds unless they belonged to you or yours. Either way, the young ones were gestured or ordered to get the hot or cold beverages and food ready in case the visitors would accept the offer. Then we were on standby in case more refreshments were requested or more visitors came. To some this may seem like the job of servants but it was the opposite. This taught us discipline and respect. Whether we may have wanted to do these tasks, we did them because it was the respectful thing to do. To this day, I carry on this tradition and welcome anyone to my home and I always make sure I make them feel welcome and ensure they have refreshments. For those that know me very well, I am a true introvert who likes the space and quiet the home provides. I do it because it's the respectful thing to do. As the Mandalorian mantra states, "This is the way."

This brings us to our current state of being quarantined due to the Covid-19 impact on our daily personal and work lives. Here at ITEP, we sincerely wish you nothing but good health and positive thoughts, because the uncertainty is overwhelming and stressful. We are keeping up to speed on the impact and the re-opening (and of those who remain closed) of businesses and organizations and how that will affect our future work and travel. This includes our still scheduled NTICC conference (Aug 31-Sept 3) of which we are developing contingency plans. Our colleagues with

the Waste & Response Team are planning a virtual gathering in place of their cancelled in-person Tribal Lands & Environmental Forum (TLEF) and you can find out more information here. They have got some exciting developments they will share as soon as they are able to. Stay tuned!

In the Tribal/Native/Indigenous way, we cannot wait to greet you in-person (with safety always in mind), offer you some infused tea or some other refreshment, and welcome you into our circle once again. Until then, stay safe, eat your veggies (garlic and broccoli are favorites of mine) and be healthy.

Sincerely, Nikki Cooley on behalf of [The Climate Team](#)

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# In The News

## Why First Nations Communities are Uninviting Visitors

These Covid-19-free indigenous groups are asking to be left alone, even if it requires that they evoke their ancient laws to ensure their safety. © 2020 BBC, 05/26/20.

## Gardening Advice from Indigenous Food Growers

Many Americans are now experiencing an erratic food supply for the first time. Among COVID-19's disruptions are bare supermarket shelves and items available yesterday but nowhere to be found today. As you seek ways to replace them, you can look to Native gardens for ideas and inspiration. © Yes Magazine, 05/20/20.

## Bison Bring Spiritual Revitalization to Sioux, Assiniboine

In the Nakota Lakota spiritual hierarchy, the buffalo is the chief of the animals, and a relative of all the people who the U.S. government labeled as Sioux. A society exists for those who receive visits from buffalo in their dreams-and those who hunt them. © Indian Country Today, 05/17/20.

## Alaskan Communities Seek Help to Combat Climate Change

While everyone's eyes are locked on the current coronavirus pandemic, Alaska is slowly and quietly melting away. Climate change impacts some areas more than others. While fires and droughts are hitting Australia and California, Alaska is seeing it through erosion and land loss. Alaskan communities are struggling due to changes caused by climate change, and they need our help. © Vet Candy, 05/15/20.

## The Great Lakes Are Higher Than They've Ever Been, & We're Not Sure What Will Happen Next

A single road near Lake Superior connects Michigan's Keweenaw Bay Indian Community to the rest of the state. During major rains, rocks and wood litter the route and cut off travel in and out. Over the summer, drivers have to take a 30-minute detour; in the winter, the trip can take more than two hours. Work crews eventually clear the path with plow-like machines, freeing the tribe's movement. © Popular Science, 05/15/20.

## When the Chehalis Floods Again, Who Pays the Price?

The future of the Chehalis River Basin, the second-largest watershed in Washington state, hangs on decisions made by the Office of Chehalis Basin and its board members, who represent the Quinault Nation, the Chehalis Tribe and the basin's cities and counties. © Crosscut, 05/13/20.

## Opinion: A Life On and Off the Navajo Nation

I was born in the Navajo Nation and raised half on and half of the reservation. Shutling between my grandmother's ranch in Black Mesa, Ariz., and the small border town of Winslow, I took note from an early age of the vast inequities between those two places. © The New York Times, 05/13/20.

## We Need Tribes at the Water Negotiating Table, Now More Than Ever

There are 29 federally recognized tribes across the Colorado River Basin. Together, these tribes have water rights to roughly 20% of the water that flows through the river annually. In Arizona, the Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) and the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) were critical partners in making the Drought Contingency Plan possible. © Walton Family Foundation, 05/07/20.

## Indigenous Solutions to Climate Crisis Could Lie in Archaeology, Experts Say

Indigenous knowledge has only recently begun to be seriously considered in international climate policy debates, and as the discussion forms, archaeologists believe their field provides important context of "historical injustices" that continue to prevent indigenous peoples from adapting to climate change. © Copyright Conservation news, 05/06/20.

## Climate Utility SDG&E Works to Prevent Forest Fires

Power lines owned by California utility PG&E caused several recent wildfires, but it's not the first utility to be held responsible for a dangerous blaze. More than 10 years ago, wires owned by San Diego Gas and Electric, or SDG&E, were blamed for sparking fires during a period

of strong, dry winds. Since then, SDG&E has taken major steps to help prevent future fires. "Our biggest risk that we have is the potential for power lines to ignite a wildfire, so a lot of the steps that we're taking is to prevent that ignition," says Brian D'Agostino, the utility's director of fire science and climate adaptation. © 2020 Yale Climate Connections, 04/30/20.

## The Fire We Need: Can Managed Fire Heal More Than Just the Forests?

Elizabeth Azzuz already worked with fire three times during the week I spoke with her from her home at the confluence of the Klamath and Trinity Rivers in Northern California. Azzuz is a member of the Yurok Tribe, which has used fire for cultural and ecological reason for hundreds of generations. © High Country News, 04/24/20.

## Praying For Rain

The Zuni tribe's homeland is one of the most parched sections of the country. The tribe has already declared three drought emergencies in the last 15 years. Will it survive the next one? © Food & Environment Reporting Network, 04/21/20.

## New Climate Change Course Shows in Field Experience for Students

The College of Natural Resources at UW-Stevens Point has developed a new class that allows students to explore fieldwork and learn the real impacts of climate change in this five-day field trip to the Lake Superior region in northern Wisconsin. The course called Lake Superior: Climate Change and Culture, is the new class that has been added to the course logs for students to take since 2018. Only offered in the fall and the past two years, the class tackles a variety of topics, resources, and experiences for students to learn as they travel to Ashland, WI. © The Pointer, 04/18/20.



# Resources

## **Webinar: Emergency Preparedness Recovery Planning from Development to Implementation**

May 27, 2020, 3:00pm-4:00pm ET. The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) is hosting a webinar on Emergency Preparedness and Recovery Planning. Planning for short and long term recovery after a public health emergency or disaster is as important as the initial planning for a response. Emergency preparedness plans should incorporate recovery and such efforts should be implemented while response efforts are still underway.

Part of those recovery efforts include supporting communities as they return to a new reality. This webinar will provide tips and resources on recovery from development to implementation. For questions, contact Courtney Wheeler at [cwheeler@nihb.org](mailto:cwheeler@nihb.org). Register [here](#).

## **Webinar Series: [Slow Fish Crew Together](#)**

The Covid-19 pandemic has tested the resilience, resolve, and recovery potential of fishing communities and seafood eaters both domestically and abroad. Resilience hinges on adaptability to a situation that changes every day and shifts the parameters, even as folks are finding new ways of selling and eating seafood. Join us for 'Slow Fish Crew Together,' a webinar series discussing where the fishing community is at during this time and how we can move forward together. **Next webinar: June 5, 2020, 1:00pm (EST): Salmon, The Fish That Keeps Giving To** Register, click [here](#).

## **Indigenous Peoples Climate Change Working Group Webinar Series**

The Indigenous Peoples Climate Change Working Group (IPCCWG) would like to invite you to join us for a 4-part webinar series that will discuss the future generations of American Indian and Alaskan Native geoscience professionals, educators, and workforce. An in-person IPCCWG meeting will take place at the National Tribal & Indigenous Climate Conference. We also greatly appreciate you sharing within your networks. The webinar schedule is as follows:

- June 11 1pm PT/3pm CT/4pm ET
- July 16 1pm PT/3pm CT/4pm ET
- August 13 1pm PT/3pm CT/4pm ET

If you have any questions, contact Althea Walker at [awalker@aihec.org](mailto:awalker@aihec.org) or 480-258-3963.

## **Tribal Climate & Health Adaptation Regional Cohort Training Series**

This FREE interactive training is offered through a series of eight live webinars scheduled on the third Tuesday of the month (9:00-10:30am PT) from January 21, 2020 through August 18, 2020. The training will provide steps tools, templates, case studies, and other resources that seek to streamline the adaptation planning process and make it easier for tribal health and environmental professional to understand and address human health exposures and impacts within tribal communities. For more information, please visit: <http://ped.palatribe.com/tcha-webinar/>

## **[Fourth National Climate Assessment \(NCA4\)](#)**

This report assesses the science of climate change and variability and its impacts across the United States, now and throughout this century. These Summary Findings represent a high-level synthesis of the material in the underlying report. The findings consolidate Key

Messages and supporting evidence from 16 national-level topic chapters, 10 regional chapters, and 2 chapters that focus on societal response strategies (mitigation and adaptation). Unless otherwise noted, qualitative statements regarding future conditions in these Summary

Findings are broadly applicable across the range of different levels of future climate change and associated impacts considered in this report. U.S. Global Change Research Program. 2018.

## **[National Climate Assessment Action Map](#)**

The Bureau of Indian Affairs Resilience Program also created an interactive U.S. Indigenous Peoples Resilience Actions map to highlight planning, adaptation, monitoring, governance, and youth/Traditional Ecological Knowledge actions been undertaken by Indigenous peoples throughout the U.S. A feedback form on the site allows Tribes to submit new actions for inclusion in the map.

## **[Indigenous Peoples Terminology for NCA4](#)**

In addition, as part of the fourth National Climate Assessment (NCA4), a glossary of Indigenous Peoples Terminology was developed. Please visit ITEP's [Mindmap](#) to find the glossary on the [Climate Change Reports and Case Studies](#) page.

## **[Heritage on the Edge](#)**

Discover how people around the world are using technology to protect their cultural sites against climate change. © Google Arts & Culture

## **[Publication: Water in the Native World](#)**

The current issue of the *Journal of Contemporary Water Research and Education (JCWRE)* feature many articles on tribal water challenges and how Indigenous scientists, community members and students are addressing these challenges. Contributions from Dr. Karletta Chief, Grace BullTail, Otakuye Conroy Ben and many others. Issue 169. April 2020.

## **[ICYMI: Climate Scientist Katherine Hayhoe's 'Global Weirding' Videos](#)**

Scientist Katharine Hayhoe is widely recognized as a leading climate science communicator. This sampling of her videos provides a taste of why she's earned that reputation. © 2020 Yale Climate Connections

## **New Podcast: [Alaska Voices](#)**

The Alaska Voices project has launched a new podcast, Alaska Voices. The podcast began as a collaboration between the nation-wide [StoryCorps](#) project and the [Alaska Climate Adaptation Science Center](#) as a way to bring unique stories of climate science and climate change to new audiences. Episodes will be released twice weekly and feature conversations with the University of Alaska, Fairbanks researchers, USGS scientists, undergraduate students, primary school students, and Alaska Native elders.

# Other Areas of Interest

## **Job Announcement: Executive Director**

The New Mexico Environmental Law Center (NMELC) Board of Directors is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Executive Director. The position includes a competitive salary (based on full-time/exempt status) and benefits including health and life insurance and paid leave. For more information, please click [here](#). **Application deadline: June 5, 2020**

## **Native Student Professional Development Program**

The Wildlife Society (TWS) Announces a Professional Development Program for Indigenous Students in the Wildlife Profession. TWS believes that one of the most effective ways to support indigenous wildlife students is to give them the opportunity to attend TWS's annual conference. Therefore, TWS and NPWMWG announce the 2020 Native Student Professional Development (NSPD) Program. **Application deadline: July 15, 2020.** For more information and to apply, click [here](#). For questions, email Ty Werdel at [werdel@ksu.edu](mailto:werdel@ksu.edu)

## **Job Announcement: Senior Analyst, Natural Climate Solutions and Carbon Management**

The Senior Analyst will join the BPC Energy Project policy team, a dynamic and fast-moving group that is focused on the development of pragmatic, durable federal policies that responsibly transition the U.S. to a low-carbon economy, invest smartly in the next generation of energy technologies and infrastructure, and maintain economic growth. Within the BPC Energy Project, this position will join a small, core group dedicated to policy development for deep decarbonization, technological and natural carbon management, and energy innovation for a low-carbon economy. For more information and how to apply, click [here](#). **Position is open until filled.**

## **Job Announcement: Fisheries Specialist**

Washington Sea Grant (WSG) has an outstanding opportunity for a Fisheries Specialist to develop and coordinate strategies that advance the safety, economic success and environmental sustainability of Washington's fisheries and seafood sectors. The Fisheries Specialist promotes collaborations among a diverse group of constituents and partners to deliver applied research, technical assistance, informational materials and training that support best practices for safe and sustainable fisheries and seafood. For more information and to apply, click [here](#). **Position is open until filled.**

## **[New Interactive Map](#) (ASTHO)**

Does your state have a climate and health adaptation plan? Not sure? Check out a new resource from the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO): an interactive map to explore whether your state health agency offers climate adaptation plans or related resources.

## **[New State & Local Energy Data](#) (NREL)**

The National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Energy, has released a suite of new interactive datasets delivering detailed information on building and transportation energy estimated for each U.S. city and county. These new resources are available online and are meant to inform more data-driven energy decision making at the local level.

## **[New Ecodrought Story Map](#) (USGS)**

Every region of the United States is susceptible to drought. Over the last several years, the National and Regional CASCs have been exploring the ecological impacts of drought across the country, from Alaska to the U.S. Caribbean. A new Story Map is now available that summarizes CASC work on ecological drought and highlights the products that have resulted from this initiative.

## **ITEP's Featured Tribal Profile:**



With over 2000 members, the [Bishop Paiute Tribe](#) is the fifth largest federally recognized tribe in California. The sovereign nation is located on the Bishop Paiute Reservation, a 879 acre tract of land in the Owens Valley, situated at the base of the stunning Eastern Sierra Nevada mountains. The Reservation is surrounded by land owned by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and by federal land, making it remote and landlocked. However, its high ratio of tribal members compared to its relatively small acreage puts the Bishop Paiute reservation on par with the most densely populated states in the US. A growing population on a small land mass makes the land an increasingly valuable asset for a tribe that has long lived in step with their natural resources. The Bishop Paiute Tribe has proven adept at responding to a changing landscape, whether those changes are motivated by the political sector or from a more recent player, climate change. [Click here](#) to read and download the PDF version.

# Funding Opportunities



## Additional Sources for More Opportunities:

1) More Funding Opportunities can be found at the Tribes & Climate Change website: <http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/tcc/Resources/funding>.

2) Tribal Climate Change Guide maintained by the Pacific Northwest Tribal Climate Change Project at the Univ. of Oregon: <http://tribalclimateguide.uoregon.edu/>

3) Searchable database of all discretionary grants offered by the 26 federal grant-making agencies. [www.grants.gov/applicants/find\\_grant\\_opportunities.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/applicants/find_grant_opportunities.jsp)

4) Conservation Innovation Grants (USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service) <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/cig/>

**COVID-19 Emergency Mutual Aid Fund.** The Indigenous Environmental Network has launched a COVID-19 Emergency Mutual Aid Fund to quickly mobilize resources to our frontline communities and groups that have a demonstrated need experiencing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Community-based Indigenous peoples and organizations from the U.S. and Canada (Central and South America on a case-by-case basis), are eligible to apply. For more information and to apply, please click [here](#).

### **Fact Sheet: Federal Resources for Nature-Based Solutions to Climate Change**

This fact sheet provides a survey of federal funding and technical assistance available to help state and local governments and agencies, tribes, non-governmental organizations, universities, and individuals implement nature-based solutions for climate resilience. Many of these sources of federal support allow communities to develop projects which draw on the multiple, interrelated benefits of nature-based solutions.

**The Native American Agriculture Fund (NAAF)** is a private, charitable trust serving Native farmers and ranchers through strategic grantmaking in the areas of business assistance, agricultural education, technical support and advocacy services. Special Statement Concerning the Impacts of COVID-19. As this RFA was being drafted, the COVID-19 situation was developing and spreading throughout the United States. After conferring with many individuals, we determined that the most important work that NAAF could do right now is to ensure that NAAF funds for which we are caretakers be used during this critical time to further the important work of supporting Native farmers, ranchers, fishers and food champions and the important work of rebuilding Native food systems. For more information, click [here](#). **Application deadline: June 1, 2020 at 11:59pm CT.**

**Youth River Education, Recreation Program Grants**  
The National Park Service & River

Network are pleased to announce a grant opportunity to fund projects that develop and/or expand “on-water” education, recreation, and/or cultural preservation programs for youth and young adults. Supported projects will include diverse partner organizations that work together to enhance and expand availability of recreational, educational, and cultural preservation opportunities and programming for youth and adults on land and on water. For more information and to apply, click [here](#). **Deadline to submit proposal: June 10, 2020.**

**The Tribal Wildlife Grants (TWG) Program** was created to support the development and implementation of programs for the benefit of wildlife and their habitats and species of Tribal cultural or traditional importance, including species that are not hunted or fished. The TWG Program provides opportunities for federally recognized Tribes to engage in fish and wildlife conservation efforts on their lands, many of which are located adjacent to DOI-managed lands. Many of the TWG Program-funded activities increase fish and wildlife populations, allowing for hunting and fishing opportunities on and off Tribal lands. For more information and to apply, click [here](#). **Application deadline: July 6, 2020**

**The National Fish Passage Program (NFPP)** is a voluntary program that provides direct technical assistance to partners. In doing so, the program aims to maintain or increase fish populations in order to improve ecosystem resiliency and to provide quality fishing experiences for the American people. For more information, click [here](#). **Application deadline: October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020.**



# Upcoming Events

NOTE: Updated info on events can be found at the Tribes & Climate Change website:

<http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/tcc/Home/Events>

## May 2020

**Postponed:** Training:  
[Climate Series #1: ITEP's Introduction to Climate Change Adaptation Planning-Climate 101](#)

**May 19-21, Blue Lake, CA.**

*Tribal Only:* This course is a collaboration between ITEP and the Blue Lake Rancheria Tribe. The course will provide an introduction to planning for climate change impacts, with examples of tribes that have been going through the adaptation planning process.

**Cancelled:** Annual Forum:  
[ITEP's National Tribal Forum on Air Quality \(NTFAQ\)](#)

**May 27-29, 2020, Tulsa, OK.**

Hosted by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The NTFAQ provides environmental professionals from tribes, EPA, and other organizations an opportunity to meet and discuss current policies, regulatory initiatives, and technical topics in air quality. The NTFAQ is a cooperative endeavor co-sponsored by The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) and the National Tribal Air Association (NTAA), made possible by funding from US EPA and our generous sponsors.

**Webinar: Covering Complex Emergencies and Climate Change in the Era of COVID-19**

**May 27, 2:00pm ET.** Offered by the Society of Professional Journalists. Join us on for the second webinar for tips on understanding and covering complex emergencies, in the US and the rest of the world. Register [here](#).

**Webinar: A Sense of Place: Indigenous Perspectives on Land & Sky** featuring Dr. Leroy Little Bear. **May 28, 12:00pm PT.**

In this introductory presentation Dr. Little Bear will compare the historical foundations of scientific thought from European and Indigenous perspectives, identifying paradigm differences that have become contemporary challenges to collaboration in resource management. Register [here](#).

## June 2020

**Understanding Disaster Risk in Indigenous Communities**

June 4-5, Bismarck, ND. Hosted by NASA and the United Tribes Technical College, this workshop aims to provide an overview of NASA data and tools for managing disaster risk and extreme events, with a focus on capacity building, and to engage in dialogue that provides NASA and Tribal Communities with an understanding of future climate and environmental risks and data needs in your communities. [Register here](#). Please contact [AmberJean.McCullum@nasa.gov](mailto:AmberJean.McCullum@nasa.gov) for more information.

**Postponed to October 14-15, 2020:**

**Annual Conference:**  
[14th Annual Native American Economic Development Conference](#)

**June 15-16, Pechanga Resort & Casino, Temecula, CA.** Through a variety of tracks, panels and interactive discussions, attendees will engage with top experts focusing on economic diversification.

**Postponed to June 26-July 3, 2021: Native Youth Community Adaptation and Leadership Congress**

June 28-July 3, 2020, National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown, West Virginia. The Congress includes a diverse mix of urban and rural students from tribal communities located throughout the continental US, Alaska, Hawaii and American Samoa.

## July 2020

**Postponed to 2021: [USET Tribal Climate Resilience Camp, Winter Harbor, ME](#)** Original dates: July 12-17, 2020.

**Training:**

[Climate Series #2: Integrating Climate Change into FEMA Approved Mitigation Plans.](#)

**July 14-15, Blue Lake, CA.**

*Tribal Only:* This course is a collaboration between ITEP and the Blue Lake Rancheria Tribe. For questions or more information please

contact ITEP staff.

**Postponed: Earth to Sky Workshop: South Central Region July 15-17, Sulphur, OK.**

For further info, contact [April.Taylor@chickasaw.net](mailto:April.Taylor@chickasaw.net)

**Postponed: Southwest Tribal Climate Resilience Camp** July 26-31, Navajo Technical University, Crownpoint, NM.. For questions, contact Althea Walker, Tribal Climate Science Liaison at [AWalker@aihec.org](mailto:AWalker@aihec.org) or 480-258-3963.

## August 2020

**Conference:**

**Now a virtual gathering scheduled for August 11-20, 2020**

[ITEP's Tribal Lands & Environment Forum \(TLEF\)](#)

More information coming. Join us for the 10th anniversary of the TLEF!

**Postponed to 2021 (stay tuned for new dates): California Adaptation Forum 2020** August 18-20, Riverside, CA. The biennial Forum gathers the adaptation community from across California and beyond to foster knowledge exchange, innovation, and mutual support to create resilient communities.

**Virtual:**

[2020 Virtual San Diego Climate Summit](#)

**August 27, 2020.** The 2020 Summit will virtually convene local researchers, resource managers, community engagers, and youth leaders through an immersive and engaging experience to focus on our evolving understanding of regionally specific climate science and how it is informing on the ground solutions that build resilience for people and places.

## Upcoming Events Continued...

### September 2020

#### Conference:

#### [ITEP's National Tribal & Indigenous Climate Conference \(NTICC\)](#)

**August 31-September 4, 2020.**

Location TBA soon. First Biennial National Tribal and Indigenous Climate Conference (NTICC) along with support from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Tribal Resilience Program. The NTICC is open to all US tribal nations and Indigenous Peoples from throughout the world, with an emphasis on including our Elders and Youth. *The NTICC team is aware there are concerns about hosting an in-person event in the fall 2020. We share those same concerns but are moving forward with careful planning and much caution. The NTICC planning team includes ITEP's Tribes and Climate Change program staff, Tribal Climate Change Project Advisory Committee members, and the BIA Project Officer and staff. The entire team has made the decision to move forward with an in-person event with careful consideration and will continue to diligently monitor this pandemic. If health and safety continue to be a concern in the months preceding the event the conference will be cancelled. Should a cancellation occur, people who are registered will be notified and refunds for registration fees will be made.* Contact: [NTICC@nau.edu](mailto:NTICC@nau.edu)

#### [ATNI Alaska Tribal Climate Camp September 8-12, Southcentral, Anchorage, Alaska.](#)

In 2020, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, Michigan State University, Portland State University's Institute for Tribal Government, Chugach Regional Resources Commission, and the Northwest Climate Adaptation Science Center are collaboratively offering the Tribal Climate Camp (TCC) to support teams of tribal leaders, climate change coordinators, planners, and program managers to build skills, gather information, and develop tribal policy needed to address climate change impacts. For more information, please contact Peggy Harris at: [DP@Seventhgenerationllc.com](mailto:DP@Seventhgenerationllc.com)

#### [Conference: International Conference on Global Climate Change \(ICGCC\)](#)

September 24-25, San Francisco, CA. This gathering aims to bring together leading academic scientists, researchers and research scholars

to exchange and share their experiences and research results on all aspects of Global Climate Change.

### October 2020

#### Summit:

**Shifting Seasons 3 Summit**  
***Rescheduled to March 2021.***  
Menominee Conference Center, Keshena, WI. Hosted by the College of Menominee and respective partners. More information [click here](#).

#### Summit:

[National Tribal Leadership Climate Change Summit](#)  
**October 12-14, Seattle, WA.**  
The 2020 Summit will convene leaders from Tribes and First Nations throughout the United States, Canada, and Indigenous people around the world. Participants will build on the knowledge and experiences related to climate change impacts and traditional knowledges; develop approaches that promote tribal leadership in adaptation, mitigation and resiliency programs; and foster pathways to influence climate policy. The Summit will include internationally renowned plenary speakers, participatory breakout sessions, and more. For questions or to join the planning committee, please email Don Sampson: [DP@seventhgenerationllc.com](mailto:DP@seventhgenerationllc.com)

#### Conference:

**28th Annual EPA Region 9/ Tribal Conference, October 19-22, Harrah's Lake Tahoe, CA.**  
***Registration delayed to late May 2020.*** For more conference information, contact [spenvironmental@sanpasqualtribe.org](mailto:spenvironmental@sanpasqualtribe.org) or Vanessa at 760-651-5151, [vanessam@sanpasqualtribe.org](mailto:vanessam@sanpasqualtribe.org)

### November 2020

#### ***Postponed:***

**2020 UN Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC COP 26)** The 26th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 26) to the UNFCCC was planned to take place from 9-19 November 2020, in Glasgow, UK. On 1 April 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the COP Bureau announced that the Conference would instead take place in 2021.

**Southwest Adaptation Forum**  
**November 17-19, Wild Horse Pass, Chandler, AZ.** The Forum brings together climate adaptation and assessment practitioners in the Southwest to share stories, obstacles, and best practices. For questions, contact Tribal Climate Science Liaison, Althea Walker, at [awalker@aihec.org](mailto:awalker@aihec.org) or 480-258-3963