



PROFESSIONAL WETLAND SCIENTIST E-LETTER

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NOTE from PSCPP Review Panel

Professional Short Course Pre-Approval Program

The SWSPCP has developed a process to provide existing and future certified wetland scientists with certainty that a particular professional short course will qualify as part of the additional or ongoing education requirements for professional certification. The Professional Short Course Pre-approval Program (PSCPP) Review Panel reviews and approves professional short courses to ensure that such short courses will be accepted by the Certification Review Panel and the Certification Renewal Committee. Proponents (sponsors) of said courses apply to the Professional Short Course Pre-Approval Program to have their courses evaluated and pre-approved. Such approval provides certain predictability that the course offered will receive credit or points, as appropriate, by applicants seeking PWS certification or certification renewal. Approved course valuation is based on semester hour credit.

The PSCPP has seen a steady increase in the number of courses reviewed and approved by SWSPCP. A total of 27 short courses, offered by 12 sponsors, have been approved. Geographic distribution shows a wide range of offerings by sponsors home-based in FL, NC, ND, MA, MT, NJ, OH, OR, PA, TX and VA. Topics include:

Basic Wetland Delineation, and Regional Supplement Training
Wetland Plant Identification
Hydric Soils & Problematic Soils
Wetland Regulations, Nationwide and Regional Permits
Monitoring and Assessment of Wetland & Riparian Ecosystems
Vegetation Index of Biotic Integrity
Primary Headwater Habitat
Ohio Rapid Assessment Method for Wetlands.

The PSCPP has also reviewed and approved a variety of Webinars sponsored and presented by the Society of Wetlands Scientists (SWS). Webinar registration is complimentary to all SWS members. Certificates of completion, worth one hour of participation, are available upon request; please contact Kara Miller at kmiller@sws.org, if interested. If you're unable to participate in the live webinar, all webinars will be recorded and archived for complimentary viewing by members on the SWS [Past Webinars](#) page. SWS has seen increased requests for participant certificates since January 2018, which may be due to the fact that the webinars are now pre-approved by SWSPCP.

The PSCPP was implemented in 2013. Many thanks go out to the members of the PSCPP Review Panel for their dedicated and continued service and time reviewing PSCPP applications. They are: Alice Allen-Grimes, Scott W. Jecker, Janet Morlan, Charlie Newling, James Wakeley, and Steve Walls.

R. Harold Jones, PWS, Emeritus
Chair, PSCPP Review Panel

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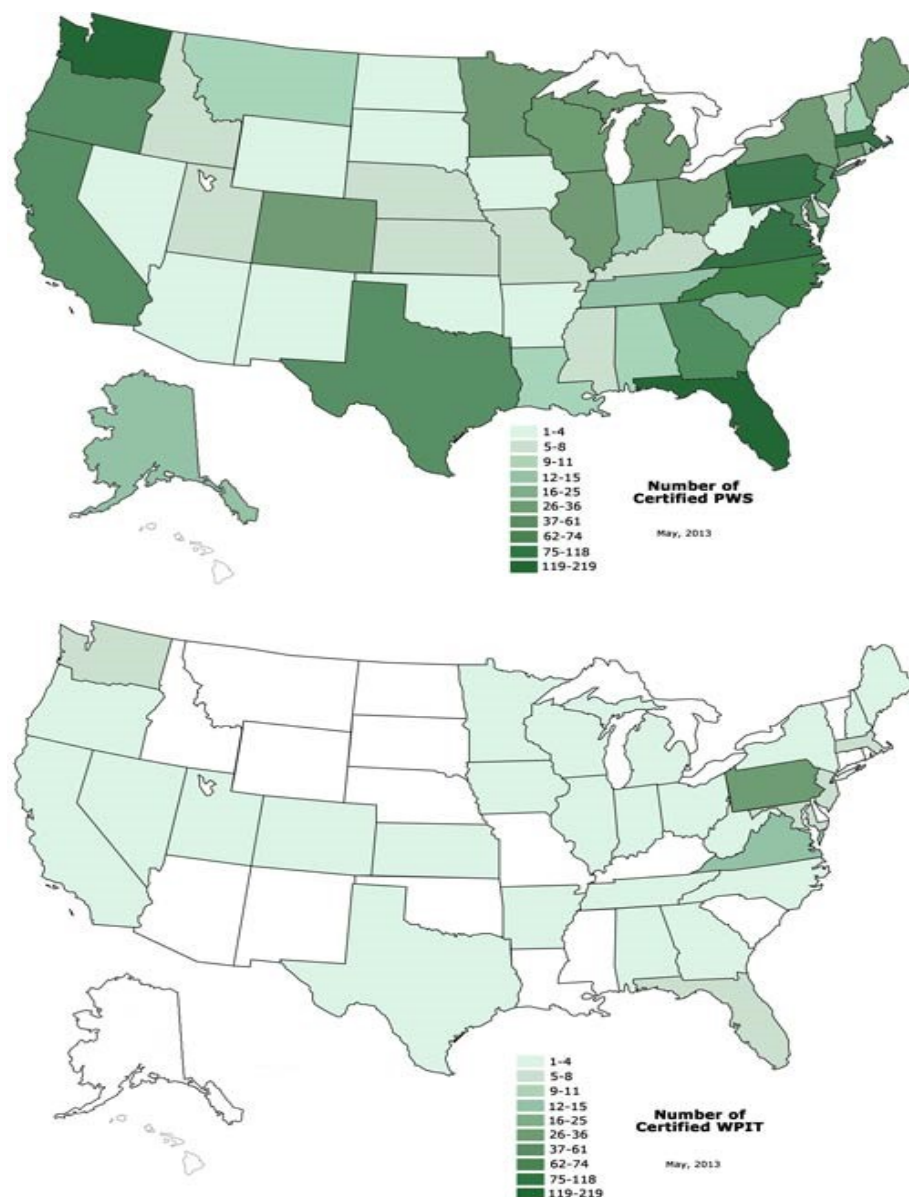
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The Society of Wetland Scientists Professional Certification Program, serving the public's need to identify qualified individuals to assess and manage the nation's resources. This program is intended to meet the needs of professional ecologists, hydrologists, soil scientists, educators, agency professionals, consultants, and others who practice wetland science. www.wetlandcert.org

Here are to regional maps that show the locations of PWS and WPIT in the US...

The two maps below show the representation of PWSs and WPITs across the United States by state. This information was collected from a recent survey by the SWS Professional Certification Program.

The highest concentrations of PWSs are aggregated in mainly two states, Florida and Washington. Regions with more representation that stand out include the West Coast, Great Lakes and the Atlantic Seaboard. Along the Gulf Coast, the state of Texas had the largest concentration of PWS. The report is similar for WPITs with the highest representation in Pennsylvania, Florida, Washington, and Virginia.



Personal Use of the SWSPCP Logo

“Is it OK to include the SWSPCP logo on documents or business web sites?”

The certification seal (stamp) that includes the certified person's name and certification number is encouraged for use on most documents, including reports, proposals, and similar products prepared or reviewed by a PWS. The seal may be ordered from the business office:

<http://www.wetlandcert.org/docs/PWSSealOrderForm0811.pdf>

However, we recognize that there are many instances where using the logo may be appropriate and PWS certified individuals are encouraged to use it to identify themselves as having achieved professional certification.

Examples of appropriate use are including it on business cards or on a company's website next to a PWS' vitae or a statement about having certified PWS on staff. Inappropriate use would be any display which may be construed to imply representation of the Society of Wetland Scientists Professional Certification Program (SWSPCP).

For example: placing the logo on corporate, business, or personal letterhead; use as a prominent symbol on advertising banners, marketing materials, and similar media in which the logo is presented in a manner that could be construed to imply a business or individual is representing the SWSPCP; use on vehicles, company equipment, or advertising/promotional gifts where a business or sole proprietor name is also displayed. In addition, continued use of the logo if certification has lapsed due to non-payment of the annual maintenance fee or failure to renew is also inappropriate.

A certified PWS may request an electronic version of the logo from the business office. The logo may not be altered in any way or incorporated into any other design element other than the approved uses noted above, and all wording must remain legible. If used on a website that advertises credentials of an individual or business, the logo may “link” only to the SWSPCP home page. As stressed above, under no circumstances may the logo be used in a manner that implies endorsement by or representation of the SWSPCP. Failure to follow the SWSPCP policy regarding identification with SWSPCP may lead to censure, suspension, or termination of membership. The SWSPCP Board asks all certified individuals to exercise good judgment and respect for the PWS and WPIT credentials when considering use of the logo. If you are unsure about whether a particular use is permissible, please ask!

SWSPCP PRE-APPROVED COURSES:



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Institute for Wetland & Environmental Education & Research

RICHARD CHINN ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING, INC.

UPGRADE FROM WPIT TO PWS



It is not necessary for an individual certified as a Wetland Professional in Training to complete the full application to apply for certification as a Professional Wetland Scientist.

The individual should document course work and other training and experience since the last application that will fulfill completely the requirements for PWS certification, and a statement of expertise essay must be included.

Professional accomplishments and publications should also be highlighted. The name and address of at least one new reference, preferably an individual verified as a PWS, should be included with the application, along with a check or money order for the difference between the WPIT and PWS application fees (\$200.00 US).

If the upgrade application is more than two years from the date a WPIT was awarded, three new Form Cs must be completed to reflect a current assessment of the applicant's professional work experience.

The SWSPCP business office will attach a copy of the original application to the new material for submission to the Certification Review Panel. Review and approval of the upgrade application will then proceed in the same way as an original application.

SWSPCP APPROVED WEBINARS

SWSPCP Webinar	Peatlands, Parks, and Playas: a Tour of Colorado's Diverse Wetlands
SWSPCP Webinar	Livestock grazing affects microbial activity at different soil depths via the groundwater level with potential implications for carbon sequestration
SWSPCP Webinar	The enigmatic Okavango Delta: A large wetland in a dryland
SWSPCP Webinar	Blue Carbon: Science and Application for Adding Value to Estuary Restoration



<https://sws.org/About-SWS/upcoming-webinars-for-nonmembers.html>

Upcoming SWS Webinars

Peatlands, Parks, and Playas: a Tour of Colorado's Diverse Wetlands

Colorado is known for its high mountain peaks and river valleys, but its geography is far more diverse than its reputation suggests. The eighth largest state in the country, Colorado covers over 100,000 square miles (270,000 km²) stretched across three main ecoregions: high plains to the east, peaks and valleys of the Rocky Mountains through central Colorado, and canyons of the Colorado Plateau to the west. Colorado's elevation range spans more than 10,000 feet, from just over 3,300 ft (2,070 m) along the eastern border with Kansas to 14,440 ft (4400 m) at the top of Mount Elbert, and its geology includes diverse metamorphic, volcanic, and sedimentary formations. The canvas of Colorado's geography creates a rich and diverse array of wetlands, though the semi-arid climate limits the extent of wetlands to less than 2% of the state's land area.

SWS ANNUAL MEETING 2018 !



The SWS 2018 Annual Meeting will take place at the Denver Marriott City Center. This venue offers breathtaking views of the Rocky Mountains and the Denver city skyline with several restaurants within walking distance of the hotel.

The SWS 2018 Annual Meeting will be held at the Marriott Denver City Center in Denver, CO, USA, on May 29 - June 1, 2018. Save the date!

A block of rooms has been reserved at a special nightly rate of **\$172** per night. Book online or call the hotel at 1.800.228.9290 to make your reservation. Be sure to mention you're with SWS to receive the discounted rate before **May 7, 2018**. <https://www.swsannualmeeting.org/meeting-location/>



NEW PWS CERTIFICATIONS

Congratulations to the following individuals who received their PWS certification:

2715 Marc	Auten
2716 Michael	Takacs
2717 Jeanne	DiFranco
2718 Emily	Foster
2719 Trisha	Stone
2720 Brian	Bury
2721 Paula	Gill
2722 Brady	Trahan
2723 Clay	Fischer
2724 Richard	Gundlach
2725 Kolten	Kosters
2726 Jeffrey	Allen
2727 Mike	Foster
2728 Winthrop	Taylor
2729 Mathew	DeCoursey
2730 Tracy	Sharkey
2731 Christopher	McGinness
2732 Steven	Ball
2733 Jason	Teschler
2734 Victoria	Luiting
2735 Liam	Bevan
2736 Jillian	Arnold
2738 Kazimierz	Wieski
2739 Philip	London
2740 Glenn	Martin
2741 Cory	Darnell
2742 Matthew	Waldrip
2743 Bradley	Luckey
2744 Matthew	Paroulek
2745 Ryan	Mountain

2746 Edward	Avizinis
2747 Kevin	Webb
2748 Joshua	Glance
2749 Kaitlyn	Kiehart
2750 John	Finley
2751 Jason	Hartshorn
2752 Claire	Hoffman
2753 Kristian	Holmberg
2754 Erin	Gora
2755 Liliana	Hansen
2756 Daniel	Cardoza
2757 G. Alan	Wood
2758 Rebecca	Beduhn
2759 Michael	Rabalais
2760 Carla	Fenner
2761 Benjamin	Furr
2762 Thomas	Slowinski
2763 Lindsay	Merkle
2764 Jocelyn	Wardrup
2765 Cliff	Sunda
2766 Lauren	Shaffer
2767 Casey	Tompkins
2768 Alan	Moore
2769 Dale	Knapp
2770 Alicia	Douglass
2771 Tanner	Harris
2772 Christopher	Gurney
2773 Alexander	Bonazzoli
2774 Dylan	Lueth
2775 Mark	Eldridge

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Congratulations to the following individuals who received their PWS certification:

2776 Christopher	Weber
2777 Timothy	Walters
2778 Emily	Choudhry
2779 Sarah	Miloski
2780 Patrick	Ritchie
2781 Elise	Leduc
2782 Amanda	Little
2783 Corey	Novak
2784 Christopher	Berger
2785 Christina	Merten
2786 Larissa	Herrera
2787 Ian	Eckardt
2788 Jessica	Ackerman
2789 Robert	Roos
2790 Michele	Bodtke
2791 Alexander	Levy
2792 Richard	Howard
2793 Matthew	Simpson
2794 Roscoe	Sullivan
2795 Karl	Hoffman
2796 Marshall	Willis
2797 Keith	Carr
2798 Susan	Lindstrom
2799 Michael	Richard
2800 Teagan	Loew
2801 Cesar	Donayre
2802 Debra	White
2803 Nikki	Pisula
2804 Amy	Jones
2805 Kimberly	Bartos

2806 Frank	Henning
2807 Jillian	Olsen
2808 Terry	Burhans
2809 Jeremy	Degler
2810 Brad	Smyth
2811 Nicole	Thomson
2812 Stephen	Dockery
2813 Joseph	Carlo
2814 Kevin	Shelton
2815 Scott	Walters
2816 Tyler	Beemer
2817 Cody	Brounce
2818 Kim	Dixon
2819 Jacob	Bannister
2820 Scott	Martin
2821 Sondra	Collins
2822 Keith	Tollenaere
2823 Daniel	Cox
2824 Jeffrey	Stone
2825 Laura	Meyer
2826 John	Roberts
2827 Jeffrey	Reagan
2828 Harold	Fravel
2829 Evan	Sheppard
2830 McKenize	McKeon
2831 Alex	Brown
2832 Nichoel	Church
2833 Proctor	Grayson
2834 Herman	Hudson
2835 Lailah	Reich

2836 Cal	Fontenot
2837 Shelby	Petro
2838 James	Ialeggio
2839 Chris	Cotroneo
2840 Alicia	Metzger
2841 Scott	Brejcha
2842 Aimee	McLaughlin
2843 Sara	Krampe
2844 Jeffrey	Gray
2845 Kristi	Hall
2846 Sara	Nedrich
2847 Jonathan	Hammons
2848 Kyle	Hanson
2849 Steven	David
2850 Vincent	Tremante
2851 Scott	Jones
2852 Daniel	Gillenwater
2853 Parshuram	Acharya
2854 Shane	Brodnick
2855 Joey	Runner
2856 Robert	McInnes
2857 Bipin	Pokharel
2858 Richard	Peel
2859 Colin	Greenwood
2860 Steven	Ivas
2861 Kari	Dupler
2862 Robert	Anderson
2863 Richard	Aldredge
2864 Zachary	Fink
2867 Jodie	Keene

2868 Justin	Zoladz
2869 Mark	Hurst
2870 Kathryn	Lucier
2871 Dustin	Romero
2872 Nathaniel	Goddard
2873 Jason	Neumann
2874 Millard	Fisher
2875 Matthew	Church
2876 Edward	Tinney

CERTIFICATION CORNER

Being a professional in the field of wetland and aquatic sciences for more than 10 years I decided to pursue my Professional Wetland Scientist Certification. During these 10+ years most of my work has been center in wetland ecology and biogeochemistry. I saw the PWS certification as the next level in my professional development and education identifying me as a wetland scientist. Moreover, the PWS has the ability to open more doors for me in the field of wetland science, conservation and ecology.

Sincerely

Paul Julian



2018 MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENT

Annual Maintenance Notices are generally sent out via email every last week of December of the current year for fees applicable to the upcoming year. Please be reminded that in order to keep your certification status active, you have to pay your annual maintenance fees.

We have made this process really easy for you. Anytime of the year, you may click on the **maintenance portal** of the SWSPCP site and enter your last name and your six digit member/application number.

http://www.wetlandcert.org/login.html?r=ann_ren

You forgot your six digit member/application number? No worries... on this same link, you can enter your email address associated with your certification account and the system will automatically send via email your member/application number.

MAINTENANCE FEE NOTICE

Annual Professional Wetland Scientist/Wetland Professional in Training Certification Maintenance Fee for 2018

SWSPCP has amended the annual PWS maintenance fee, the five year PWS renewal fee, and the one time Emeritus fee by a minimal \$25 increase on January 1, 2015. The SWSPCP Board unanimously voted to increase these fees after thorough review and due diligence reviewing the current financial and budget demands. The fees have remained the same for the past five years and will be effective for years to come. The remaining fee structure will remain intact.

PWS - \$75.00

WPIT - \$50.00

Only annual certification maintenance fees can be made with this notice.
DO NOT send SWS annual membership fees with this notice.

Name (please print): _____

PWS Number: _____

Application/Member Number: _____

For back dues, kindly indicate the years that you would want your payment to be applied to:

Payment

- ☐ Check Enclosed (*Checks must be made in US dollars and drawn upon a US bank*).
Checks and money orders MUST be made payable to: SWSPCP. Checks made payable to SWS will be returned.
- ☐ Credit Card Payment - VISA OR MASTERCARD ONLY.

Name on Credit Card: _____

Card Number: _____

Card Exp. Date: _____ Security Code: _____ Amount: _____

Name and Billing Address of Cardholder: _____

Cardholder's signature: _____

Remit payment to: SWS/PCP, 2800 W. Higgins Rd. Suite 440 Hoffman Estates IL 60169
or fax this form to 847.885.8393.

Thank you for your payment.

GRACE PERIOD FOR LAPSED RENEWALS

Lapsed PWS may be granted a one year grace period to renew their certification. The granted grace period renewal will be contingent upon the approval of PWS's submission of an **exception request** in writing submitted to info@wetlandcert.org.

The **exception request** must include an explanation of why they should be considered for renewal by the committee. The renewal committee will then decide to allow the lapsed PWS to renew their certification or not. Anyone who's certification has lapsed past one year must re-apply for certification with no exceptions.

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