



US EPA's National Center for Environmental Research invites you to join us for the second of several Tribal Research Program Webinars which will discuss research progress of our STAR grantees:

The November 7th Webinar will include presentations on:

Cumulative Risk and Yurok Tribal Lifeway

and

Human and Wildlife Biomonitoring: a tribally designed and operated program to assess, mitigate, and adapt to the climate-related changing risks and benefits of subsistence species in rural Alaska

What will you learn?

1. Understand how traditional ecological knowledge frames risk identification and risk reduction.
2. Understand how community-engaged research has been carried out and improved project relevance.
3. Understand the complexities of characterizing cumulative risks and complex exposures in a tribal setting.

The following speakers will take part in this discussion:

Kathleen Sloan, Ph.D.
Suzanne Fluharty, Ph.D.
Dr. James E. Berner, MD

NCER's Tribal Environmental Health Research Program has supported studies to better understand the health effects of environmental contaminants on tribal populations. EPA STAR tribal environmental health research has focused on identifying and quantifying cumulative risk, determining the impacts of climate change, and identifying dietary exposure risks of traditional subsistence diets.

We urge you to let your colleagues know about these webinars - there is no limit to the number of people that can participate in the webinar.

This webinar will be held on:

Wednesday, November 7, 2012 from 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM EDT

To register:

<http://www.epa.gov/ncer/events/#nov712>

Biosketches

Kathleen Sloan, Ph.D.

Environmental Director of the Yurok Tribe

Dr. Kathleen Sloan has worked for the Yurok Tribe for over 9 years serving as Environmental Director since 2008 and Assistant Director of the Environmental Program's Cultural Resources Division from 2003 thru 2008. As Environmental Director for the Yurok Tribe, Dr. Sloan oversees 3 Divisions and 12 full-time staff working in 10 environmental program areas. She serves as a Principal Investigator on a range of environmental grants and research projects for the Tribe in Water Quality, Wetlands, Environmental Health, Environmental Justice and Climate Change, including the Cumulative Risk Assessment study currently funded by US EPA National Center for Environmental Research, Science to Achieve Results (STAR) Program. Dr. Sloan holds a PhD in Environmental Sciences from Oregon State University (2007), a Masters of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (2003) from Oregon State University and a Bachelor of Arts (BA) from the University of Notre Dame (1990). Her areas of academic research include: Environmental and Cultural Resources Management, Anthropology and Native American Studies.

Suzanne Fluharty, Ph.D.

Environmental Specialist for the Yurok Tribe Environmental Program

Suzanne M. Fluharty received her Ph.D. in Environmental Sciences in 2008 from Oregon State University's College of Science with dual majors in Applied Anthropology and Botany and Plant Pathology, with a focus on Native American Natural Resources. She has more than a decade's experience working with various Native American tribes whose ancestral territories include the coastal region of the Pacific Northwest, including the Confederated Tribes of Siletz and the Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde. Professionally, she has been an environmental scientist and botanist for the Coquille Indian Tribe, completing botanical surveys for tribal and federal environmental inventories and Environmental Protection Impact documentation. In addition, she has assisted tribal land use planning for cultural properties, including recommendations for maintenance, reintroduction and

restoration of important traditional plant species and habitats. Currently, Suzanne is an environmental specialist for the Yurok Tribe Environmental Program, co-Principal Investigator and Project Field Manager of an EPA STAR grant.

Dr. James E. Berner, MD

James E. Berner has practiced medicine in the Alaska Native health system since 1974. He has been in the Human Health Advisory Group of the Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Program, since 1999. He was co-lead author of "Human Health", Chapter 15 in the 2005 Arctic Climate Impact Assessment. He was appointed in 2005-2008 to the National Academy of Sciences Polar Research Board. He is certified in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, and is the Senior Director for Science in the Division of Community Health, of the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium. Dr. Berner graduated from Oklahoma University Medical School in 1968. He spent three years in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps, completed residency training, and is board certified in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics.

For more information on this webinar series and to register see:

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