



NCAI's 12th Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum
BREAKOUT SESSION
Salon C2
1:30pm-4:00pm

Using Data to Sustain Our Shared Natural Resources

Moderated by Councilman Melvin Sheldon, Jr., Tulalip Tribes

Many have predicted that the next world wars will be waged over water, not oil. And already we are seeing how this precious resource is increasingly compromised by rising temperatures, drought, contamination, and the like. The question now before us is: How do we use data to sustain our shared natural resources? In this timely breakout session, presenters from across Indian Country will demonstrate through their data and research how critical it is for tribal governments to be active change agents in the effort to protect our waters.

Presenters:

Engaging Tribal Nations for Regional Ocean Planning
Kelsey Leonard, McMaster University

Contaminated Water: Increasing Tribal Access to Clean, Safe Drinking Water
James Temte, National Tribal Water Center

Special video presentation, "Stories of a Changing Climate"
Dr. Margaret Hiza Redsteer, US Geological Service

Renewable Energy Service Companies for Indian Country
Dean Suagee, Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker LLP